**The Hampshire Sheriff's Office**

**Re-Entry Data**

**April 2026**

**Opioid Treatment Program – 80 percent success rate**

In 2018, the Hampshire Sheriff's Office (HSO) was one of the first correctional facilities in the state to offer medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for people with opioid-use disorder, and in October of 2021 the HSO became its own federally licensed Opioid Treatment Program (OTP), becoming one of only a handful of county correctional facilities nationwide to earn this designation, and the second in Massachusetts.

Since becoming federally licensed, 732 individuals have been through our OTP program and only 148, or 20 percent, have returned to our facility after their release, as of April 27, 2026. This 80 percent success rate with our OTP program would likely not be possible without the close partnerships we enjoy with the Northampton Recovery Center, Ware Recovery Center, and other recovery focused groups in our community.

It should also be noted that in August of 2025, following a two-day stem-to-stern audit, the HSO earned a 100 percent re-accreditation score from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) for our opioid treatment program, our second audit since becoming federally licensed. This re-accreditation is valid until August 31st, 2028.

**Nurturing Fathers Program – 96 percent success rate**

Our Nurturing Fathers Program is the jewel of our eight-year partnership with The Children's Trust, a Boston-based non-profit working to improve the lives of children and families in Massachusetts. When we first started the program in 2016, we offered it only to incarcerated men, and our statistics indicate that the program is having a positive impact on recidivism. For example, of the 118 men who have graduated from the Nurturing Fathers Program while incarcerated, only five have returned to jail.

Then in 2020, after The Children's Trust recognized the Hampshire Sheriff's Office (HSO) with its "Emerging Leader" award in 2018 for our work with the program, we also began offering it to men in the community. And now, thanks to our flourishing partnership with the Northampton Recovery Center and the Ware Recovery Center, our Nurturing Fathers Program is a cornerstone of Sheriff Cahillane's efforts to provide more community-based programming.

In October '23, Sheriff Cahillane was awarded the Governor Paul Cellucci Fatherhood Award by The Children's Trust in recognition of his transformational leadership with this program, and in '24, the two HSO staff members who were tasked with implementing and growing the program were recognized by The Children's Trust with its Community Visionary Award.

**Education at HSO**

We encourage everyone in our care to enroll in academic or vocational courses. We offer between 15-25 educational, vocational, and workforce development classes throughout the year, in addition to wellbeing programs. In the past year, 69 students have been enrolled in HiSet preparation classes. Because our teachers are supported by tutors from local colleges and the Collaborative for Educational Services, we are able to individualize our instruction to meet students' needs for English Language instruction, Special Education, assistance using Spanish-medium HiSet materials, and varying pedagogical styles.

We offer HiSet preparation classes, English language classes, for-credit college courses, workforce readiness programming, financial and digital literacy courses, and multiple vocational training classes that culminate in Industry-Recognized Certificates. To prepare participants for reentry into their communities, we provide services including helping participants obtain vital documents (e.g., social security cards, birth certificates, diplomas), secure food stamps, find housing and transportation, arrange for ongoing substance abuse and mental health treatment, and register with MassHire job counselors. Because our participants have all experienced trauma and are faced with multiple barriers to good employment, we partner with a network of public agencies and private organizations to provide the most comprehensive net of support services with the goal of helping participants develop the skills, knowledge, resilience, and grace to transform their lives.

The following table lists the number of students who earned HiSet credentials, college credits, and industry-recognized vocational certificates in the past year. All Pre-Apprentice Certificate Training (PACT) certificates are recognized by the National Association of Home Builders and the Home Builders Institute. ServSafe food service certificates are nationally recognized and administered by the National

Restaurant Association. Participants are enrolled in and receive credits for college courses from Holyoke Community College, Greenfield Community College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Amherst College, amongst others.

We are particularly proud of our partnerships with WesternMass CORE, which helps justice-involved students matriculate into community colleges with wrap-around support, and with Pathways to UMass, which makes students who complete three college courses with a B+ or A eligible for automatic admission to UMass Amherst.

| **Education** | **# of graduates**<br><br>2025-2026<br>to date |
|---|---|
| HiSet Degree | 11 |
| College Credits | 28 |
| ServSafe Vocational Certificate | 17 |
| Culinary Arts Certificate | 11 |
| Clean Energy Vocational Certificate | 12 |
| Green Building Certificate | 9 |

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| OSHA 10 Industry Certificate | 14 |
| Pre-apprentice Training Carpentry Certificate | 10 |
| Landscaping Certificate | 8 |
| Digital Literacy Certificate | 52 |
| Bank of America Financial Literacy Certificate | 24 |

**Education Programs**

Adult Secondary Education - HiSet preparation

Title 1 Support Services

Special Education

Digital Literacy – Northstar certification

Financial Literacy

Landscape/Hardscape Design

Culinary Arts: ServSafe/Baking/Cooking – ServSafe certification

Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Program (PACT), OSHA 10 certification

Clean Energy certification

Green Building certification

Carpentry

Cane Shop

Workforce Development with MassHire Holyoke courses:

- *Breaking Barriers*
- *Developing an Employment Portfolio*
- *Interviewing Skills Part I and II*
- *Goal Setting*
- *Online Applications (How to Beat the ATSs!*
- *Leadership*
- *Self-Awareness*
- *Trust in Yourself*

Pathways to UMASS courses:

- *Teaching and Learning in Carceral Spaces*
- *Math in the Real World*
- *Introduction to Sociology*
- *Creative Writing*
- *Biology*
- *Imagining Justice*
- *Mythology – Greek, Norse, and Native America*
- Book Club w/book author

Amherst College courses:

- *Inside/Out Justice*
- *Political Autobiographies*
- *Political Science*
- Book Club

## Partnerships

We are fortunate to partner with a wide array of organizations and agencies. We develop new or expand existing partnerships often, so the list below is partial and dynamic.

## Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Smith Vocational Adult Education

Holyoke Community College

Greenfield Community College

Amherst College

Brandeis University

Western Mass CORE

## Workforce Development

MassHire Franklin Hampshire Workforce Board

MassHire Holyoke - Reentry Program

MassHire Springfield

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Look Memorial Park

Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Farm to Institution New England

Hampden Hampshire Conservation District

Greenfield Community College

Bank of America, Holyoke

Liberty Bank

**Wellbeing**

Mellow Elephant Meditation and Wellbeing

Yoga with Pierre

Labyrinth walking

**Incoming Education Programs:**

CDL license (with Emerge Career Initiative)

Fiber Optics and Telecommunications (with C-Tech Broadband Academy)

Certified Production Technician/ CNC Manufacturing certification (with Greenfield Community College)

Forklift operation certification (with Greenfield Community College)

Greenhouse Program (with Massachusetts Horticultural Society)