MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Department
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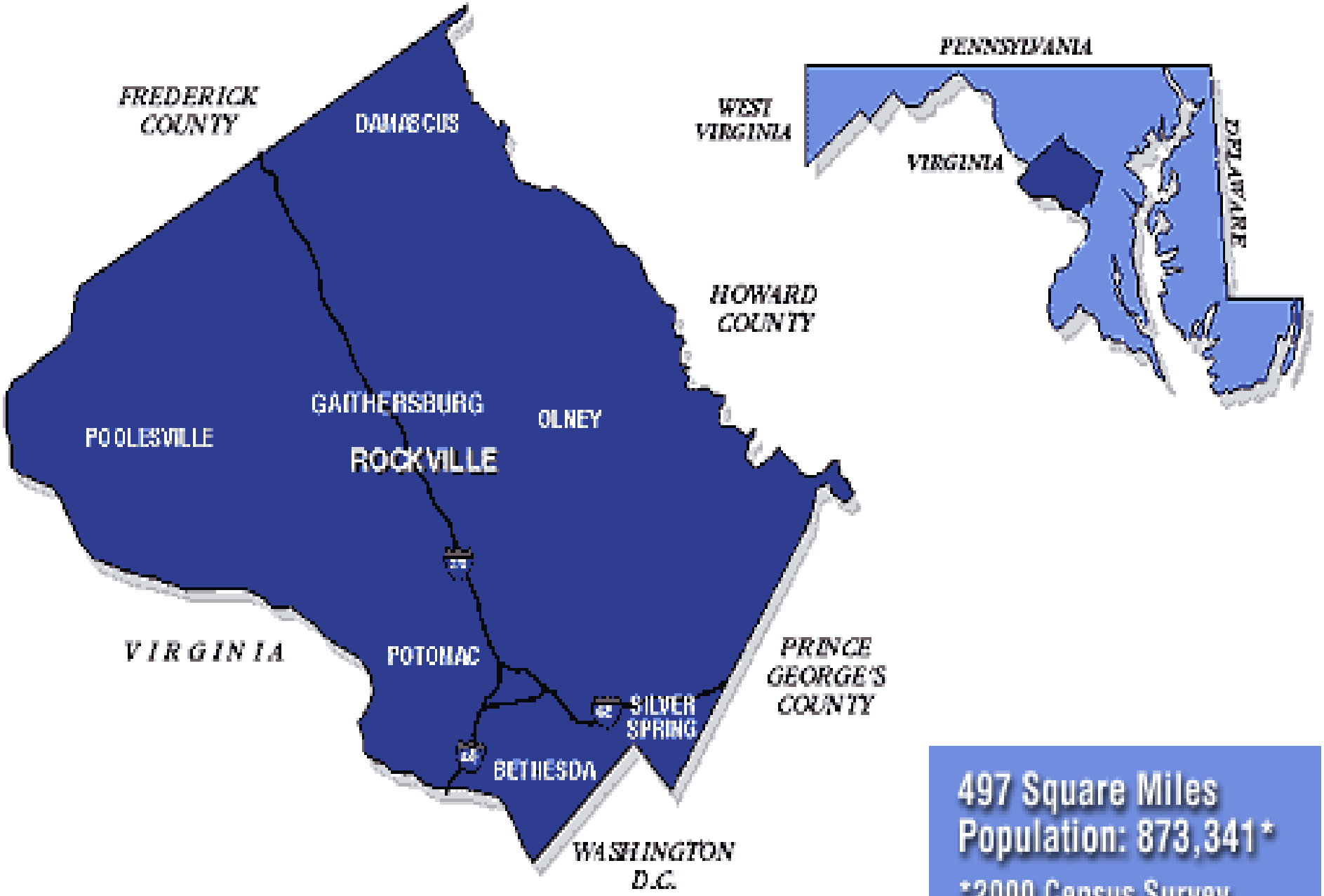
GALE STARKEY
Re-Entry Unit Manager

Montgomery County Correctional Facility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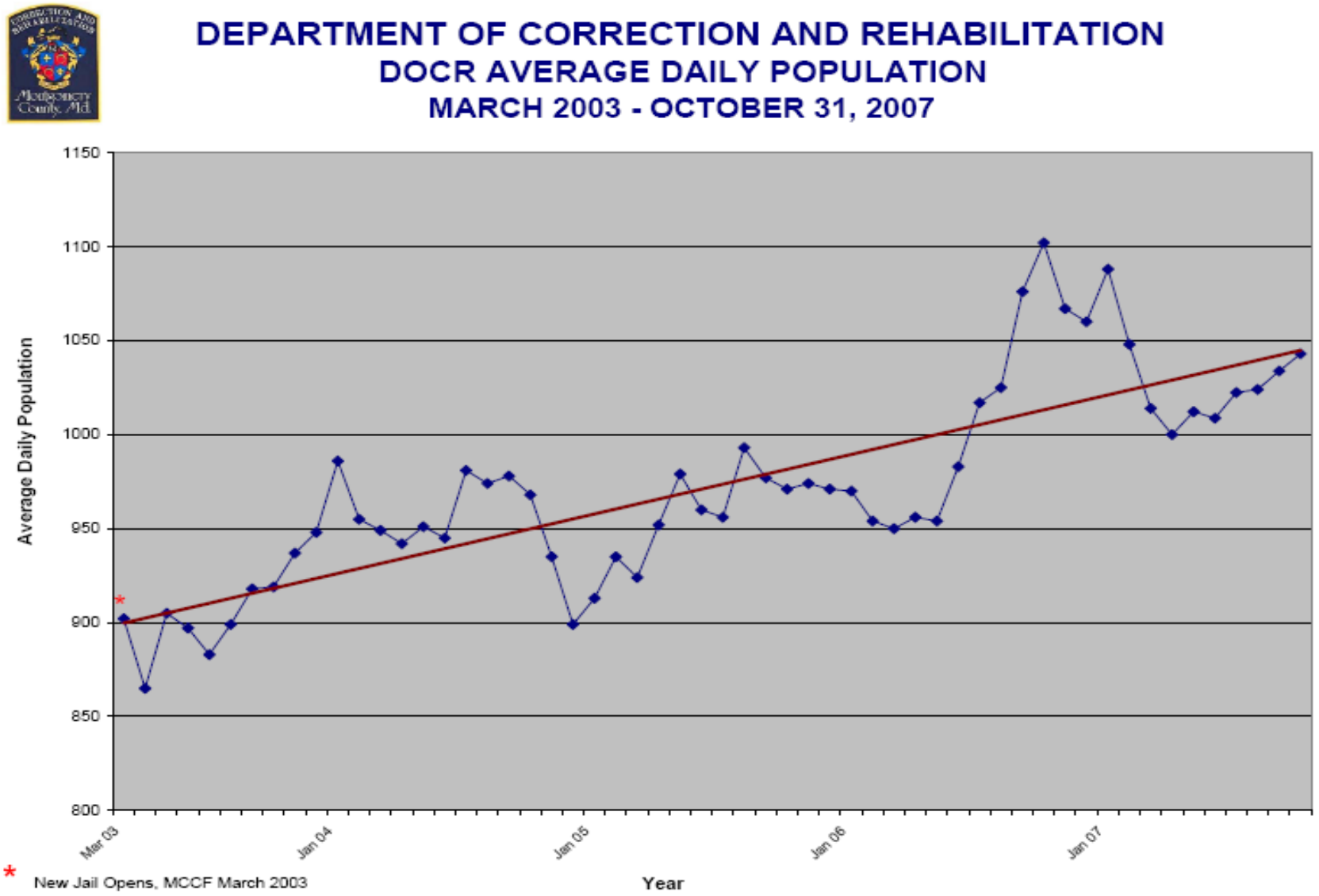
497 Square Miles
Population: 873,341*
*2000 Census Survey

Department Statistical Overview



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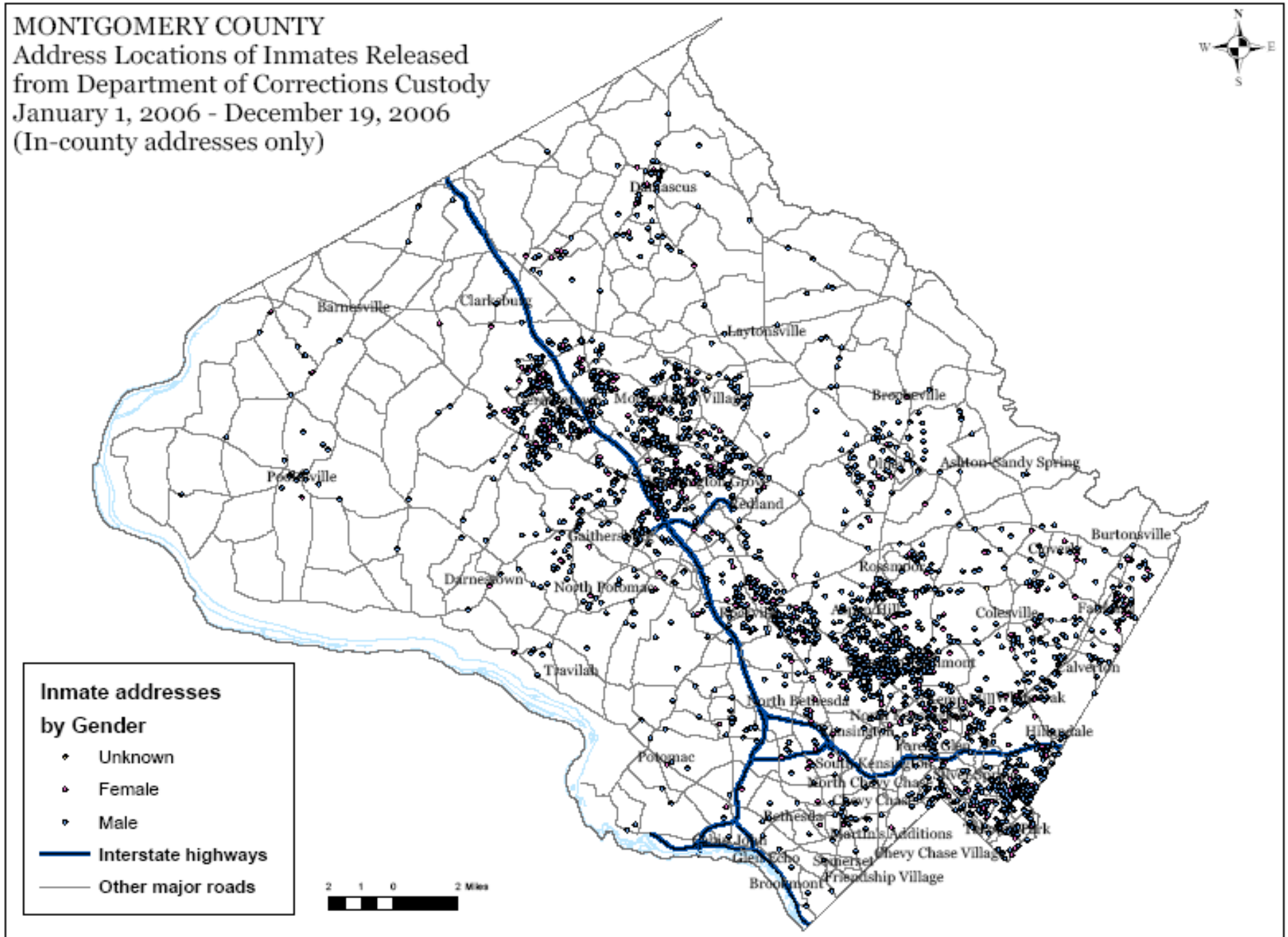
Address Locations of Inmates Released from Department of Corrections Custody January 1, 2006 - December 19, 2006 (In-county addresses only)

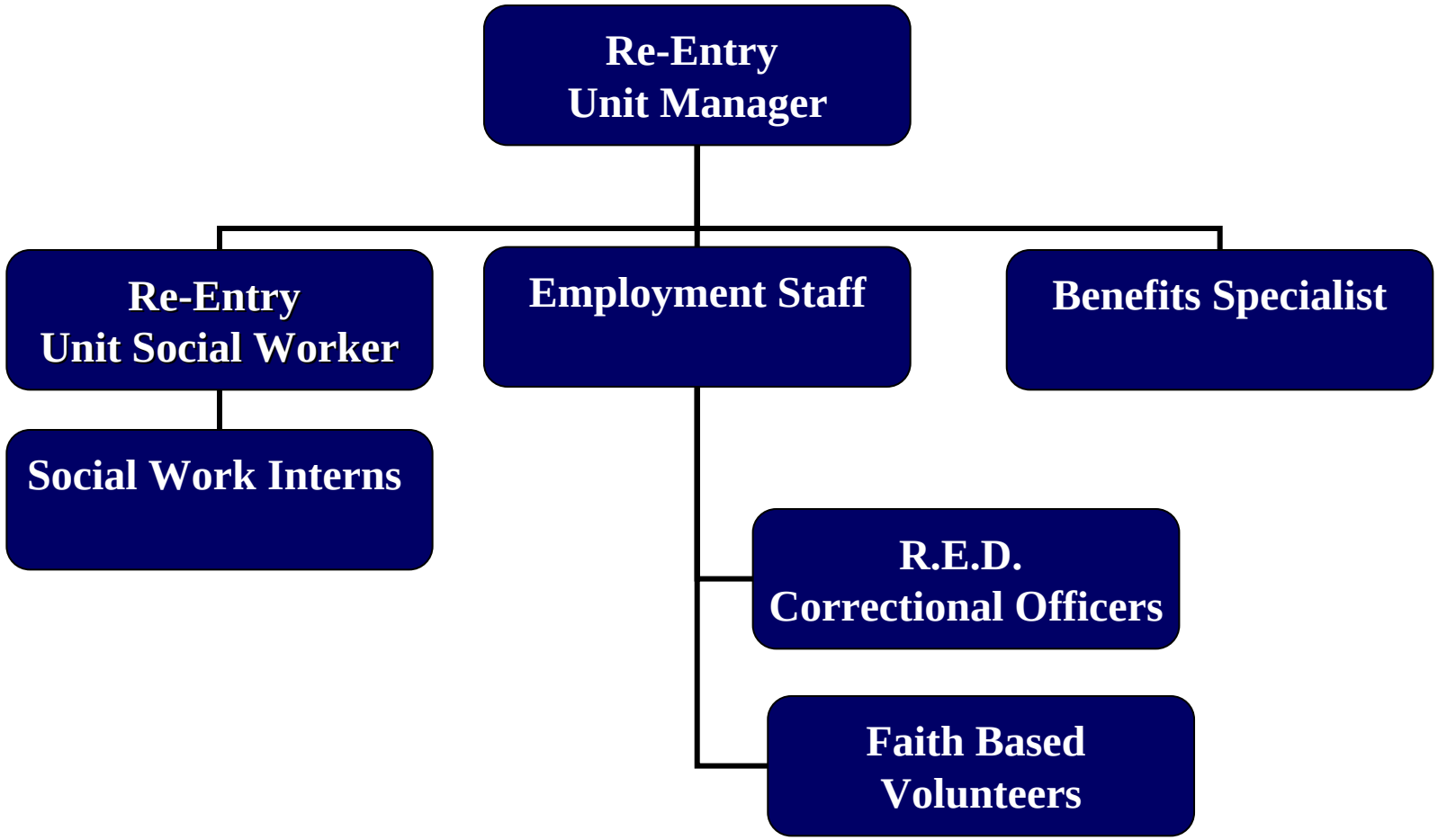


Data sources: Montgomery County Department of Corrections, Montgomery County Department of Technical Services

Why Provide Re-Entry Services

- **To improve the likelihood of a successful return to the community.**
- **Reduce future crime.**
- **Assist all citizens of our communities to become productive, healthy members of society.**
- **Build stronger, healthier families.**

Re-Entry Unit “In House” Staff



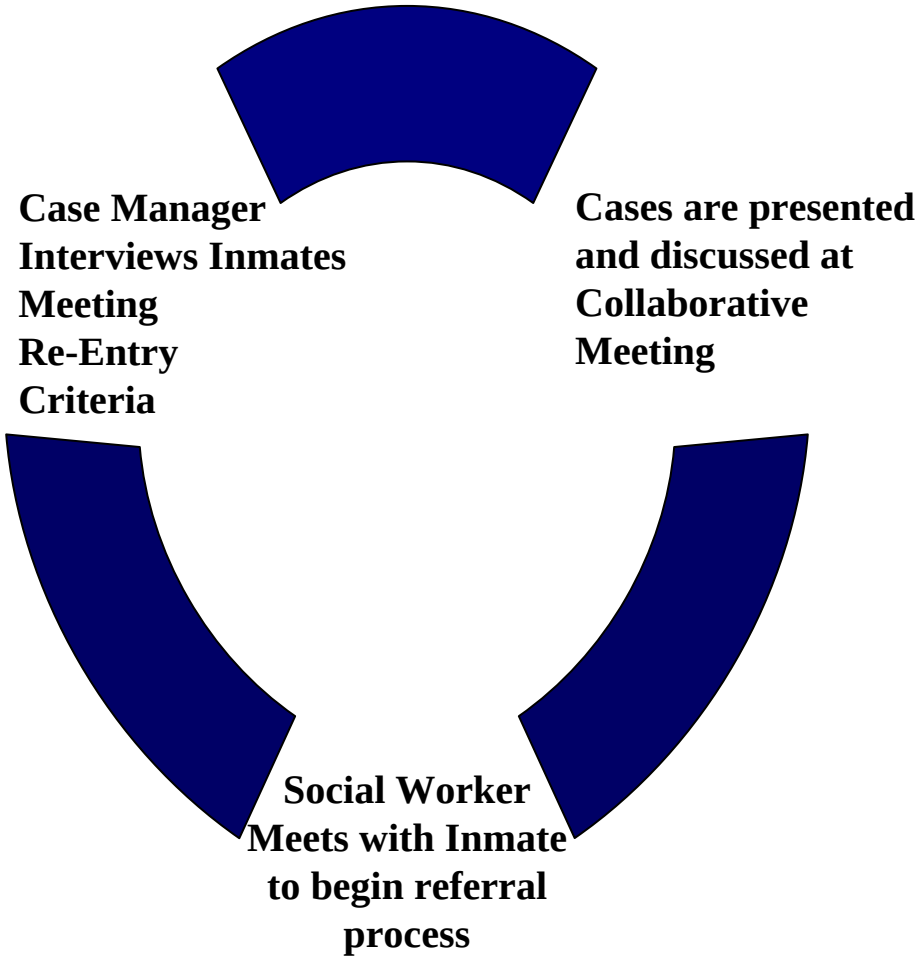
Typical Re-Entry Client Needs

- Ongoing medications (physical and psychiatric)
- Ongoing mental health counseling
- Substance abuse counseling
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Shelter Referrals
- Food Stamps and food bank
- Access to community health clinics
- Job and educational programs

Collaborative Case Management

What the heck is that?

Collaborative Case Management Overview



Partners in Attendance

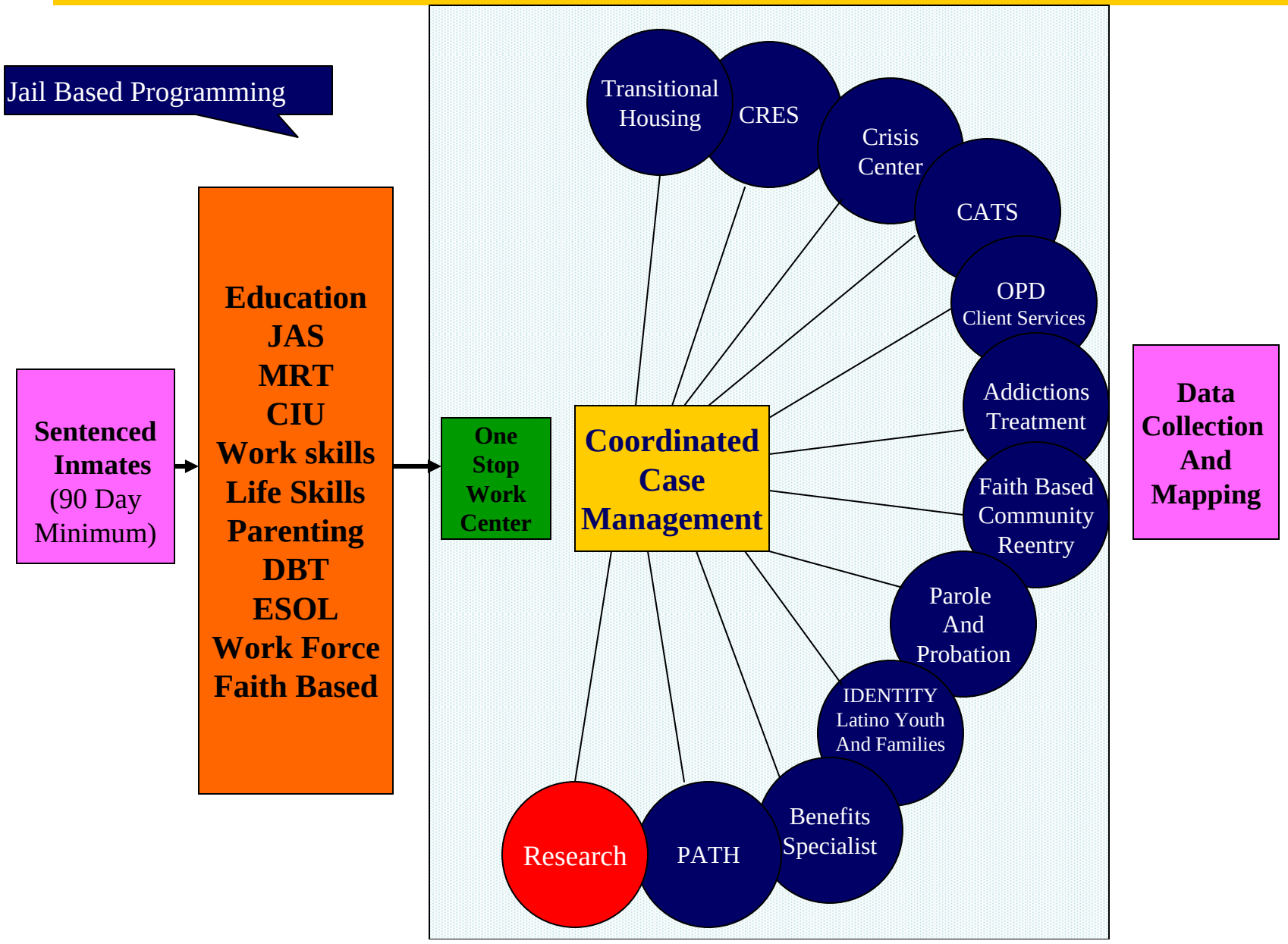
- Parole and Probation
- Office of the Public Defender
- Police
- Mental Health Treatment Providers
- Substance Abuse Treatment Providers
- Crisis Center
- Faith Based Organizations
- Cultural-based organizations
- Medical Providers
- “In House” Case managers and treatment providers

On average we have 40+ direct service providers present!

Partners at Montgomery County Correctional Facility

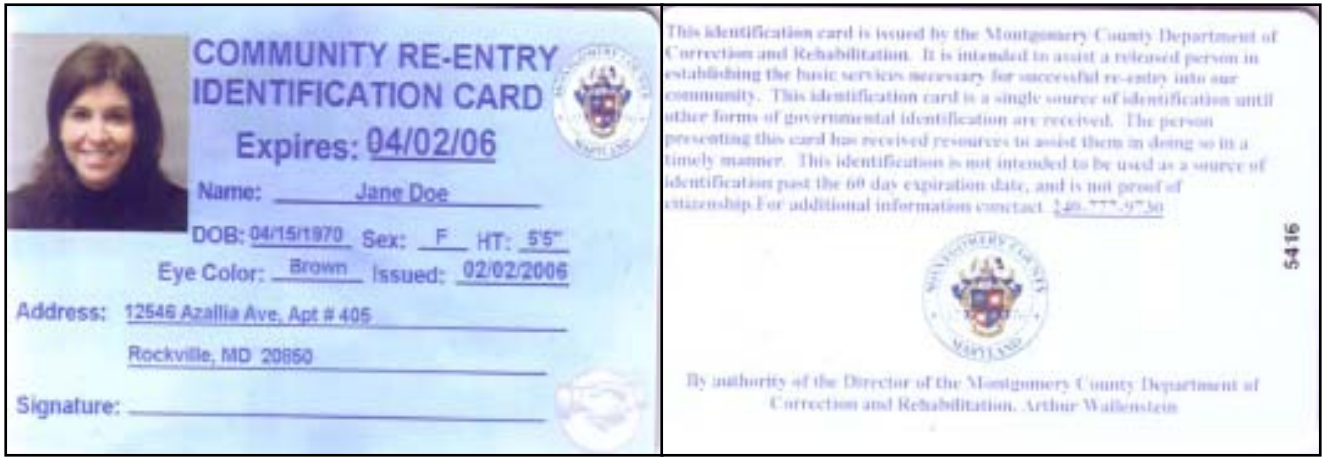
- Parole and Probation
- Meets Bi-weekly
- Key to post release planning
- Identification of resources
- Sharing Information
- Linkages are initiated
- Referrals are made
- Partnerships are initiated
- Formal and Informal networking

Jail Based Re-Entry



Re-Entry ID Card

- **Legal Photo Identification**
- **RIDE ON bus/Transit Pass**
- **Library Card for computer access**



Sample Card

Why do ex-offenders need an ID?

- To get a job
- To access county based substance abuse and mental health treatment
- To access public health care clinics
- To ride the bus to and from appointments

Re-Entry Employment Development (R.E.D. Team)

A Quick Look Around

Preparing For Employment Success

Digital Imaging Shop
Job Shop

Bakery Program Graduation
Lifeskills Education

Re-Entry Employment Services

Partners

Montgomery Works

Your Workforce Connection

MCCF ONE STOP
Offender Employment Center

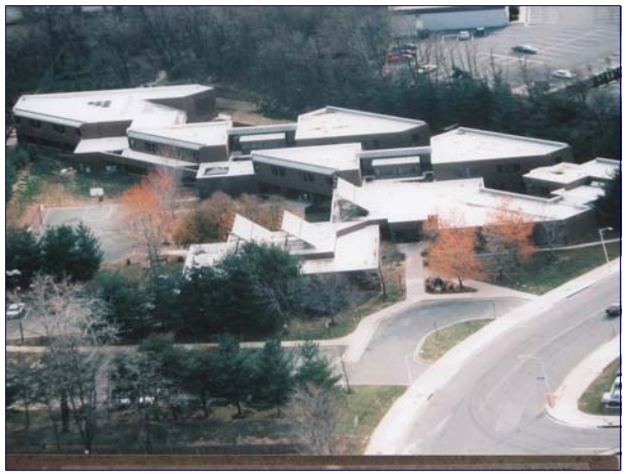
Facility-based One-Stop
Career Center

- Resource Library
- Video Room
- Legal Identification Card
- Practice Interviewing Room
- Computer Lab
  - Labor Market Research
  - Self-Assessment
  - Work on resume, cover letters, and applications
  - Job Search
  - Travel information on getting to job

Pre-Release and Re-Entry Services Division
Work Release

171-bed Residential

- Sited in 1978
  Rockville, Maryland
- ACA Accredited



45-Client Home Confinement

- Electronic monitoring
- Mobile field team

Overview

- **Work is Cornerstone of Re-entry Plans**
- **Work Release Coordinators provide services to PRRS Clients and Employers**
- **Employers are Partners in Re-entry Plans**
- **Improving Services: Plans for the Future**
- **Career Resource Center provides Re-Entry job search and resume building skills.**

Archdiocese of Washington, DC
Department of Correction And Rehabilitation

WELCOME HOME

Prison Outreach Ministry
Re-Entry Program

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Training Model/Components

- Welcome Home Program
  - Grounded in faith
- The Welcome Home Program Coordinator
- Who Makes a Good Mentor
- How Do Mentees Join the Program
- Building Relationships
- Mentor/Mentee Meetings
- Team Mentoring
- Characteristics
- Providing Additional Assistance
- Community Resources
- Evaluation
- Social and Spiritual Support

The Welcome Home Program of Prison Outreach Ministry

- Connects returning offenders to the stabilizing institutions already present in the community
- Encourages offenders to connect to the community
- Encourages offenders to develop pro-social bonds and relationships in the community

Re-Entry

Challenges

Challenges in Prisoner Re-Entry

- Limited affordable housing
- Stringent housing eligibility requirements (criminal background checks, violent offenses, sex offenses, drug offense)
- Transportation
- High cost of living
- Transitioning offenders from highly structured environment to community living
- Follow up in community

Montgomery County Government
Mission Statement

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WE pursue the common good by working for and with Montgomery County's diverse community members to provide:

- A Responsive and Accountable County Government
- Affordable Housing in an Inclusive Community
- An Effective and Efficient Transportation Network
- Children Prepared to Live and Learn
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities
- Safe Streets and Secure Neighborhoods
- A Strong and Vibrant Economy
- Vital Living for All of Our Residents

AS dedicated public servants, the employees of the Montgomery County government strive to embody in our work these essential values:

- Collaboration
- Competence
- Fiscal Prudence
- Inclusiveness
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Knowledge
- Respect for the Individual
- Transparency

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