

WHO WE ARE:

In 2012, a group of men with servant hearts began working with The Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry at Lansing, KS, to minister to inmates in the Kansas prison system. We partnered with the Kansas Department of Corrections' new offender mentoring program, Mentoring4Success (M4S), and are now one of their leading organizations statewide. We are trained and certified by the M4S team, and given support with inmate matching, regular training and communication.

We now have over 30 men and women serving as mentors to inmates nearing release into the community.

We also work with parolees that need support in the community in the forms of housing, transportation, training, and job placement.

"painting a picture of hope..."

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Pray for the ministry
2. Support the ministry
3. Become a mentor



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Mentoring4Success



Mentoring4Success is a statewide initiative that delivers mentoring services to help offenders safely and successfully return to communities. This community-based effort is led by experienced service groups that guide mentoring organizations and members and work closely with the Kansas Department of Corrections to match eligible offenders to mentors as a part of re-entry.



"Kansas needs people of all faiths and goodwill to come forward to help offenders break the cycle and make our great state a better place to live."

-Governor Sam Brownback

In Kansas, it's a fact- 4700 people are released from prison each year, and at least half need help with housing, jobs, family, and other issues. Kansas has reduced parolee returns to prison by half. Mentoring can reduce this even further.

What can mentors do?

- Employment - mock interviews, review resumes.
- Housing, reinforce good tenant-ship, troubleshoot with landlords.
- Families - model and reinforce responsible parenting and healthy marriages.
- Treatment - help navigate systems, help set recovery goals, help practice coping skills.
- Mental health needs - medication checks, peer reinforcement.
- Survival needs - help address identification such as a driver's license issues, help identify paperwork and information needed for benefits applications.
- Cognitive/pro-social - model pro-social attitudes and actions, help identify risk areas and plan for avoiding.

What makes a good mentor? A man or woman willing to work with an offender before and after release for one year who:

- Is not judgmental, is positive, nurturing, honest, and consistent.
- Maintains confidences and professional boundaries.
- Focuses on growth and success.
- Is willing to be accountable to a lead organization.
- Has a genuine concern for people in prison, their families, and victims.
- Is supportive and encouraging without creating a dependent relationship.
- Asks for help when confronted with situations beyond his or her knowledge, resources, or expertise.
- Is free from drugs/alcohol addiction.

