

Returning Home exists to *Repair Lives and Restore Families* by providing faith-centered, evidence-based alternatives to incarceration for Washington and Madison County. Because of the investment of our partners and donors, this year marked one of the most transformative seasons in our organization’s history. As our donor acknowledgment letter states, this support “is providing more than just resources; it is providing a future for those seeking a second chance.”

Our work focuses on two core programs:

- Community Alternative Program (CAP) – Alternative sentencing and transitional living
- Community Rebuilding Initiative (CRI) – Residential substance abuse treatment inside Washington County Jail

Together, these programs form a continuum of care from **incarceration** → **recovery** → **housing** → **employment** → **homeownership**.

Mission and Model

Returning Home operates at the intersection of criminal justice reform, recovery, housing stability, workforce development, and faith-based transformation.

Our approach combines:

- Evidence-based treatment and trauma-informed care
- Primary healthcare access
- Workforce readiness and employment placement
- Financial literacy and court compliance
- Family reunification support
- Faith formation and spiritual mentorship

We believe excellence honors God, and sustainability honors the future, ensuring our clients build foundations that last a lifetime.

Community Rebuilding Initiative (CRI)

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment – Washington County Jail

Launched in 2025 through collaboration with Washington County leadership, the CRI program serves incarcerated men with low-level, non-violent charges through a program-driven, outcome-focused jail model.

The initiative integrates:

- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment to pre adjudicated detainees incarcerated within Washington County detention center
- Mental health services through Arisa Health
- Recovery community engagement through PEARL
- GED and workforce training partnerships
- Weekly “Community Blocks” connecting participants to reentry resources

CRI Client Profile & Outcomes

Total clients served: 129

Average monthly arrivals: 12

Client background highlights:

- 65% fathers
- 74% from divorced homes
- 61% Had a family member that experienced incarceration

These numbers reflect multi-generational cycles of trauma and justice involvement — precisely the cycles CRI is designed to break.

Services Delivered

- Individualized treatment plans: 129
- Received substance abuse services: 120
- Adjudicated program completions: 52
- Released to transitional living: 23
- Released participating in aftercare services: 45

The CRI program is not simply treatment during incarceration — it is the starting point of lifelong recovery and reintegration.

The spiritual impact has already been profound, including the baptisms of incarcerated men who committed their lives to a new path through this ministry.

Community Alternative Program (CAP)

Alternative Sentencing & Transitional Living

The CAP program provides courts a proven alternative to incarceration by sentencing eligible individuals to a 120-day residential transitional living program.

Participants live onsite while receiving:

- Faith formation and mentoring
- Financial literacy and life skills training
- Mental health and primary healthcare access
- Transportation and employment placement
- Family reunification opportunities
- Weekly Bible study and leadership development

For five years, CAP has demonstrated measurable success in:

- Stabilizing families
- Reducing relapse
- Resolving legal obligations
- Increasing employment and financial independence

CAP Client Profile & Outcomes

Clients served: 83

Employment rate: 100% (83/83 employed)

Family & parenting impact:

- 75% fathers
- 18% had no contact with their children at admission

Justice System Outcomes

- Fines paid in total by residents: \$79,464
- Criminal cases resolved annually: 60 (misdemeanor & felony)
- Warrants relinquished annually: 36

Sobriety and Substance Use Monitoring

- Average annual drug screens: 2,520
- Failed drug screens for the year : 8 (This represents **.31%** of drug test given)

These results demonstrate accountability, compliance, and measurable public safety outcomes.

Health & Program Outcomes

- **Received primary care:** 83
- **Graduates:** 37
- **Active participants:** 33

CAP creates a bridge from court involvement → stability → independence.

Aftercare, Housing & Long-Term Stability

In 2025, Returning Home launched the Aftercare Tiny Home Program, a next-step housing initiative for graduates transitioning toward independence and homeownership.

This program provides:

- Safe structured housing
- Credit building and financial education
- Connections with lenders and title professionals
- Homeownership preparation classes

Under the leadership of Lori Hawkins, the Aftercare program now includes Pathways to Homeownership, guiding graduates toward purchasing their first homes.

This phase represents more than housing — it is the bridge from recovery to ownership.

Faith and Community Partnerships

Faith remains central to our programming and long-term outcomes.

In 2025:

- A partnership with Cross Church launched weekly Sunday services and Sunday School at CRI.
- Weekly Bible studies and verse mapping continued across programs.
- Family Days created opportunities for reunification and healing.

We believe spiritual transformation strengthens recovery and supports lasting behavioral change.

Looking Ahead: Growth and Expansion

Key initiatives for 2026 include:

- Expansion of CRI programming
- Launch of the Women's CRI program in partnership with PEARL
- Continued program scaling to serve more men and women
- Expanded aftercare and homeownership pathways

Our growth remains intentional, sustainable, and community-driven.

Conclusion

Because of the support of our partners and funders, Returning Home is transforming lives across Washington and Madison County.

In one year, we have:

- 212 individuals served across both programs
- Supported fathers working toward family reunification
- Helped clients resolve legal barriers
- Connected every CAP client to employment
- Expanded recovery and housing pathways
- Strengthened faith-based community support

This investment is not only reducing incarceration —

it is breaking generational cycles, restoring families, and building stable communities.