

INCENTIVIZE CHANGE

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT FOR BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Incentivize Change Program equips youth-serving practitioners with the knowledge, skills, and practical tools to effectively implement positive reinforcement strategies that promotes lasting behavioral change. Strategically using incentives not only reinforces desired behaviors but also plays a critical role in reducing recidivism among youth and emerging adults. By recognizing and rewarding positive choices, practitioners can create supportive environments that motivate continued improvement, build self-esteem, foster self-regulation, and strengthen an individual's commitment to constructive, prosocial behaviors.

This dynamic program also offers foundational learning, encourages cross-jurisdictional dialogue, and cultivates professional networks. Participants receive tangible, hands-on support throughout the program. Each site is equipped with the tools, resources, and expert guidance needed to develop a positive reinforcement system tailored to their population's specific needs.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Learn to effectively apply positive reinforcement and integrate incentives into community and residential youth justice supervision
- Participate in a network of youth-serving agencies across the country where learning, problem-solving, and innovation is encouraged
- Build a positive reinforcement system that matches youth behaviors with incentives proportionate to the behavior
- Support in developing policies and procedures to formalize the newly designed positive reinforcement system
- Support leaders in developing and delivering training to enhance staff understanding and effective use of reinforcement
- Support in evaluating the impact of graduated incentives on key outcomes

DELIVERABLES

CJI will support agencies develop the following:

- Positive Reinforcement System and Grid
- Policy and Procedures
- Training Curricula and Materials
- Informational Materials for Staff and Families
- Performance Measures
- Implementation-Sustainability Planning

TARGET AUDIENCE



Community supervision agencies



Short-term and long-term residential programs



Program providers serving justice-involved youth in community settings or residential placements