

Who's Assisting Justice-Involved Women Being Released?

FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS, CIC has been a premiere provider of social services to the justice-involved women statewide. These women are referred by the Edna Mahon Correctional Facility (EMCF), the sole female prison in the State of New Jersey.

Through its S.T.A.R.T. Program, (Sisters Successfully Transitioning and Reintegrating Together), CIC continues to deliver significant, vital services to the female reentry community, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OUR DREAM

A 10-bedroom/housing and support facility for women

CIC Provides... Working directly with the NJ Department of Corrections, CIC has provided vital, much needed services to 165 women released from EMCF between November 2020 and February 2021. Through S.T.A.R.T., we assess participants' individual needs and provide a variety of person-specific services. In addition to meeting the basic needs of food and clothing, during this period, we directly assisted or made referrals for the women in the following areas: mentoring, individual and group counseling, financial literacy, higher education, the trades, life & soft skills training, career exploration and employment readiness, family reunification, physical and mental healthcare, social services, faith services, addiction services and housing assistance. Our services have extended to their families wherein we have assisted some of them with care packages and clothing. On a case-by-case basis, we have also been able to connect program participants with *pro bono* legal services for assistance with identity theft and obtaining their stimulus checks from the correctional facility. As you can imagine, these services have been of great benefit to the women and have helped to advance the quality of their lives.

We are extremely proud
the work we do
impacts our sisters' lives
in such profound ways.

START SISTERS TRANSITIONING AND REINTEGRATING TOGETHER



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Employment Highlight:

As a result of our employment assistance in November 2020, approximately **90%** of the women seeking employment have completed our work readiness training and secured jobs.

Most are employed in the areas of **food service, cosmetology, warehouses, construction, office cleaning, dog grooming and training.** Some have also received training and are certified in their areas of service provision including **food safety, CISCO and OSHA training.**



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