



Empowering **Individuals.**

Restoring **Families.**

Creating **Safer
Communities.**



Community Impact Report — FY 2025

Transforming Lives After Incarceration

Incarceration doesn't define a life — but a second chance can.

SUCCESS STORY

From Surviving *to Thriving*



Darigma received the vital reentry support she needed to graduate from her substance abuse program, maintain her sobriety, and provide for her children. And with ongoing encouragement and case management from The Way Back, she recently discovered a new job opportunity as a property leasing assistant manager.

"I view it not as a job but a career, a calling. I love to find people a home. We all need a home, and for me to be able to offer that to someone—I want to be the person to help them."

Today, Darigma is thriving in her new life, full of faith and determination to make the most of her second chance.

"I have my car. I have my kids. I'm about to be off probation. I realize nobody can take my freedom from me except myself. I want to build my family and a stable home for my kids. I want what God has in store for me and all that life has to offer."

Life-Changing Impact

525
Individuals Served

6,481
Services Provided

87%

Boosted Self-Sufficiency

The majority of clients who remained engaged 12+ weeks advanced in their ability to support themselves.

98%

Gained Affordable Healthcare

Almost every long-term participant connected with healthcare they can afford.

96%

Secured Vital Documents

Nearly all long-term participants obtained the Vital Documents needed for work, housing and independence.

91%

Achieved Employment

Most clients who stayed engaged 12+ weeks successfully entered the workforce.

1,570%

Income Growth

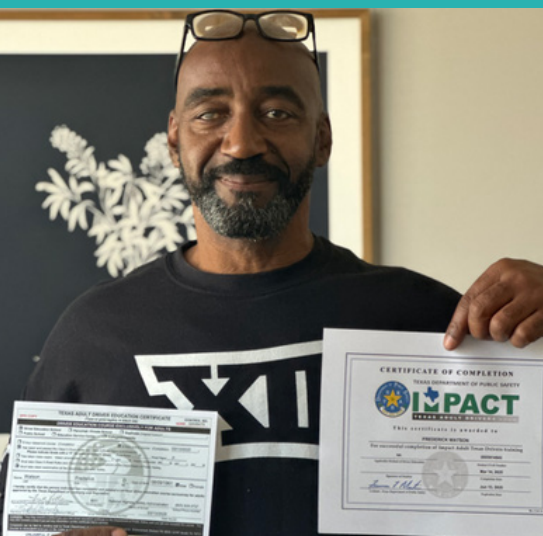
Clients increased their income more than fifteen-fold.

88%

Improved Mental Health

Of those reporting, nearly 9 in 10 long-term participants experienced better mental health.

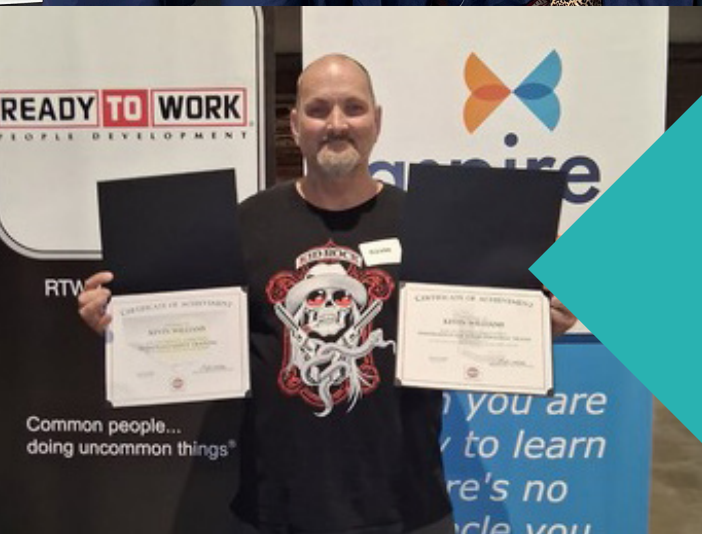
"It helped me to relate to someone like me. When I got out of TDCJ, I was overwhelmed by the pressure of not having a job or way to pay rent. Without support, it would have been a lot harder for me to deal with. But now it's like having a friend who actually cares. **There's accountability, transparency, honesty. I have clear goals. I'm in it with my heart, and I thank God for that. People who don't have those resources go right back.**"—Adam



In 2025, The Way Back **empowered** individuals, **restored** families and **created** safer communities.



"The Way Back provided me with moral support, advice and resources to overcome the hardships of reentry. They helped me get my ID, vision, dental, second chance jobs, and bus passes to help go to job interviews. **They are actively making a difference in reducing recidivism.**"—Ronald



Kevin has been impacted by the criminal justice system since the 1980s. Now, he is breaking the cycle of recidivism, determined to build a stable and meaningful life in his community.

Since his release in April 2025, Kevin has partnered with The Way Back to obtain resources for interview-ready clothing, optical care, and employment leads. **He is eager to put his forklift certification to good use, secure steady employment, and give back.**

Rain or shine, Ethena shows up. Recently, he volunteered to help set up and serve at the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Centennial Celebration at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center. As a U.S. Air Force veteran, Ethena brings commitment and follow-through to everything he does.

He came to The Way Back through our partnership with the Dallas County 4-C SAFPF Re-Entry Court and has already made strong progress toward self-sufficiency since enrolling in April 2025. **The Way Back has helped him obtain his state ID, referred him to veteran services, and provided essential items such as bus passes, clothing, and a Welcome Home hygiene kit.**



Wrap-around services throughout each unique re-entry journey

The Way Back provides those newly released from incarceration (and those about to be) with transformative support so they can build a more positive, stable and successful future.



“The Way Back helped me find employment and assisted me with bus passes so that I could get back and forth to work. They also helped me with eyeglasses, hygiene items and clothes. The staff spent time educating me on how to budget my money and I have even started saving.”

Ashley is a successful graduate of Dallas County’s SAFPF Program (a rigorous post-release probation program for individuals who have experienced substance abuse and addiction). The Way Back made sure Ashley had the support and mentoring she needed to become self-sufficient, find and maintain employment, and ultimately reunite with her son — a reunion 17 years in the making.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Many individuals coming out of incarceration have extensive parole or probation requirements. These tasks require a significant amount of time, mental and physical energy, and even financial resources to complete. The problem is that every moment a person spends on these complex requirements is one they can’t spend on finding a job, working, securing transportation and housing, and becoming a stable, contributing member of society. It’s a tradeoff that stacks the odds against successful reentry.

To solve this problem, The Way Back provides comprehensive reentry support. **With 1:1 case management, we help our clients set goals, celebrate progress, and achieve results.** This equips previously incarcerated people to stay ahead of their to-do lists, meet parole or probation requirements, and move forward toward their new future.

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