

Project Rebound

Background

Project Rebound is a program assisting formerly incarcerated individuals as they enter and proceed through California State University, San Bernardino. The program is an alternative to the revolving door policy of the criminal justice system. By offering a program which encourages students to excel in a course of study, Project Rebound encourages positive life efforts. The program offers admission for men and women who might not normally qualify for university acceptance because of application deadlines and/or minor academic deficiencies.

Project Rebound was started in 1967 at San Francisco State University by the late Professor John Irwin. However, The CSU Chancellor's office supported the development of Project Rebound programs at all CSU campuses, and CSUSB is one of seven pilot efforts. The program is staffed by one full-time coordinator, who has had prior incarceration experiences. The program coordinator acts as a liaison with campus services and programs, as well as with community organizations in order to serve as an advocate for people on campus and in the community.

Year 2 Highlights/Successes

There have been several highlights and successes at California State University, San Bernardino Project Rebound. Project Rebound has earned the credibility and overwhelming support from the CSUSB community, including the University President and the Deans of several colleges. Not only has the program received support from the upper echelon of the university, but numerous faculty, staff, and students have expressed interest in promoting the mission of Project Rebound.

We have developed strategic relationships with several community colleges, four reentry centers, and many correctional institutions. Our outreach efforts include recruitment of potential students who are currently incarcerated throughout the prison system (e.g. Chino Institute for Women, Chino Institute for Men, CRC Norco, and Chuckawalla prison). We have collaborated with San Bernardino Valley College in developing a pamphlet titled "Pathway to a Four-Year Degree" to assist incarcerated individuals with a step-by-step guide on how to enroll in CSUSB Project Rebound. This educational pamphlet also gives people who are incarcerated, and do not meet the requirements for enrolling at California State University, San Bernardino, a step-by-step guide on how to enroll in a community college.

We are currently developing collaborative events with other programs as a result of our outreach efforts. We launched a website and a newsletter that allows students, faculty, and staff to remain informed and current on the success of not only the program, but Project Rebound students as well.

The School of Social Work developed an internship program for Project Rebound. We hired a program coordinator (who is also an intern) and one additional intern – both pursuing Masters

in Social Work (MSW) degrees at CSUSB in August 2017. We actively participate in community events. For example, we are working with The Department of Criminology, Law & Society (CLS) at the University of California, Irvine to have our students attend their Social Justice Research Symposium. We have established an account with the CSUSB Coyote bookstore, allowing each Project Rebound student an allotted amount to purchase textbooks using Project Rebound funds. The highlights and successes of CSUSB Project Rebound, thus far, is indicative of the necessity for such a program in the Inland Empire region.

As of the end of Year 2:

- 21 current students are enrolled in our program.
- 10 students are completing courses at the community colleges, required for transfer into the university.
- 1 student earned a bachelor's degree
- 3 students will be graduating in June 2018 with bachelor's degrees
- 1 student has been accepted into an MSW program for fall 2018
- 6 students will be graduating in June 2018 with master's degrees

Events Held	Dates
Project Rebound "Welcome Back"	10/11/2017
Student Meeting "Orientation"	10/26/2017
Coffee, Donuts, and Pizza in the Office	3/8/2018
PACT Meeting at Riverside Community College	3/16/2018
Abraham Guest Lectured with Dr. Anderson	3/16/2018
Event Attendee/Presenter	
Social Justice Summit Meeting	9/14/2017
Dr. Anderson/Welcome Back/Faculty	9/25/2017
Career Center: Introduction to Project Rebound	9/27/2017
CSRI: Indio Grand Opening	10/16/2017
Project Rebound 50 th Anniversary SFSU	10/27/2017
ASC Conference in Philadelphia	11/13-18/2017
Community College Region 9 Summit, Norco Community College	11/27/2017
Chaffey College: "Pinto Club"	12/08/2017
Riverside Community College	12/13/2017
Valley College	12/13/2018
Valley College	12/18/2017
Chaffey College: "Pinto Club"	1/8/2018
Norco College	1/17/2018
CSRI: San Bernardino Grand Opening	1/19/2018
Norco College	1/22/2018
PACT Meeting at Riverside Community College	2/9/2018
Norco College	2/22/2018
Dr. Anderson: Panel Discussion	3/13/2018

Convening of Formerly Incarcerated Students and Alumni	4/6-4/7/2018
Key To Personal and Professional Success After College	4/18/2018
Building Excellence for California's Incarcerated & Formerly Incarcerated College Students Summit	4/19-4/20/2018