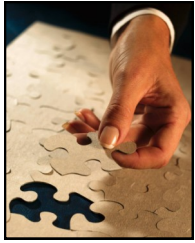


CSAC Mission



The Community Support Advisory Council (CSAC) mission is to establish connections for the Correctional Center populations with community providers, vendors, and agencies that provide a variety of comprehensive services and resources.

Such services include education, job training and employment resources, housing, counseling/mentorship, healthcare, education, conflict resolution, family re-unification, chemical dependency treatment, mental health services, transportation, food and clothing.

These connections are made in order to channel these resources to those re-entering their community, which facilitates the success of the re-entry process.

The CSAC works in partnership with Parole, TASC, Safer Foundation, Westcare, CiviGenics, Placement Resource Unit, Sheridan and Southwestern Correctional Centers along with other diverse entities.



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The Tower of Refuge (TOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 community-based organization whose primary purpose is to reduce the rate of recidivism in the State of Illinois through various programs and

collaborative efforts.

TOR provides a continuum of services to assist those who are incarcerated or newly paroled to successfully transition back into their communities, become productive citizens, and lead healthy lives.

CSAC Program Overview



The Community Support Advisory Council (CSAC) is an Illinois Department of Corrections Faith Based Re-entry Program whose role is primarily to build support within the

community for the formally incarcerated returning home.

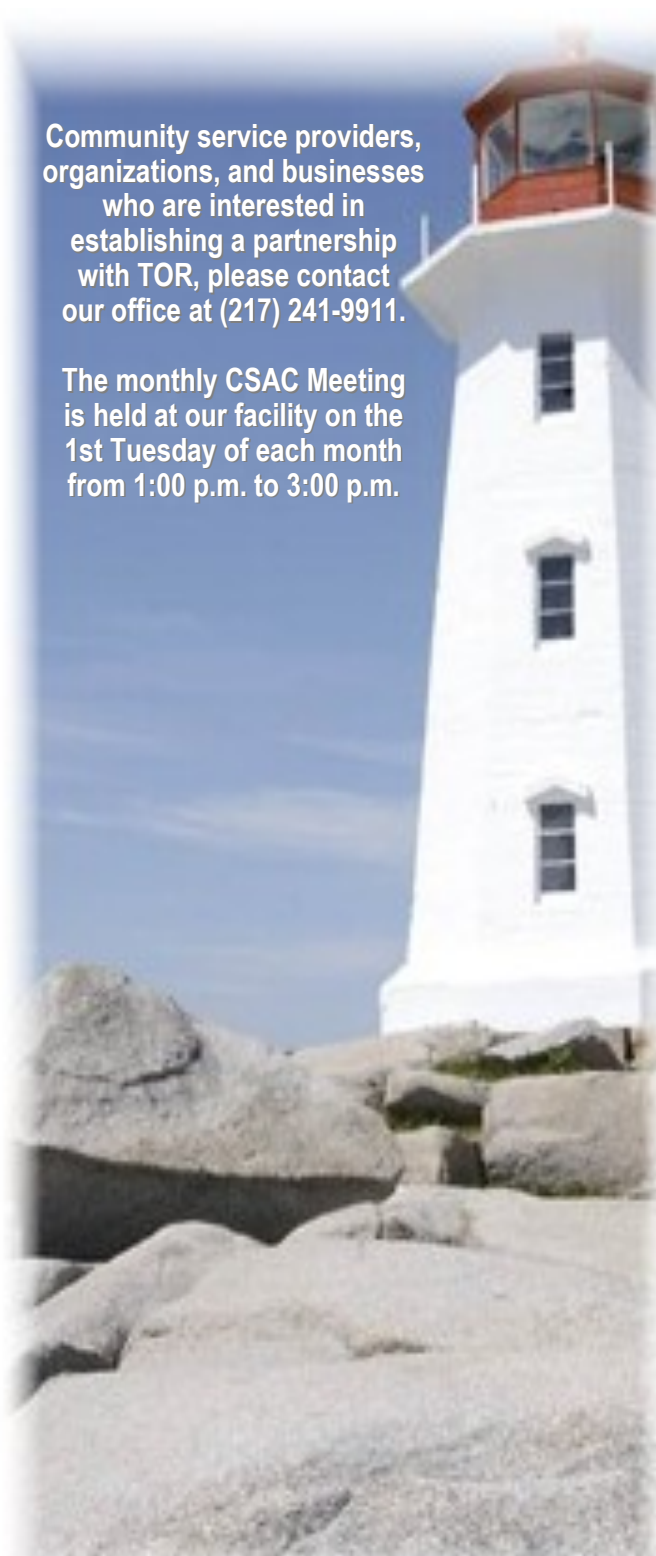
CSAC works by bringing together supporters and providers in the community to provide an array of services to support the formally incarcerated in their re-entry transition.

The Council and its staff engages this work inside the Illinois Department of Corrections by meeting with the inmate and their family. Services then continue in the form of outreach as the ex-offender is released into the community.

The Council also develops best practices for prisoner re-entry and makes policy recommendations to the Illinois Department of Corrections. Through the work of the Council, community safety is increased and recidivism rates are reduced.

Community service providers, organizations, and businesses who are interested in establishing a partnership with TOR, please contact our office at (217) 241-9911.

The monthly CSAC Meeting is held at our facility on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



CSAC Goals & Objectives



CSAC works to assess the needs of the community and leads efforts to develop the necessary partnerships and cooperative relationships through-

out their region to meet those needs. CSAC builds a relationship with the inmate prior to their release in order to better serve them by easing the pressures the individual faces upon his release.

CSAC strives to continue this relationship after release through regularly scheduled support group meetings, mentoring, and advocacy.

CSAC develops a network of local services and stakeholders who are working to remove the barriers to successful re-entry of ex-offenders. Removal of these barriers promotes community safety, builds community trust, and develops cooperation throughout the region.

CSAC serves as a direct link to the Illinois Department of Corrections Office of Re-entry Management and Parole to ensure that the community needs and the parolee needs are being met and any concerns are addressed. Another ongoing function of CSAC is to assist in the development of best practices for re-entry.



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