

# OPERATION NEW HOPE

READY4RELEASE - READY4WORK - READY4SUCCESS



Hope Starts Here!

**At Operation New Hope, we believe that we are all better than our worst mistake, worst day, or worst decision.**

We believe in people's ability to transform their lives through commitment and hard work. We see it every day as we support our clients' reentry and growth.

**We address the national epidemic created by mass incarceration.**

One in three American adults has a criminal record which leads to an alarming rate of joblessness. We reduce unemployment, poverty, homelessness, recidivism, and mental health struggles by providing wrap-around support and job training to people impacted by the criminal justice system.

**We provide comprehensive support to break the cycle.**

Our clients receive access to skills training, job placement, financial benefits, counseling services, housing, and transportation assistance - all the resources needed to achieve successful reentry.

## Our Free Services

- Employability Skills Training
- Case Management
- Mental Health Counseling
- Job Coaching and Placement
- Career and Technical Training
- Retention Support
- Transitional Housing
- Transportation
- Family Reunification
- Financial Incentives
- Clothing Resources
- Medical/Prescription Support
- Vital Document Assistance

## Operation New Hope's Nationally-Recognized Programs

**READY4RELEASE** - Working in collaboration with the Department of Corrections, we successfully deliver our Ready4Release program in 30 facilities throughout Florida. Our dedicated pre-release team helps people successfully transition back into their communities with individualized release plans that ensure adequate housing, transportation, and job training for returning citizens. Our long-term goal is to create a blueprint for successful reentry for every person being released from prison.

**READY4WORK** - Implementing a comprehensive 4-pronged approach (case management and mental health counseling, supportive services, job training, and job placement assistance), our Ready4Work program is built to ensure that each client succeeds. Participants are required to remain drug-free and attend a comprehensive job training program featuring personal and professional development. Clients are paired with a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Manager, and Job Coach to provide guidance and support, leading to job placement with targeted employment partners. We also offer Career and Technical Training courses that provide our clients with a competitive edge that leads to living wage employment in our competitive job market.

**READY4SUCCESS** - Our Ready4Success program delivers first-class case management, career development, and other crucial program services in a blended service model that is primarily virtual. This program is designed to meet the needs of people affected by the criminal justice system that are unable to attend in-person programming due to transportation or employment restrictions.

**BREAKINGTHECYCLE** - To break the cycle of generational incarceration and reconnect clients with their families, we host parenting and family reunification workshops featuring subject matter experts. We also deliver the National Fatherhood Initiative's InsideOut Dads program within prisons to help incarcerated fathers become better dads. Our programs also support continued growth as moms and dads transition home.



Operation New Hope has provided life-changing services to more than

**9,000**  
people

impacted by the criminal justice system since 1999.

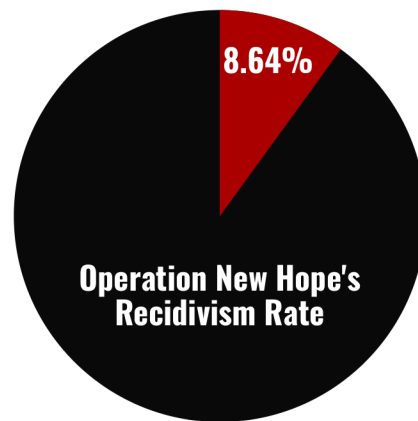
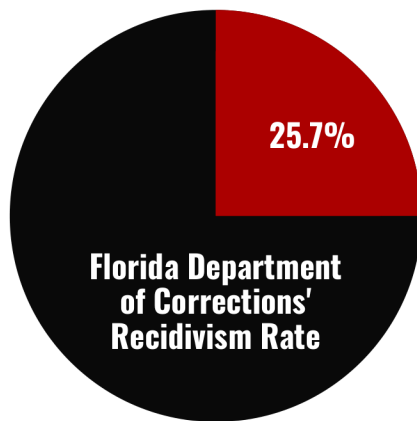
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## Building a Statewide Reentry Network

Florida has the 3rd largest incarcerated population in America. To meet the critical needs of the thousands of people who return home every month from Florida's jails and prisons, Operation New Hope is poised to expand our **Ready4Release** and **Ready4Work** programs to additional locations to create a statewide reentry network.

Our programs present a significant return on investment. We improve the tax base by connecting people with employment allowing them to contribute rather than drain and interrupting the cycle of incarceration which costs millions annually in local, state, and federal dollars.

Our recidivism rate illustrates the success and cost-savings of our programs. The Florida Department of Corrections reports a 3-year recidivism rate of 25.7%. Our Ready4Work program reports a 3-year recidivism rate for the same cohort of 8.64%. We are saving taxpayers millions of dollars by avoiding repeated cost of incarceration and lost tax revenue.



Source: FL Department of Corrections Recidivism Report, June 2015 <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/recidivism/2014/exec.html>



**\$86,250,000**  
tax dollars saved since 2019

(based on annual cost to incarcerate & average length of sentence)

We reconnect people to the workforce and motivate participants to become productive, responsible citizens saving taxpayers millions of dollars by avoiding the repeated cost of incarceration.



Since 1999, Operation New Hope has provided the support and training needed to help justice-involved individuals reconnect to the workforce, their families, and our communities. Our programs present a significant return on investment by improving the tax base, reducing recidivism, and decreasing corrections costs.

We build stronger communities by creating opportunities through strategic partnerships with local businesses, community-based organizations, workforce alliances, educational institutions, and the judicial system. Investment in Operation New Hope exemplifies what can be achieved by developing public/private partnerships.



## Voices of Hope

With the skills learned and confidence gained from our nationally recognized **Ready4Release**, **Ready4Work**, and **Ready4Success** programs, our participants go on to become productive community members and build successful careers earning living wages.



"After incarceration it's very difficult to try and reenter society. When you get out of jail, try to reintegrate, and do things on your own, you get so disheartened. You get this sense of not being able to do it because it feels like the world is against you.

"But Ready4Work flipped things upside down in a good way. The program gives you the support you need to gain the ability and the opportunity to succeed in life regardless of what you've done.

"Nobody is a lost cause to the team at Operation New Hope. Without the Ready4Work program, there would be no way I'm as half successful as I am right now."



"Even when I tried to turn my life around, my past just kept pulling me back down. Jail took something from me and left me with hopelessness, insecurity and shame. Operation New Hope raked the ground for new seeds to be planted in me. I began believing that anything is possible.

"I thought my past was so bad that it was going to hold me hostage. And I'm now proud to say that's not who I am anymore. Hope is a wonderful thing!"



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