Grand Rapids Police Strategic Plan

Safety – Participation in the C.L.E.A.R. program has proven to reduce recidivism.

Engagement- Enhance communication with individuals returning to society. Develop relationships with returning citizens and service providers.
C.L.E.A.R.
COALITION, LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, ADVICE, REHABILITATION
Mission Statement:

CLEAR exists to break the cycle of recidivism by building community and law enforcement relationships to lead, educate, and mentor returning citizens, thereby creating safer communities and improving lives.
I wanted no part of hangin’ out with convicts! The Chief of Police initiated my involvement. Now I am part of this men’s group. There is a value in Police and Parolees breaking bread.
You just might not be the enemy . . . Like I was taught you was. (Darnell, returning citizen, in regards to Police and Parole Agents)
WHAT IS C.L.E.A.R.?

- Collaboration with M.D.O.C.
  - Mentoring
  - In-reach
  - Law Enforcement
- Partnership of Officers and Returned Citizens
- In-reach at Correctional Facility
- Weekly meetings at Oakdale C.R.C. and Urban Family Ministries
HISTORY OF C.L.E.A.R.

- Began in 2013 with Lt. Mason wanting to ‘have a conversation’ with parolees.
- It became too much one on one, the group model that is currently used was formed.
- 2018 the women's group was founded.
WHAT DOES C.L.E.A.R. PROVIDE?

- A Safe Environment
- Peer Support / Recovery Coach
- Connection with resources and supports
- Open door support anyone welcome
- Shared experiences
“Never Be a Prisoner of Your Past. It Was Just a Lesson, Not a Life Sentence”
C.L.E.A.R. Topics Include:

- Managing / Adjusting to Life After Prison.
- Family Reunification
- Emotional Conflict / Conflict Resolution
- Overcoming Barriers
- Substance Abuse
- Communication / Life Skills
- Healthy relationships
Is C.L.E.A.R. Effective?

- As of 2018 M.D.O.C Recidivism rate was approximately 28%.
- C.L.E.A.R. members who have attended four of more meetings it drops to 15%.

The program value extends far beyond any statistical data.