



Credible Messenger Movement

Bi-Annual Progress Snapshot Jan 2020-Aug 2020

Maine Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Services

Mission Statement

All youth who have touched the Juvenile Justice System will be connected with a safe Credible Mentor in their home or identified community, to reduce recidivism, strengthen positive community ties, develop life and prosocial skills, and have equal access to employment, education and services.

PROGRESS REPORT

(January 1st, 2020-August 30th, 2020)

- ❖ Currently mentoring **11 male youth** in the community and at Long Creek.
- ❖ Currently **2 Pending Adult Credible Messengers** and **4 Young Messengers** are working with the 11 youth/mentees.
- ❖ Identifying gender-specific mentors to begin a girl's mentor group at Long Creek.
- ❖ Acting as a Credible Messenger for youth in the community and facility.
- ❖ Working with JCCO's and courts on appropriate referrals and programs for youth.
- ❖ Identifying a funding stream or fiscal agent for stipends for mentors.
- ❖ Educating providers and stakeholders on the Credible Messenger Movement and debunking any misconceptions or confusions.
- ❖ Establishing a Virtual World Movement with local providers to continue to administer programming through the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ❖ Connected with Adult Community Corrections/Probation Officers to explore Adult Credible Messengers.
- ❖ Drafting a 2020 Strategic Plan to share with the community upon completion.
- ❖ Completed introductory meetings with local Police Departments, Schools, Courts and Community Providers.
- ❖ Attending JJAG, DMC, and other stakeholder meetings.
- ❖ Completing an internship job description for Spring 2021.

TYPES OF MENTORS

Adult Credible Messengers: mentors who have previously been involved in the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.

Young Messengers: Young Messengers are youth who are currently and previously incarcerated who want a chance to use their experience as peer support to other youth.

Support Mentors: Support Mentors are individuals who want to be a positive role model and guide youth in the right direction throughout the challenges of life. They will not necessarily share the same life experiences but can volunteer their time as mentors.

Professional Allies: Professional Allies can be individuals, programs, providers, and agency who will use their professional experiences and resources to support Credible Messengers and Young Messengers through trainings, career opportunities and resources.

SPECIALIZED SECTORS

Substance Use ● Domestic
● Violence/Violence ●
Disproportionate Minority Contact;
● Sexual Assault ● Sexual
Trafficking/Exploitation ● Family
Support