

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND CHANCE ACT D.C. PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

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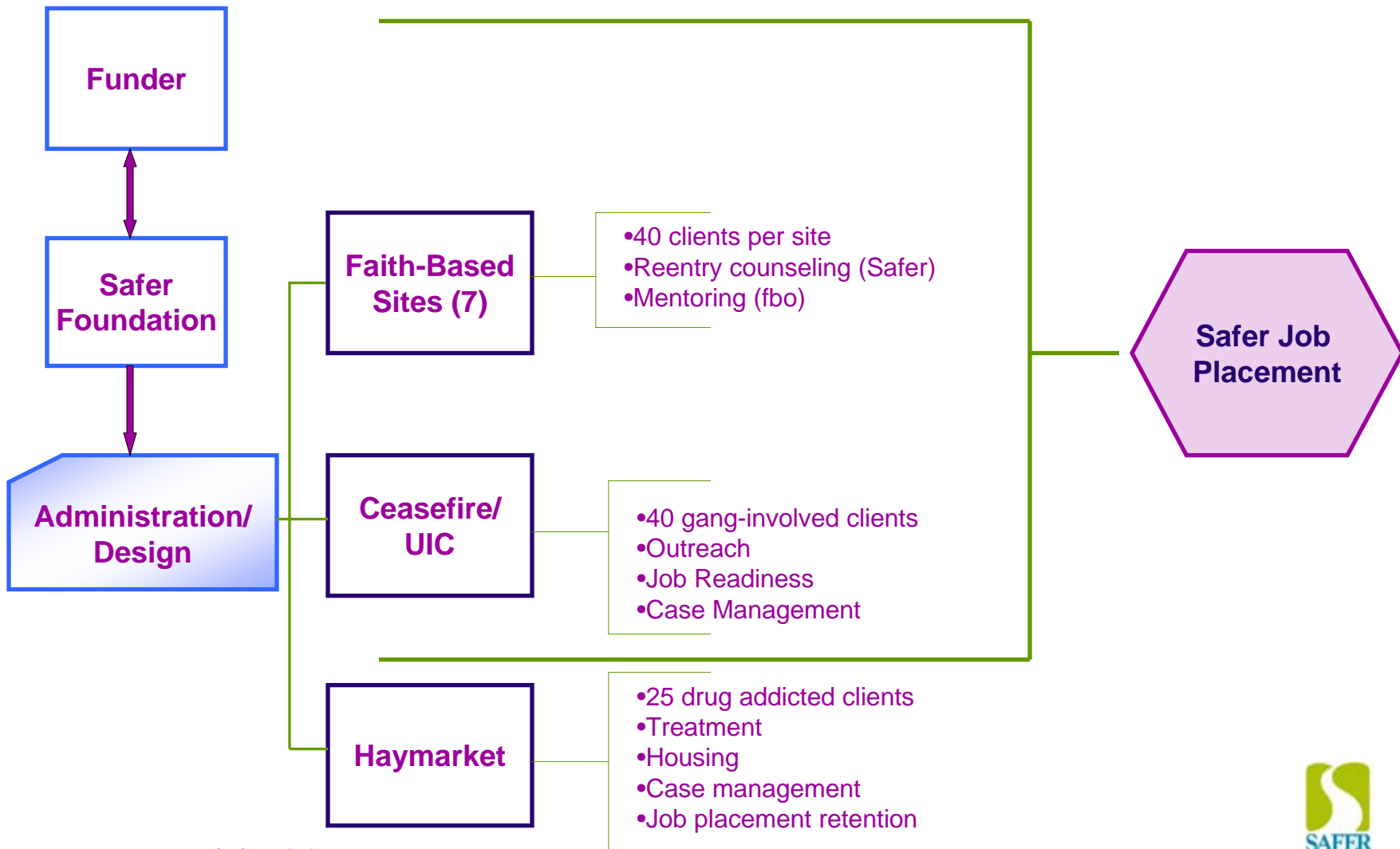
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Program Components

- Reentry Counseling (Case Management) around barriers to success. Weekly meetings for the first 90 days; then twice/month. 1:40 ratio.
- Job Training/Placement with Safer Sector Managers. Group meetings at congregations as well as one to one meetings. Self placement job connections by Reentry Counselors.
- Group Mentoring at faith based locations with a 2:4 ratio (2 mentors to 4 mentees), twice/month.
- Newly emerging component: Illinois Department of Corrections, pre-release program.

Safer's Faith & Community-Based Model: Structure



What is Working with the New PRI Changes?

- Mentoring
- Continued Engagement of Safer Clients
- Manageable Case Loads
- Vocational Training and GED Stipends
- A Neighborhood Presence
- Blended Intermediary and Direct Service Role

What Can be Improved?

- Flexibility in Eligibility Criteria
 - PRI sites can not serve people with violent offense histories
 - Funding can not be used for substance abuse treatment and emergency housing
 - Funding can not be used for graduations, awards and celebrations
- More Transitional Job Focus
- Increased Federal Partnership (US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development)

The Four Major Challenges to Reentry

Individual

Returning prisoners are not properly prepared to navigate life back in their home communities

Families

Frequently struggle to meet their own needs and may be ill prepared to meet the needs of those returning from incarceration

Systems

Public (state, county, & city agencies) and private (service organizations) institutions have not been developed to prepare for, or to provide coordinated supports for this high risk group of individuals

Community

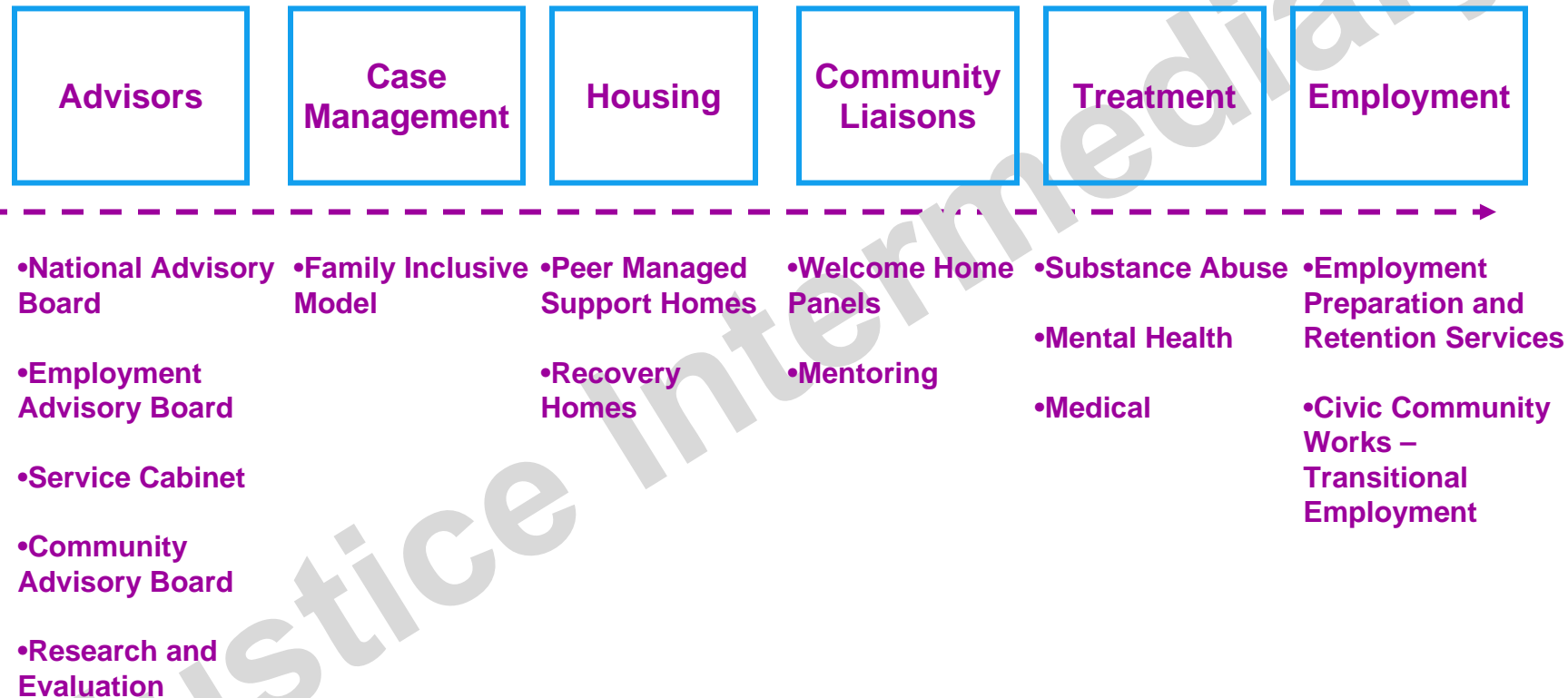
Entire communities are not properly prepared to meet the complex needs of those returning from incarceration

Safer Return: Community Saturation Model

Multi-year demonstration model launched in 2008

- **Research Based Approach**
- **Replicable Reentry Blueprint**
- **Community Capacity Building**
- **Institutional Reform**
- **Improve overall responses to returning prisoners and their families**
- **Increase Public Safety & Successful Reintegration**

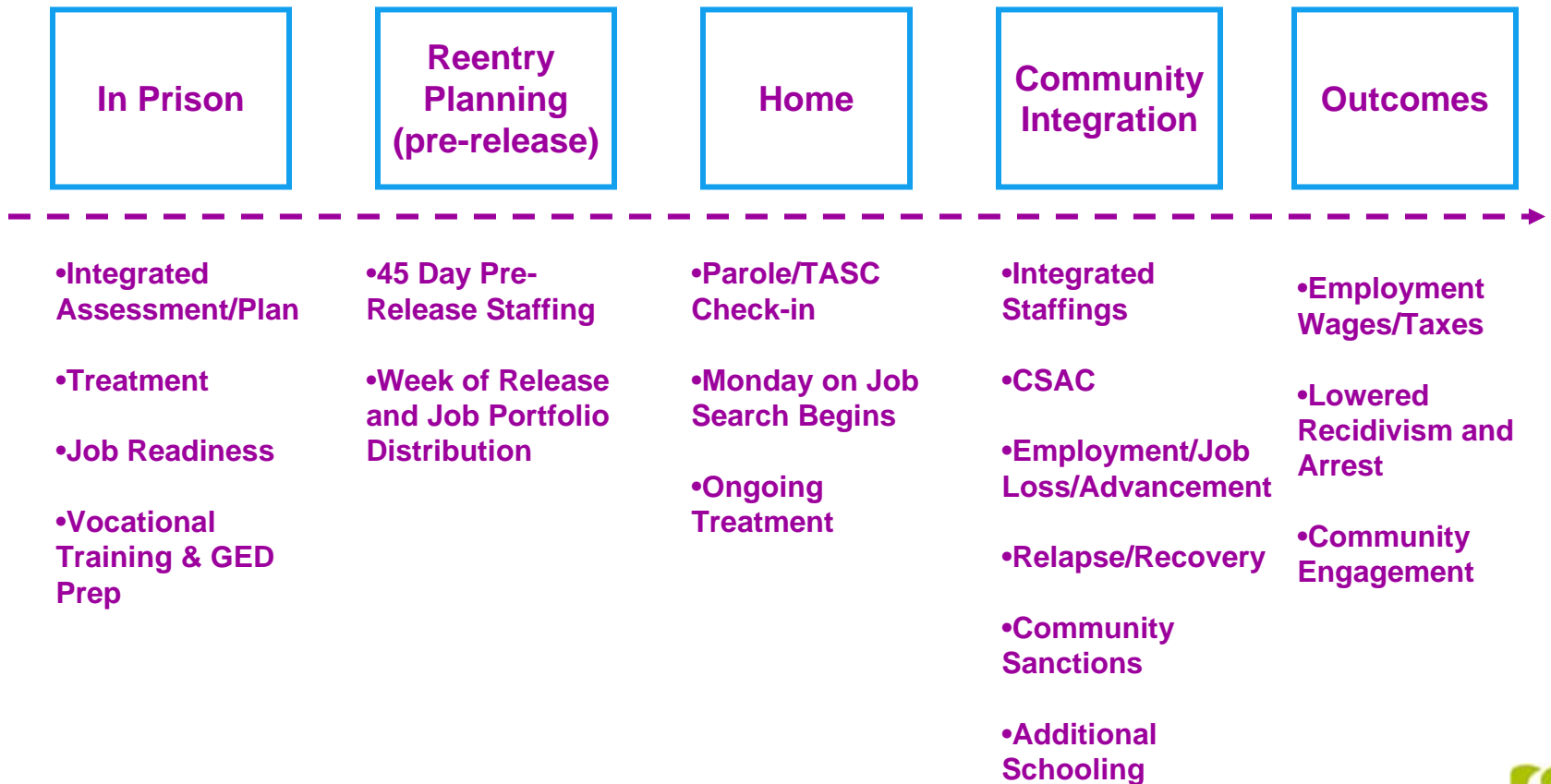
Safer Return Program Design Components



Safer Return: Key Partners (in conjunction with Safer)

- State of Illinois Departments
 - Corrections
 - Human Services
- City of Chicago Mayor's Office
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 - Police
 - Streets and Sanitation
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Human Service
 - Health
- Safer's Employer Advisory Board
- Neighborhood Business Consortium
- Congressman Danny Davis' Economic Development and Business Advisory Committee
- Community Advisory Council
- People's Community Development Association of Chicago
- TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities)
- Family and Social Support Networks
- Mount Vernon Baptist Church
- National Alliance for the Empowerment of Ex-Offenders (NAEEO)
- Oxford House Coordination (Kalimba House Corporation)

Sheridan Flow



Sheridan Results (since inception July 07)

- 3,289 clients completed Sheridan and were released
- 2,367 job starts
- 57% currently engaged with Safer
- 71% currently working
- 4 clients currently in full time education
- Average wage \$9/hr.

SPISE: System Reform Effort

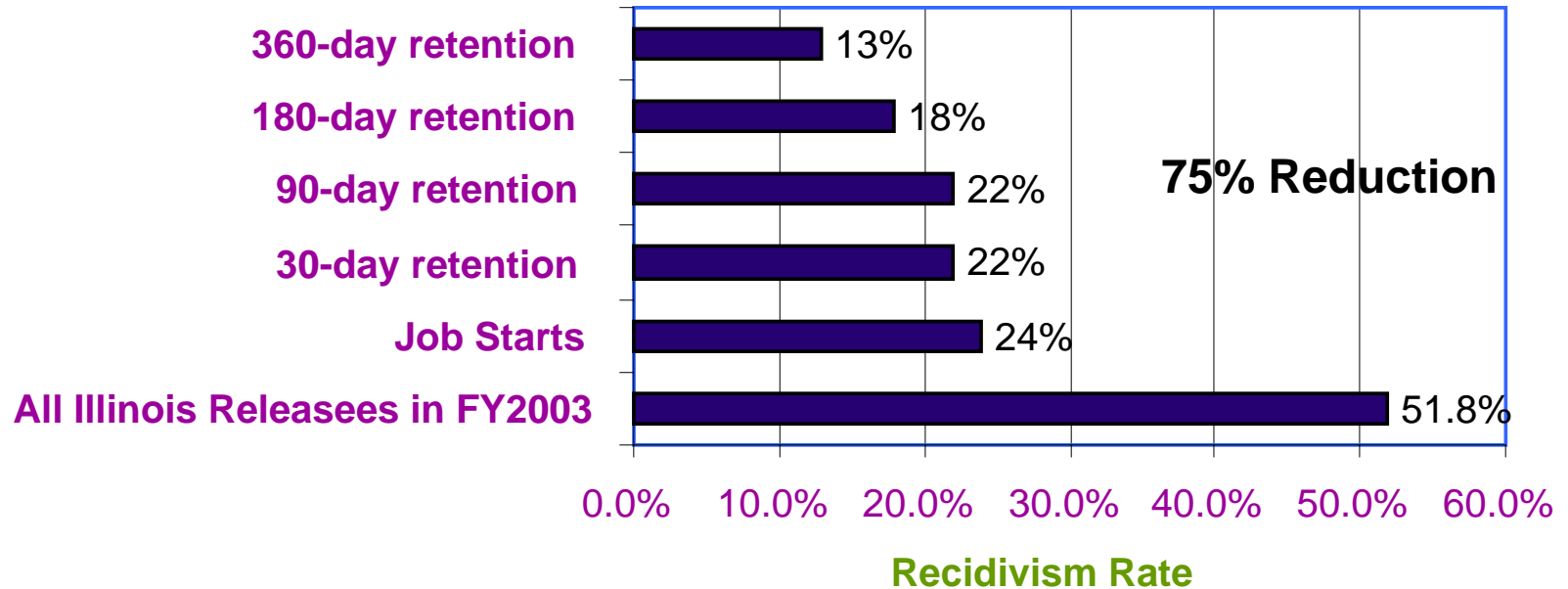
Statewide Partnership to Increase Safety through Employment

In prison model launched in 2007 concentrated in 38 prisons and 10 “high impact” communities

- Expansion of the Safer Sheridan Model
- In prison job readiness labs
- Partnerships:
 - Safer Foundation
 - IDOC
 - Illinois Community College Board
 - Eagan Urban Center, DePaul University
 - T & G Business Solutions
 - SWC Technological

Safer's 3-Year Recidivism Results

Recidivism Results - FY2003 Intakes



Employment Services Benchmarks

Recidivism rates for clients who reached the benchmarks in the study period