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*Empowering those returning from incarceration with resources and support.*

## **Position: Volunteer Reentry Navigator**

**Organization:** McLean County Reentry Council  
**Location:** McLean County, Illinois  
**Employment Type:** Volunteer  
**Reports To:** MCRC Administrator

### **About the Organization**

The McLean County Reentry Council exists because reentry doesn't happen in isolation. We support individuals returning from incarceration by connecting them with service providers, resources, and consistent support. We work to remove barriers to successful reentry by improving access to essential resources, strengthening coordination between organizations, and advocating for systems that promote second chances and community safety. Our approach is rooted in collaboration, lived experience, and support.

### **Position Overview**

Reentry Navigators are volunteers who provide short-term, practical guidance to individuals returning from incarceration by helping them identify next steps and connect with existing resources. Navigators offer encouragement, accountability, and system navigation during early reentry, while working closely with McLean County Reentry Council staff to ensure participants are connected and not overwhelmed.

This role is time-limited, structured, and supported, and does not involve case management, therapy, or legal services.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Serve as a consistent point of contact for assigned participants for a defined, short-term period
- Help participants identify immediate priorities and review available resources
- Assist with navigating referrals or next steps already identified by the Council
- Work with justice impacted individuals to develop goals to provide accountability for successful reentry
- Provide reminders, encouragement, and accountability around agreed-upon goals
- Update reports for each justice-impacted individual to the MCRC Staff

### **Secondary Responsibilities:**

- Participate in brief orientation and staff check-ins
- Attend learning sessions or community events when available
- Share feedback to help improve navigation tools and resources

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**Qualifications:**

**Required:**

- Lived experience with reentry
- Familiarity with local McLean County resources
- Respectful, nonjudgmental approach
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and boundaries
- Reliability and basic communication skills
- Willingness to learn and ask for support
- Proven strong communication and follow-through skills
- Availability to commit to agreed-upon timeframes with participants
- Ability to complete training as required

**Preferred:**

- Interest in community support or peer mentoring
- Willingness to learn about and connect with reentry resources and systems
- Comfort working with diverse populations and complex life circumstances

**Time Commitment & Support**

- **Estimated time:** 3–5 hours per week, for a defined period (e.g., 30–90 days)
- Navigators receive clear guidance, tools, and staff support
- Volunteers are not expected to solve complex issues or work beyond their comfort level

**Proficiency in (or willingness to learn):**

- Microsoft Word/Google Docs
- Microsoft Excel/Google Sheets
- Email

**Required Hours:** Up to 20 hours/month

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