



# LifeLine Service

## QUICK FACTS

**L**ifeLine is an innovative service offered through a partnership between Correctional Service Canada, the National Parole Board, and non-governmental organizations.

### THE CONCEPT

The Service enlists the aid of In-Reach workers. These workers are long-term offenders – lifers – who have successfully re-integrated into Canadian communities for at least five years, proving themselves to be positive, contributing members of society. These In-Reach workers are recruited to help other lifers throughout their sentences.

### THE MISSION

It is important to remember that the majority of offenders are released back into our communities. With that in mind, LifeLine's mission is to provide – through both the In-Reach and community components of the program – an opportunity to motivate inmates and marshal resources to achieve successful, gradual integration back into our communities.

### LIFELINE'S THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS

- The **In-Reach service**, bringing lifers who are on parole back into the institution, to help encourage other lifers to make their time incarcerated positive and productive.
- **Community services** help lifers re-integrate into the community when they leave the penitentiary.

- **Public awareness initiatives**, helping to generate awareness of and support for rehabilitated offenders in our communities and the LifeLine service. Initiatives include In-Reach workers meeting with various community groups to raise awareness about their work. They also promote crime prevention and drug prevention among youth, and assist in special education initiatives.

### CANADIAN PROFILE

Although the numbers of people sentenced, incarcerated, and released into our communities fluctuate routinely, the following numbers are the most recent (March 2009):

- Total number of offenders sentenced to life imprisonment: **4,774**.
- Total number of offenders sentenced to life imprisonment, who are currently incarcerated: **3,052 (64%)**.
- Total number of offenders sentenced to life imprisonment, who are monitored in the community: **1,722 (36%)**.
- Total number of In-Reach workers: **25**.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the LifeLine service, contact us on our Web site at [www.csc-scc.gc.ca](http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca).

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