

Prisoner Reentry in Communities: A Resource Guide

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Introduction

Our communities across the nation face significant challenges in addressing the needs of more than 650,000 individuals that are released from prison each year. Prisoner reentry, or the return of prisoners back to society, has drawn the attention of law enforcement, federal, state, and local governments, community groups and residents, social service agencies, corrections, and policy makers. Recent federal assistance and resources have been designated to help strengthen urban communities and assist ex-prisoners reentering the community through programs that incorporate housing, mentoring, job training, and other services, drawing on the unique strengths of faith-based and community-based organizations. The faith- and community-based agencies are counted upon as a primary partner for social service delivery to ex-prisoners by providing a direct link into the communities to which they are returning.

The US Department of Justice's Community Capacity Development Office has strongly recommended that every Weed and Seed community seriously consider, among their activities and efforts, addressing the control and support of returning ex-offenders to their Weed and Seed community. The disproportionate number of returning ex-offenders to Weed and Seed sites presents a broad range of issues that need to be addressed through coordinated support services related to housing, employment, health and mental health, substance abuse, and other services.

Reentry programs can address both the "Weeding" and "Seeding" sides of the Weed and Seed strategy. Weed and Seed funding can be used for managing and supervising returning offender populations (through law enforcement, corrections, and judicial systems), as well as the development of support services within the context of intervention and treatment – to include those involving health and mental health, employment, substance abuse prevention, housing, reintegration into the family, and faith-based services.

This guide highlights resources that can help Weed and Seed sites more effectively reintegrate ex-offenders back into their communities and improve the public safety. The end of this guide offers links to subscribe to electronic newsletters and listservs, providing an efficient way to receive information related to reentry issues.

Please note that the list below should not be considered all-inclusive. This guide, however, does provide key publications and websites that provide valuable, usable,

documents, tools and research. These resources can help communities understand the reentry issue, identify critical information necessary when starting a reentry initiative, and navigate resources that are available. A comprehensive, all-inclusive list would be not be practical to create nor easy to navigate.

Contents of the Resource Guide

The Center for Community Safety, a public research and training center of Winston-Salem State University, with help from the Urban Institute, a nonpartisan policy research and educational organization, identified the following select areas of reentry that should be addressed by communities for the successful integration of ex-offenders. This guide lists the entries alphabetically within each section.

Getting Started with a Reentry Initiative – This section gives information on the Re-Entry Policy Council’s comprehensive guide for sites or communities starting or enhancing their reentry initiative.

General Reentry – This section provides information on resources, reports, strategies, and program examples that can assist communities in addressing the needs of the returning ex-offender, and help ensure the safety of the community and the reduction of crime. Within many of the websites are links to specific areas of reentry.

Employment – Resources in this section will help sites and agencies address the multiple and unique barriers faced by offenders who are seeking employment. Included is information on reentering the workforce, barriers to employment, career assistance, and employer incentive programs.

Health – It is essential that individualized, accessible, integrated, and effective health treatment services are available, and this section provides information and resources to help improve and address physical and mental health needs and health-related issues that ex-offenders face upon reentry.

Housing – Resources in this section include innovative partnerships and effective practices to assist with finding obtainable and affordable housing for ex-offenders, ensure the safety of the community, and to end serious barriers and chronic homelessness among the reentering population.

Substance Abuse – The majority of people in prison has a history of substance abuse, and treatment can reduce both criminal activity and drug use, particularly when in-prison treatment is coupled with community-based aftercare. Resources are provided on ways to ensure the availability of effective substance abuse treatment services.

Volunteerism and Community Initiatives – Volunteers can support the many needs of a community by establishing a reentry initiative in areas such as housing, employment, and mentoring initiatives. This section provides information on creative and effective ways in which to utilize volunteer resources.

Mapping/Neighborhood Strategies – Geographical Information Systems (GIS) analysis, otherwise known as computer mapping, is important to understanding how the removal and return of so many people in a single neighborhood can impact the health, housing, employment, and social networks in those communities. This section highlights neighborhood strategies and gives examples of successful mapping for communities.

Getting Started With a Strategic Planning Model: Re-Entry Policy Council

Re-Entry Policy Council

The Council of State Governments established the *Re-Entry Policy Council (RPC)* in 2001 to assist state government officials' struggle with the increasing number of people leaving prisons and jails to return to the communities they left behind and to assist policymakers to ensure the safe and successful return of prisoners to the community. Part I of the *Report* provides comprehensive guidance about getting the right people to the table, developing a knowledge base about your local reentry problem, strategies for funding a reentry initiative, measuring performance outcomes, and educating the public. http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/Part_Planning_a-Re-Entry_Initiative.aspx.

Good Overviews of Prisoner Reentry

After Prison: Roadblocks to Reentry (2004)

The first-ever comprehensive study of the legal barriers in all 50 states that people with criminal records must overcome in order to lead productive, law-abiding lives and successfully rejoin society.

http://www.hirenetwork.org/pdfs/LAC_PrintReport.pdf

Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project Report (2002)

A Council of State Governments (CSG)-supported project aimed at improving prisoner reentry and the services they receive while in institutions.

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/articles_publications/publications/cj_mh_consensus_20020601/Consensus%20Project%20Report.pdf

Evidence-Based Adult Corrections Programs: What Works and What Does Not (2006)

From the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, a comprehensive review of evidence-based programs for adult offenders, where the evidence from 291 rigorous evaluations conducted during the last 35 years was systematically reviewed.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1201.pdf>

Families Left Behind: The Hidden Costs of Incarceration and Reentry (2003)

Urban Institute report focusing attention on the hidden costs of criminal justice policies, such as the strains on parent-child relationships, networks of familial support, and burdens on governmental services such as schools, foster care, adoption agencies, and youth-serving organizations.

<http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=310882>

From Prison to Home: The Dimensions and Consequences of Prisoner Reentry (2001)

Publication on prisoner reentry to inform a broad set of discussions about one of the most pressing issues of our time—the challenge of reintegrating record numbers of individuals who leave prison and return home.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/from_prison_to_home.pdf

Outside the Walls: A National Snapshot of Community-Based Prisoner Reentry Programs (2004)

Resource guide and video, which provides information about reentry, briefing papers on various topics, program examples from around the country, and video segments on reentry activities. Outside the Walls is housed at the Reentry Media Outreach Campaign website, which also provides tools and media resource to facilitate community discussion and decision making about reentry programs.

<http://www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/resourceguide.htm>

Prisoner Reentry and Community Policing: Strategies for Enhancing Public Safety (2006)

Explores the links between prisoner reentry and community policing in the context of enhancing public safety. Its goal is to encourage new thinking and generate innovative responses to reentry that harness the knowledge and expertise of police.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411061_COPS_reentry_monograph.pdf

Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council

The *Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council*, authored by the Council of State Governments and ten partner organizations provide bipartisan policy recommendations for the safe and successful return of prisoners to the community, reflecting the consensus from a range of experts and associations engaged in the topic. The report reflects the results of a series of meetings of the Re-Entry Policy Council and respected workforce, health, housing, public safety, family, community, and victims experts from around the country.

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org>

Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry: Research Findings from the Urban Institute's Prisoner Reentry Portfolio (2006)

Provides an overview of key dimensions of prisoner reentry and highlights the Urban Institute's original research across these topics. It points to recent and relevant reports published by the Urban Institute that provide more in-depth research and related findings.
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411289_reentry_portfolio.pdf

Unlocking the Potential of Reentry and Reintegration (2004)

Describes a new approach to reentry practice and policy in the processing of a criminal case.
http://www.communityalternatives.org/pdfs/unlocking_potential.pdf

What Works in Prisoner Reentry? Reviewing and Questioning the Evidence (2004)

Article in Federal Probation by Joan Petersilia on issues surrounding reentry.
http://www.uscourts.gov/fedprob/September_2004/whatworks.html

But They All Come Back: Facing the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry

By Jeremy Travis (2005)

A description of the new realities of punishment in America and explores the nexus of returning prisoners with seven policy domains: public safety, families and children, work, housing, public health, civic identity, and community capacity.

Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America

Edited by Jeremy Travis and Christy Vischer (2005)

Presents new ways of exploring reentry and its foundations and addresses the public safety issues of reentry, suggesting policies that will keep released prisoners from committing new crimes.

When Prisoners Come Home: Parole and Prisoner Reentry in the United States

By Joan Petersilia (2003)

The issue of reentry is presented in a historical and cultural context. An overview of reentry is presented as well as how reentry has become so dominant in the correctional field.

EMPLOYMENT

Select Publications

Can Employers Play a More Positive Role in Prisoner Reentry? (2002)

Research and findings on employer hiring, attitudes, behavior, and policy.
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/410803_PositiveRole.pdf

From Hard Time to Full Time: Strategies to Help Move Ex-Offenders from Welfare to Work (2001)

Practical guide for workforce development organizations to understand the barriers ex-offenders face in obtaining employment and to assist them in that process. Published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

http://www.hirenetwork.org/pdfs/From_Hard_Time_to_Full_Time.pdf

From Prison to Work: The Employment Dimensions of Prisoner Reentry (2004)

Urban Institute report that focuses on policies, practices, problems, and incentives involved in connecting returning prisoners to meaningful employment from discussions that came out of the Reentry Roundtable and additional literature from the field.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411097_From_Prison_to_Work.pdf

Individuals with Criminal Histories: A Potential Untapped Resource

Programs, overviews, and success stories.

http://www.hirenetwork.org/pdfs/SS_Ex-offenders1.pdf

Just Out: Early Lessons from the Ready4Work Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2006)

Examines the early implementation of P/PV's prisoner reentry demonstration, Ready4Work, and reports on emerging best practices in four key program areas. It offers practical advice and documents early lessons in this growing area of study, policy and advocacy.

http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/198_publication.pdf

Working Ahead: A Guide for Connecting Youth Offenders with Employment Opportunities (2004)

Although this guidebook was written to provide guidance to case managers who work with individuals involved in the criminal justice systems in the Department of Labor's Region 6 (AK, AR, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, & WA), it provides useful guidance to any practitioner working with job seekers affected by the criminal justice system in the US.

http://www.hirenetwork.org/pdfs/WorkingAhead/1Contents_Intro.pdf

When the Gates Open: Ready4Work—A National Response to the Prisoner Reentry Crisis (2005)

Describes the emergence of Ready4Work, a 17-site, national ex-prisoner reentry initiative examining how Ready4Work is confronting the nation's reentry crisis by drawing on local faith- and community-based organizations.

http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/189_publication.pdf

Select Websites

Center for Employment Opportunities

Provides job readiness and placement services to men and women returning from prison to New York City and others under community supervision, providing immediate, paid, short-term employment.

<http://www.ceoworks.org/homepage.htm>

National HIRE Network

The mission of National HIRE Network is to increase the number and quality of job opportunities available to people with criminal records by improving public policies, practices, and public opinion. Website includes employer resources, publications relevant to individuals, as well as state-specific governmental agencies and community-based organizations to assist people with criminal records, practitioners, researchers, and policy makers with job-related services.

<http://www.hirenetwork.org/>

Public/Private Ventures (P/PV)

P/PV's mission is to improve the effectiveness of social policies, programs and community initiatives, and is particularly interested in partnerships between faith-based and secular organizations, as they address the employment needs of at-risk and high-risk populations, including reentering population.

http://www.ppv.org/ppv/community_faith/community_faith.asp

The Safer Foundation

Private foundation that has been working for more than 30 years to reduce recidivism by helping people with records obtain employment and social services.

www.saferfoundation.org

US Department of Labor Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (PRI)

News, highlights and information on funding opportunities for the President's Faith Based Initiative.

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/index.htm>

US Department of Labor (Ready4Work)

Ready4Work is a three-year, \$22.5 million Department of Labor program to assist faith-based and community programs that provide mentoring and other transition services for men and women returning from prison. This site provides information about the program and links to resources.

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/Ready4Work.htm>

HEALTH

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A Best Practice Approach to Community Reentry from Jails for Inmates with Co-occurring Disorders: The APIC Model (2002)

The APIC Model, a set of critical elements that, if implemented, are likely to improve the outcomes for persons with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders who are released from jail.

<http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/pdfs/reentry/apic.pdf>

The Consensus Project Report (2002)

Authored by the Council of State Governments (CSG) and representatives of leading criminal justice and mental health organizations, the Report reflects the results of a series of meetings among 100 of the most respected criminal justice and mental health practitioners in the country. The Report promotes practical, flexible approaches to this issue through educational presentations, technical assistance, and the dissemination of information about programs, research, and policy developments in the field.

http://consensusproject.org/the_report/

Health Challenges of Reentry: Briefing Paper

Health issues reported on, and presented by, the Reentry Media Outreach Center.

http://www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/pdfs/health_bp.pdf

Moving Toward Evidence-Based Housing Programs for Persons With Mental Health Illness in Contact with the Justice System

The reentry population may have differing needs than individuals with mental illness who have *not* had contact with the justice system, and the *type* of criminal justice contact can play an important role in determining the best housing options for consumers as well.

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/AGP.Net/Components/DocumentViewer/Download.aspx?DocumentID=1239>

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Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project

An unprecedented national effort coordinated by the Council of State Governments (CSG) to help policymakers and criminal justice and mental health professionals improve the response to people with mental illness involved in, or are at risk of involvement in, the criminal justice system.

<http://consensusproject.org>

National GAINS Center

The Center's primary focus is on expanding access to community-based services for adults diagnosed with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders at all points of contact with the justice system.

<http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/>

HOUSING

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Annie E. Casey Foundation Resource Guide, Reentry: Helping Former Prisoners Return to Communities (2005)

Key ideas, effective approaches, and technical assistance resources; full of strategies and resources for communities, offers site teams and local partners a way to think about and reduce the negative impact of incarceration on their communities.

<http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/mc/readingroom/documents/TARCReentry.pdf>

Guide for Developing Housing for Ex-Offenders

Presents a step-by-step approach for developing housing for ex-offenders, taking into account types of housing, availability of funds, and management capacity.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/pub/pdf/NCJ203374.pdf>

A Guide to Reentry Supportive Housing: A Three-Part Primer for Non-profit Supportive Housing Developers, Social Services Providers, and their Government Partners Corporation for Supportive Housing (2002)

Looks at crucial issues surrounding the partnerships between the service providers and the formerly incarcerated.

<http://documents.csh.org/documents/doclib/GuideReEntrySH.pdf>

Homelessness and Prisoner Re-Entry: Strategies for Addressing Housing Needs and Risks in Prisoner Re-entry

From BJA, Reentry Policy Council, and National Alliance to End Homelessness.

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/AGP.Net/Components/DocumentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=1283>

An Interactive Training Program for Successful Reentry Housing Housing for a Second Chance: Family, Government and Community Partnerships for Housing People Involved in the Criminal Justice System

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation Community Safety Initiative (LISC CSI), in partnership with Family Justice Inc. and the U.S. Department of Justice Community Capacity Development Office, introduces a new training program to address the unique

issues related to housing formerly incarcerated individuals and their families. LISC CSI can provide customized onsite training. The curriculum also is available on CD-ROM.
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/programs/lisc_cdrom.pdf

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Prisoner Re-Entry:

Strategies for addressing housing needs and risks in prisoner re-entry

From BJA, Reentry Policy Council, and NAHRO. Reentry has a significant impact on housing programs administered by PHAs, including public housing, the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), and other programs.

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/AGP.Net/Components/DocumentViewer/Download.aspx?DocumentID=1284>

Successful Transition and Reentry for Safer Communities: A Call to Action for Parole

Looks at parole's role as an inexorably important part of the effort to improve reentry efforts, by the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), with the support of the JEHT Foundation.

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/AGP.Net/Components/DocumentViewer/Download.aspx?DocumentID=1259>

Taking Stock: Housing, Homelessness, and Prisoner Reentry (2004)

Examines how those who have spent time in prison or jail fare in securing safe and affordable housing following their release and discusses housing programming and practice designed to assist them.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411096_taking_stock.pdf

From Locked Up to Locked Out: Creating and Implementing Post-Release Housing for Ex-Prisoners: A Training Resource for Community Organizations, (2005 Update)

Addresses the need to address homelessness among reentering ex-prisoners and strategies for providing post-release housing.

http://www.aidshousing.org/usr_doc/2005_From_Locked_Up_to_Locked_Out.pdf

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**Corporation for Supportive Housing Resource Center Information Page:
Supportive Housing for Ex-Offenders**

A list of resources providing an introduction to the topic of supportive housing for ex-offenders.

<http://csh.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&PageID=420>

Fortune Society

Staffed primarily by former prisoners, the site of a not-for-profit community-based organization dedicated to helping ex-offenders and educating the public about criminal justice issues.

<http://www.fortunesociety.org/>

National Alliance to End Homelessness Preventing Homelessness Among Reentering Prisoners Emerging Policies

Links to plans of strong housing plans in SVORI-funded states, identified by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/reentry>

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)

A housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans, particularly those with low- and moderate-incomes.

<http://www.nahro.org/index.cfm>

National Coalition for the Homeless

A national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, along with advocates, community- and faith-based service providers, committed to end homelessness.

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org>

National Housing Institute Housing Ex-Offenders

Information on the growing anxiety about how to house the large number of ex-offenders being released from state and federal prison each year, over 600,000 annually.

<http://www.nhi.org/online/issues/139/exoffenders.html>

Re-Entry Policy Council Housing Page

From the Report of the Reentry Policy Council, this page reports and recommends policies, programs, and practices related to housing for the reentering population.

http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbID=DB_PS19486

SUBSTANCE ABUSE**Select Publications*****The Consensus Project Report (2002)***

Authored by the Council of State Governments (CSG) and representatives of leading criminal justice and mental health organizations, the Report reflects the results of a series of meetings among 100 of the most respected criminal justice and mental health practitioners in the country.

http://consensusproject.org/the_report/

Families as a Resource in Recovery from Drug Abuse: An Evaluation of La Bodega de la Familia (2002), from the Vera Institute of Justice

Presents the results of a New York City-based experimental program, *La Bodega de la Familia*, designed to help drug abusers by helping their families.

http://www.vera.org/publications/publications_2c.asp?section_id=16&project_id=&sub_section_id=5&publication_id=163&publication_content_id=250

Federal Prison Residential Drug Treatment Reduces Substance Use and Arrests After Release

Federal prison residential drug treatment reduces substance use and arrests after release.

http://www.bop.gov/news/research_projects/published_reports/recidivism/search=%27Federal%20prison%20residential%20drug%20treatment%20reduces%20substance%20use%20and%20arrests%20after%20release%27

From Prison Safety to Public Safety: Innovations in Offender Reentry

From Bureau of Governmental Research, a three-phase reentry strategy described in this report addresses the old problem of community supervision failures directly.

http://www.bgr.umd.edu/pdf/May_2003_From_Prison.pdf

Unraveling "What Works" For Offenders in Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Taxman, F.S. 2001. Unraveling "what works" for offenders in substance abuse treatment services.

http://www.bgr.umd.edu/pdf/unraveling_what_works.pdf

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National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

Represents the interests of state alcohol and other drug agencies on matters of national policy.

<http://www.nasadad.org>

The National GAINS Center for People with Co-Occurring Disorders in the Justice System

GAINS was created in 1995 as a national focus for the collection and dissemination of information about effective mental health and substance abuse services for people with co-occurring disorders in contact with the justice system. Although designed primarily for reentry from jails, GAINS has developed a model for reentry that can have applicability elsewhere.

http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/flash/master_alternate.html

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Supports over 85 percent of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction and is working to ensure the rapid and effective transfer of scientific data to policy makers, drug abuse practitioners, other health care practitioners, and the general public.

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/>

Substance Abuse Treatment Systems

From the Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council website, ways to ensure the availability of effective substance abuse treatment services.

http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbID=DB_PS32117

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Works to improve the quality and availability of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services in areas of substance abuse and mental illnesses.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/>

The Consensus Project

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http://consensusproject.org/the_report/

MAPPING AND NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES

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Mapping Prisoner Reentry: An Action Research Guidebook (2005)

Information on how to understand and address prisoner reentry at the community level through mapping and analysis, with concepts and methods underlying the RMN so that other jurisdictions can learn in the interests of crafting more effective and successful reentry strategies.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411250_RMNguidebook.pdf

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Reentry Mapping Network (RMN)

A partnership among community-based organizations and the Urban Institute to create community change through the mapping and analysis of neighborhood-level data related to reentry and community well being.

<http://www.urban.org/projects/reentry-mapping/index.cfm>

An Explanation of Justice Mapping: Three Examples

From the Report of the Reentry Policy Council, provides examples and information about the vast majority of incarcerated people coming from and returning in concentration to a small set of inner-city neighborhoods.

http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbID=DB_AnExplanationofJusticeMapping:ThreeExamples100

VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

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Citizen Circles Embrace Ex-Offenders, Community

Citizen Circles is a model that involves many people in the successful reentry of ex-offenders, where corrections and parole officers, specialists, and trained laypeople work with returning offenders to ensure a more successful reentry.

http://www.ncjrs.gov/ccdo/in-sites/reentry_1.html

Weed and Seed/AmeriCorps*VISTA Reentry Initiative

The Community Capacity Development Office and the Corporation for National Service have entered into an agreement to support the development of a multicity prisoner reentry initiative with a focus in Weed and Seed communities. The purpose of the agreement is to reduce ex-offender recidivism and crime and to promote successful reentry.

http://www.ncjrs.gov/ccdo/in-sites/winter2005/reentry_1.html

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VISTA Reentry Online Course

The AmeriCorps*VISTA and Prisoner Reentry e-learning is a free interactive learning tool designed to assist private, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations-as well as federal, state, and local agencies-in applying to sponsor AmeriCorps*VISTA members to serve in community projects focused on prisoner reentry. The course is available through the Corporation for National and Community Service's Resource Center. You will need to create a login to access this e-learning course.

http://my.nationalservice.org/outstart_db/

Volunteers of America

Volunteers of America's corrections services help inmates and offenders rebuild their lives. The services provide the tools ex-offenders need to rejoin mainstream society, make positive contributions, and avoid future incarceration.

<http://voa.org/>

NATIONAL REENTRY INITIATIVES

President's Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative

Introduced by President Bush in his 2004 State of the Union Address, the Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative is designed to help strengthen urban communities and assist ex-prisoners re-entering the community through an employment-based program that incorporates housing, mentoring, job training, and other services.

<http://www.doleta.gov/PRI/>

Re-Entry National Media Outreach Campaign

To expand public awareness and dialogue, provide media-based resources, and work in partnership with key organizations engaged in local initiatives to strengthen families and neighborhoods. The campaign will facilitate discussion and decision-making about solution-based re-entry programs that foster public safety and support healthy communities. Products include video modules highlighting innovative programs across the country and a resource guide describing the issue, relevant research and promising practices.

<http://reentrymediaoutreach.org/>

Reentry Policy Academy

Facilitates the formation of a high-level inter-disciplinary work team (e.g., public safety, workforce, health and human services), under the governor's leadership and develops a vision, strategy, and work plan regarding re-entry. NGA selected teams from seven states to participate in its Policy Academy on re-entry and convenes a series of workshops for these state teams, which enables them to tap national expertise from "faculty members," share ideas, and learn from each others' efforts.

<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.1f41d49be2d3d33eacdcbbeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=6c239286d9de1010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD>

Ready4Work — A Business, Faith, Community & Criminal Justice Partnership

A three-year, \$22.5 million program to assist faith-based and community programs that provide mentoring and other transition services for men and women returning from prison. Ready4Work is jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Justice, and a consortium of private foundations.

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/Ready4Work.htmndations>

Serious and Violent Offender Re-Entry Initiative (SVORI)

SVORI is a comprehensive national effort which provides funding to develop, implement and enhance re-entry strategies that will ensure the safety of the community and the reduction of serious, violent crime. Over \$100 million has been awarded under this grant program to 68 sites, the vast majority of them state agencies. The Research Triangle Institute and the Urban Institute are conducting a multi-year comprehensive evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Re-Entry Initiative.

<http://www.reentry.gov/learn.html>

http://www.svori-evaluation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_home

Transition from Prison to the Community (TPCI)

A technical assistance effort of the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections to support state-level efforts to ensure the successful and crime-free transition of offenders as they complete their prison time and return to the community. The project seeks to bring together multiple stakeholders within the criminal justice system along with other agencies from the public and private sectors to work together to implement a model transition process.

http://www.nicic.org/WebPage_222.htm

Weed and Seed/AmeriCorps*VISTA Reentry Initiative

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http://www.ncjrs.gov/ccdo/in-sites/winter2005/reentry_1.html

FEDERAL AGENCIES ENGAGED IN REENTRY WORK

Links to Federal agencies involvement in reentry activities:

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

http://www.nationalservice.org/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=171

Department of Justice (DOJ)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10001&resourcename=Department%20of%20Justice%20\(DOJ\)&agency=DOJ](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10001&resourcename=Department%20of%20Justice%20(DOJ)&agency=DOJ)

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10012&resourcename=Department%20of%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20\(HHS\)&agency=HHS](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10012&resourcename=Department%20of%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20(HHS)&agency=HHS)

Department of Education (ED)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10013&resourcename=Department%20of%20Education%20\(ED\)&agency=ED](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10013&resourcename=Department%20of%20Education%20(ED)&agency=ED)

Department of Labor (DOL)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10014&resourcename=Department%20of%20Labor%20\(DOL\)%20&agency=DOL](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10014&resourcename=Department%20of%20Labor%20(DOL)%20&agency=DOL)

Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10015&resourceName=Department%20of%20Housing%20&%20Urban%20Development%20\(HUD\)%20&agency=HUD](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10015&resourceName=Department%20of%20Housing%20&%20Urban%20Development%20(HUD)%20&agency=HUD)

Social Security Administration (SSA)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10016&resourceName=Social%20Security%20Administration%20\(SSA\)%20&agency=SSA](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10016&resourceName=Social%20Security%20Administration%20(SSA)%20&agency=SSA)

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

[http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10017&resourceName=Department%20of%20Veterans%20Affairs%20\(VA\)%20&agency=VA](http://www.reentryresources.ncjrs.gov/index.cfm?event=federalResources&resourceid=10017&resourceName=Department%20of%20Veterans%20Affairs%20(VA)%20&agency=VA)

SELECT NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN REENTRY WORK

American Probation and Parole Association

<http://www.appa-net.org/>

Association of State Correctional Administrators

<http://www.asca.net/>

Corporation for National and Community Service

<http://www.cns.gov/>

Corporation for Supportive Housing

<http://www.csh.org/>

Council of State Governments

<http://www.csg.org/>

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

<http://www.nahro.org/index.cfm>

National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors

<http://www.nasadad.org/>

National Association of Workforce Boards

<http://www.nawb.org/>

National Center for State Courts

<http://www.ncsconline.org/>

National Crime Prevention Council

<http://www.ncpc.org/>

National Governor's Association

<http://www.nga.org/>

Police Executive Research Forum

<http://www.policeforum.org/>

Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/centersinstitutes/pri.asp>

The Urban Institute

<http://www.urban.org/>

The US Conference of Mayors

<http://www.usmayors.org/USCM/home.asp>

Electronic Newsletters and Listservs

Electronic newsletters are a quick, efficient way to receive information related to reentry issues. Links to subscribe to newsletters and listservs are provided.

Corporation for National and Community Service Reentry Listserv

Promotes discussion among national service programs around the topic of ex-offender reentry and shares promising practices, research, conference and training announcements, resources, and other pertinent updates around the topic of reentry.

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/resources/listservs/index.php#reentry>

Corporation for National and Community Service Monthly E-newsletter

Keep up with the latest news at the Corporation for National and Community Service Resource Center. Each month highlights information and resources that help programs funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/resources/newsletters/enewsletters/index.php>

Justice Policy Center E-Newsletter

The Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center sends quarterly announcements of publications and events related to prisoner reentry and other criminal justice issues.

<http://www.urban.org/about/signup.cfm>

JUSTINFO

Published by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), a biweekly electronic newsletter with links to full-text documents which covers new and emerging topics in the criminal justice field.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/subreg.html>

JUVJUST

Jodi's JUVJUST listserv provides information on juvenile justice and other youth service-related publications, funding opportunities, and events.

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/enevs/juvjust.html>

The Reentry CORE and MORE Update

From the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction department, information statewide and nationally on what is happening with reentry, information on books, websites, news, research and reports, training opportunities, and funding resources.

www.drc.state.oh.us/web/offenderreentry.htm

Reentry Media E-Newsletter

E-Newsletter is an electronic publication intended to inform stakeholders about news and events relating to the Reentry National Media Outreach Campaign. To subscribe, send e-mail request.

<http://www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/contactus.htm>

Re-Entry Policy Council Newsletter

This page presents archived copies of the electronic newsletter Re-Entry Policy Council, as well as subscription information to receive e-newsletter.

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/Registration.aspx>