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CSOSA Celebrates Second Chance Month, Sees Significant Increase in Successful Community Supervision in D.C.

Washington, D.C. – Second Chance Month is celebrated nationwide every April to mark the importance of meaningful opportunities for second chances for those involved in the criminal justice system.

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), a federal agency with a distinctly local mission to supervise adults on probation, parole, and supervised release in the District of Columbia, is seeing greatly increased success for local adults on community supervision.

"Three out of every four people – 75 percent – leaving CSOSA supervision in 2021 completed it successfully," said CSOSA Director Richard Tischner. "Despite the challenges of the pandemic, this success rate has increased every year since 2017, when it stood at 63 percent. Utilizing research and best practices, we are helping supervisees improve their lives."

CSOSA is focused on second chances for all supervisees, addressing the risks and challenges that are known to be associated with criminal behavior. This not only aids supervisees and their families, but makes D.C. a safer place for everyone who lives, visits, or works in the District.

Through job training, second chance hiring opportunities, referrals to treatment and support services, regular home and worksite visits, and more, adults under CSOSA's supervision are rejoining the D.C. community as successful, contributing citizens and neighbors.

More information about the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency can be found at CSOSA.

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