MENTORSHIP & REENTRY · CALIFORNIA

We invest in young people coming home.

We walk alongside young people ages 16–25 as they come home from incarceration. Each is paired with a mentor who has been through incarceration and reentry and has gone on to build a stable, successful life. Together they write the young person's own plan, and the mentor stays with them from months before release until they're standing on their own.



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THE NEED

Housing is the foundation. It isn't what makes a home.

Without an address, a young person struggles to enroll in school, keep a job, meet supervision requirements, or stay away from the people and places tied to their past. But a bed alone doesn't hold someone steady.

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Formerly incarcerated people are almost ten times more likely to experience homelessness than the general public.

Prison Policy Initiative, *Nowhere to Go*, 2018

Nearly half

of young people experiencing homelessness nationally have spent time in juvenile detention, jail or prison.

Chapin Hall, *Voices of Youth Count*, 2018

WHAT WE DO

Three programs, one continuous relationship

Two programs begin inside a secure facility. The third carries young people home, with housing built in. The same mentors stay with them on both sides of the gate.

INSIDE · BEFORE RELEASE

The Life Ownership Program

A 24-week journey toward self-honesty, in group and one-to-one sessions. Each young person leaves with a written Life Ownership Plan, a $1,000 completion award, books and a certificate.

INSIDE · LEADERSHIP

Youth-Led Peer Programs

Young people turn a talent into a program of their own. They design it, pitch it to facility administration, then lead it and graduate their peers.

OUTSIDE · AFTER RELEASE

Reentry Support Services

Mentorship and case management that starts at least 90 days before release, shows up daily for the first 14 days home, and keeps going well beyond, with housing support tailored to each young person.

Running through all three: mentors who have lived it and built thriving lives since, and experiences outside the classroom that build confidence and belonging.

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RESULTS & ACCOUNTABILITY

When housing is secured, young people stay on track

All 7 young people we have placed in housing have stayed housed, remained engaged in school and work, met supervision requirements, and had no new justice involvement.

All 7
young people we've placed in housing remain housed

37
Life Ownership Program graduates since 2024

3 counties
inside secure facilities: San Francisco, Monterey and San Mateo

0
failed or incomplete contracts since our founding

WHO WE ARE

Mentors who have walked this road

Our mentors have lived it, and that is only half of what makes them different. The other half is where they are now: business owners, homeowners, coaches, advocates and leaders. Each young person has a primary and a secondary mentor, and the rest of our team circles around them.

Case managers & mentors: Sean Hand, Dante Green, Graham Finochio, Billey Le, Hugo Gonzalez, Alex Amaya and Patrick Carr.



Chris Johnson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Once sentenced to life in prison; helped design San Francisco's Juvenile Justice Center reentry program.



April Yee
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Ten years in private equity; board president of Kidpower International.



Amanda Carrasco
IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL

Certified restorative justice practitioner with two law degrees.

PROBATION & COUNTY PARTNERS

Bring Sharp Circle to your facility

- Life Ownership cohorts and youth-led peer programs inside your facility
- Reentry support with housing, coordinated with DPOs and the court
- Monthly progress reports and quarterly outcome reports

Trusted by San Francisco Juvenile Probation, San Francisco DCYF, Monterey County Probation and San Mateo County Probation.

DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

Back a young person coming home

- **$150** stocks one young person's library for the 24-week program
- **$1,000** funds one graduate's completion award
- Gifts cover rent, furnishings and basics in the first year home

Give at sharpcircle.org/donate.html, or volunteer your experience as a Community Partner.

LET'S TALK

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