A voluntary program to improve public safety by assisting those formerly incarcerated for a sexual offense during their transition from the prison system back into the community.

Our Motto is our Goal: “No More Victims”
About Us

Since 2012, the Boston Release Network (BRN) has been dedicated to the successful reintegration into the community of released persons who have committed a sexual offense.

Our goals are simply to:

- have no more victims and
- give our clients the support and the tools necessary for a meaningful transition.

BRN is also a resource for information to persons with sex offenses who face problems in their community primarily due to registration issues. Those concerns include housing, employment and compliance with statutory mandates of registration laws.

Thus far we have enjoyed extraordinary success in that not one of the 100 men we have assisted since our founding has been arrested for a new sex offense. We believe it is no accident. We believe that our intensive hands-on approach and peer support are the keys to a successful transition that gives a man hope at a future life.

In furtherance of our goal to provide support and tools, BRN has developed working relationships with various organizations in the Boston area such as:

St. Francis House
Boston Public Health
Mass ATR
Southampton Street Shelter
Project Place

The Boston Release Network has several key programs in place that provide goods, services, and/or funds to released persons.

Programs

**CHARLIE CARD**

A monthly "Charlie Card" is provided upon release.

**Benefits** -
- Attend appointments with parole/probation, therapy, group programs.
- Access to various programs and services that facilitate reentry such as education, job/resume training and medical appointments.

**Cost** - $84.50 per client per month

**FUND-A-PHONE**

An activated "smartphone" is provided to each returning citizen with BRN covering up to the first six (6) months of service. During this period, the client is encouraged to sign-up with other programs to help continue to cover the $30 monthly service bill.

**Benefits** -
- Help to maintain crucial contact with their support network and family.
- Setup appointments for housing, job interviews, counseling and probation.
- Navigate an unfamiliar city.

**Cost** - $190 - $240 per client

**COMPENSATED EDUCATION**

Compensation is provided to clients who choose to attend approved reintegration classes provided by organizations with which BRN has developed a working partnership.

**RELEASE PACK**

A secure, durable, waterproof backpack is provided upon release. Packs contain toiletries, undergarments, shower shoes, and a padlock.

**Benefits** -
- Immediate availability to basic survival items for a smooth transition.
- Reduce the stress of homelessness by keeping belongings dry and safe.

**Cost** - $75 per client
"The Boston Release Network, which helps freed sex offenders find housing, work, and health insurance, said it has assisted about 64 men since November 2016. The network said none of those offenders have committed a new sex offense."

**Boston Globe, September 22, 2018**

"I tell every client to incorporate The Boston Release Network into his release plan, because having support from the right people— the ones who really understand what he’ll be facing—is so critical to success in the community. And I’ve seen BRN and its guys get amazing results for clients who have been in five years or five decades. The value of the service they provide... is beyond measure."

Rachel A. Scotch, Trial Attorney

I can’t stress enough how important it was for me to get help when I was released. This program took the "I don’t know what to do" and replaced it with thing’s I need to do to get my life going on freedom road. I thank the people behind the scenes... for doing their part in helping me get back into society safely.

Edwin B.

"The BRN fills a gap in the services available to a forgotten population. It has helped literally hundreds of men who had nowhere to turn. And, without a doubt, I would be in trouble by now... by ensuring men have support and direction..."

**Michael Scotch, Attorney at Law**

"There comes a time in our lives where we have to start over, that scared me. The BRN took that fear and made it a strength. They guided me for my future."

Timothy A.

"The BRN knows the frustration, the resistance, the push-back and the difficulties... upon release from prison. They have lived it and are determined to provide the needed and necessary assistance. For my clients, the BRN has assured their well-being and successful transition... to the community. For some the BRN has been not only a lifesaving group but a life changer. The firm example of the members... of the BRN shows men in transition the way to live safely and successfully."

Michael F. Farrington, Attorney

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