



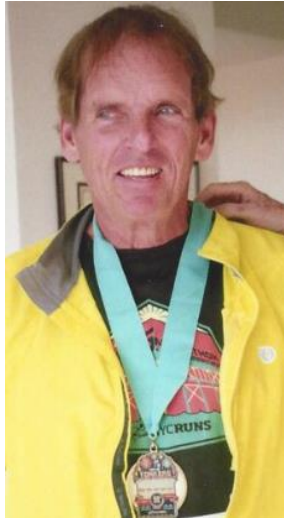
The Office of  
**Dr. Surajit Khanna's Post Incarceration Juvenile Justice Reformation Act Initiative**

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**ReturningYouth Initiative**

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Dr. Surajit Khanna's ReturningYouth Initiative - **William Rowland** Appointed as County Manager for Androscoggin County, Maine.



On March 29, 2021, the office of Dr. Surajit Khanna's Post Incarceration Juvenile Justice Reformation Act Initiative, also known as Dr. Surajit Khanna's [ReturningYouth Initiative](#), announced that **William Rowland** has been appointed as volunteer County Manager for Androscoggin County, Maine. He is in the process of establishing and managing the initiative in this county as his primary focus will be to serve the Africa American and Latinx communities to reduce the recidivism rate. This initiative will also support existing businesses, bring in new businesses, create jobs, and work cohesively with local governments and politicians.

**William Rowland** is a long-distance runner who recently retired as a painter and is now working as a truck driver. He moved to Maine since he loves to run up the mountains there. In 2016, he entered a worldwide 12-day running elevation competition on a popular running site with 62,879 participants. He ended placing 25th in the world, and 7<sup>th</sup> out all US participants. Mr. Rowland also participated in the Pike Peak Marathon ten times. In 2018, at 59 years of age, he came in 464<sup>th</sup> out of 830 participants, but based upon his registered time at the top compared to his finish time, he passed 121 other runners on the downhill portion. When he lived in Rockland County, NY, Mr. Rowland helped with Dr. Khanna's initiative and he is happy to continue to do so in Maine.

**Dr. Surajit Khanna's Post Incarceration Juvenile Justice Reformation Act Initiative** provides young adults with a pathway to be reintegrated into society to pursue a new and productive life after being released from incarceration. They will lead a rewarding life as they remain off the streets and free from a life of crime. They will learn life skills, receive job training, gain employment, and pursue long-term education. We have introduced this initiative in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Montana, and now Maine. In addition, we are actively and strategically rolling out the initiative to all other states nationwide. It is being implemented through partnerships with community-based organizations, DA's offices, law enforcement, and the court systems. The initiative's planned expansion and rollout is to ALL 50 US States and 3,142 Counties. The first model program has been established in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

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