



*"Returning Citizens emerging through a community collaborative"*

The Illinois Latino Reintegration Community Collaborative, ILRCC was established in 2022, and was formed by a former Illinois Prisoner Review Board Member and Returning Citizen, Max Cerda. The ILRCC is composed of 6 Latino-led grassroots community organizations from the city of Chicago; Enlace, Envision, Central State Sur, Healthy Hoods, Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC), and Rincon Family Services.

ILRCC's mission is to encourage the Latino Caucus to be more involved in reentry initiatives in Latino communities and to give Returning Citizens a genuine sense of belonging to a community that is committed and invested in their reentry and reintegration process. In partnership with IDOC/Parole, the ILRCC is offering wraparound and holistic reentry and reintegration services to Returning Citizens.

Within the first three months of receiving services, the reentry process focuses on obtaining and securing the immediate needs of the Returning Citizen upon release such as Identification & legal documents, housing/shelter, food, transportation, clothing, scheduling any MSR mandates, health insurance and SNAP. Facilitated by the assigned Case Manager and Mentor, the reintegration process may last the duration of the participant's MSR term and is specific to the participant's assessed needs and goals. The reintegration process focuses on an array of potential support services including housing, transportation, financial literacy, workforce development, GED and post-education; healing circles, restorative circles, resource circles, and well-being check-in circles; referrals to physical and mental health services. The reintegration process is dependent on the participant's progress and trajectory.

The services mentioned above will be offered to those being released and/or to those who have been released within the last two years who reside within the designated zip code areas of the partner agencies. The agencies will use evidence-based models (with Northeastern Illinois University as our evaluator) to ensure that each participant receives quality services throughout the programmatic cycle.

