



# 2021 Impact Report

## Donor Support Accelerates Achievement

Your Gifts at Work!

### SAFER OUTCOMES

**4,359**

Clients Served

**1,139**

Secured Employment

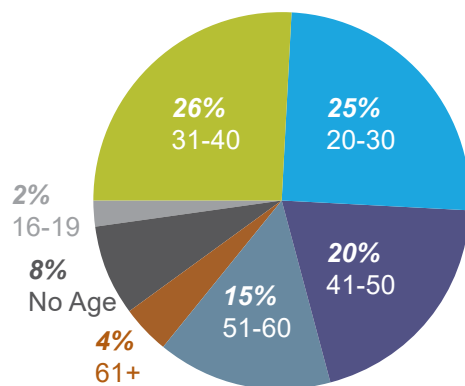
### JOB RETENTION RESULTS

**81%**  
90 Day

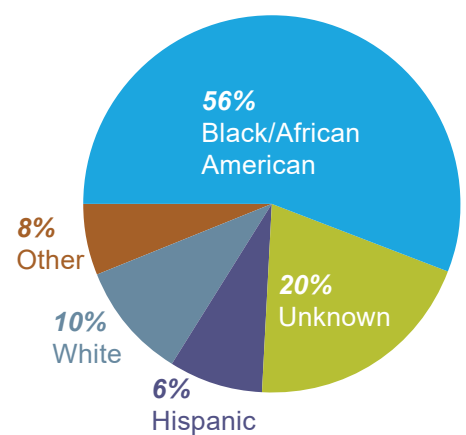
**70%**  
180 Day

**64%**  
365 Day

### CLIENT AGE DEMOGRAPHICS



### CLIENT RACE DEMOGRAPHICS



# Workforce Development

*You make it possible for our clients to overcome barriers to employment through training, education and assistance.* Safer Foundation's workforce development programs are the core component of our multifaceted strategy to help people with arrest and conviction records successfully reenter society and thereby reduce recidivism. It includes market & employer driven workforce training services, education and assistance to help clients overcome barriers to employment.

## CREDENTIALS

**97**

Attained at Least One Credential After Registration

**155**

Credentials Attained After Registration

**448**

Enrolled in Training

**331 • 74%**

Completed Training

**225 • 50%**

Employed in the Industry of Their Training

## TRAINING

**ACTIVE EMPLOYER PARTNERS**

**390**

## Policy, Advocacy and Community Engagement FY 20 Accomplishments

*You supported the need for systemic change through policy, advocacy and community engagement. Together, we:*

- 1 Organized and convened the **Alliance for Reentry**, a statewide reentry movement with over 60 active members from counties with the highest number of exits from IDOC.
- 2 Launched the Access to Justice Program.
  - Increased awareness of key issues through 94 "Know Your Rights" training webinars to 1,377 impacted individuals.
  - Recruited and trained 5 Community Navigators to deepen community engagement.
- 3 Registered 40 Safer Foundation clients to vote and trained 30 Safer Foundation clients to become certified Deputy Registrars.
- 4 Helped 34 clients receive records relief.
- 5 Passed administrative rules for the Cook County Just Housing Ordinance. Includes a 3-year lookback period for people in Cook County searching for housing.
- 6 Passed Public Act 101-176 which amends the Healthcare Worker Background Check Act by eliminating employment barriers in the healthcare industry to people with records.

# Community-Based Corrections

*You jumpstart our clients' back-to-work skills prior to release through transition support.*

Safer Foundation offers a broad range of services needed to help individuals reenter the workforce and the community prior to release from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Safer operates two (2) Adult Transition Centers (ATC) in Chicago. The ATCs allow individuals to serve the remainder of their sentences in a community-based work-release setting. Prior to their release, individuals in our Adult Transition Centers gradually transition to employment and community by overcoming social/emotional barriers, finding and maintaining work, and gaining the education, credentials and certifications needed to build their careers and stabilize their lives. These combined efforts increase the likelihood of successful reentry.

RESIDENTS SERVED

1,126

82%

ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT RETENTION 90+ DAYS

86%

\$5,096,472

WAGES

TAXES PAID

\$1,019,294

7,027

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



# Safer Counseling and Wellness Center

*Your support ensured access to counseling to address social, emotional and behavioral needs -- before release.*

Safer Foundation has historically offered Behavioral Health Services including substance use disorder treatment to individuals pre-release in our Adult Transition Centers. In January 2019, Safer began providing counseling and wellness services to all of our clients to help address the social, emotional and behavioral needs many of them must overcome on their pathway to employment, economic stability and overall upward mobility.

**COUNSELING & TREATMENT SESSIONS CONDUCTED**

**235**

**CLIENTS RECEIVING TREATMENT SERVICES**

**600**

Community Based Clients

**757**

ATC Based Clients

## Education

*You made possible the education to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.* Safer Foundation provides a variety of education programs for our clients. Each year, we help hundreds of individuals set and achieve their education goals. We operate within our ATCs and the Cook County Department of Corrections to offer detainees training in adult literacy, and prepare them for their High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). Safer also assists court-involved youth ages 16-21 in overcoming barriers to self-sufficiency by providing them with both academic tools and job-readiness training through our Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) offered at 609 W. Adams in Chicago and in the Quad Cities. Our educational team also supports contextualized learning for demand-skill programs.

**CLIENTS RECEIVING EDUCATION SERVICES**

**391**

**ADULTS SERVED**

**377**

**5,830**

**UNITS OF INSTRUCTION**

**62**

**YOUTH SERVED**

**CLIENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL COUNSELING**

**299**

**HSEDS EARNED**

**27**