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Introduction

This guide provides a list of resources for state and local governments, Indian tribes, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, and others interested in developing prisoner reentry initiatives that reflect evidence-based practices and lessons learned from the field. Many sections of this guide address issues that are frequently the focus of reentry efforts, such as education and literacy, employment, housing, mentoring, mental health, and substance abuse recovery. Other sections list resources that have been developed for particular audiences, such as law enforcement, state and local government, and community and faith-based partners. Each section includes three different types of resources: practical guides and tools, which provide “how-to” guidance on the particular subject; reference materials, which include statistical information and academic research; and websites of organizations that offer additional information. Many resources cut across several categories, and may be listed in more than one section.

This resource guide builds on the information detailed in the Report of the Reentry Policy Council, which was published in 2005. The Report includes policy statements and recommendations to promote the safe and successful return of individuals from prison or jail to the community. The Reentry Policy Council is a national project coordinated by the Council of State Governments Justice Center, a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. The Justice Center provides practical, nonpartisan advice and consensus-driven strategies, informed by available evidence, to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

The views expressed in the publications on this list are not necessarily the views of the Justice Center, and inclusion does not indicate endorsement. Though many resources in the field of reentry address issues or initiatives in particular states, they have been excluded from this guide, which is focused on resources that are national in scope. The Justice Center is developing a guide to reentry resources particular to each state, and that guide will be made available on the Reentry Policy Council website when completed. Because reentry initiatives are constantly emerging or expanding and research is ongoing, this guide will be updated at regular intervals. To suggest a resource that should be added to the guide, please email scainfo@csg.org.

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General Background


Starting a Reentry Initiative

**Practical Guides and Tools**


Assessments

**Practical Guides and Tools**


Children and Families

Practical Guides and Tools


**Reference Materials**


Other Resources:

Amachi Mentoring: http://www.amachimentoring.org/
Angel Tree: http://www.angeltree.org/
The Annie E. Casey Foundation: http://www.aecf.org/
Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents: http://www.e-ccip.org
Center for Law and Social Policy: http://www.clasp.org/
The Center for Strength-Based Strategies: http://www.buildmotivation.com/
Family & Corrections Network: http://www.fcnetwork.org/
Family Justice: http://www.familyjustice.org/
Foreverfamily: http://foreverfam.org/
Girl Scouts Beyond Bars: http://www.girlscouts.org/program/program_opportunities/community/gsbb.asp
National Association for Children of Incarcerated Parents: http://www.npjs.org/nacip.html
The Osborne Association: http://www.osborneny.org/
The Rebecca Project for Human Rights: http://www.rebeccaproject.org/
San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership: http://www.sfcipp.org
The Urban Institute: http://www.urban.org
U.S. Dream Academy: http://www.usdreamacademy.org
Women’s Prison Association: http://www.wpaonline.org/
Corrections-Based Reentry

**Practical Guides and Tools**


Developing Community and Faith-Based Partnerships

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


Reference Materials:


Other Resources:
Public/Private Ventures: www.ppv.org/ppv/community_fiath/community_fiath.asp
Reentry National Media Outreach Campaign: www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/index.html
U.S. Department of Labor, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: www.dol.gov/cfbc
Education and Literacy

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Correctional Education Association: [http://www.ceanational.org/](http://www.ceanational.org/)
Criminon International: [http://www.criminon.org/](http://www.criminon.org/)
Employment

Practical Guides and Tools:


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Alternative Staffing Alliance: altstaffing.org/
America Works, Inc.: www.americaworks.com/
The Annie E. Casey Foundation: www.aecf.org/
Center for Employment Opportunities: www.ceoworks.org
Center for Law and Social Policy: www.clasp.org/
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation: www.mott.org/
The Corps Network: www.corpsnetwork.org/
Economic Mobility Corporation: economicmobilitycorp.org
Goodwill Industries International: www.goodwill.org/
Heartland Alliance: www.heartlandalliance.org/
The Joyce Foundation: www.joycefdn.org/
National Association of Workforce Boards: www.nawb.org/
National Transitional Jobs Network: www-transitionaljobs.net/
Safer Foundation: www.saferfoundation.org/
Financial Obligations

**Practical Guides and Tools:**

  - Repaying Debts Online Guide: tools.reentrypolicy.org/repaying_debts/.


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Brennan Center for Justice: [www.brennancenter.org/content/section/category/fees_fines/](http://www.brennancenter.org/content/section/category/fees_fines/)
Center for Law and Social Policy: [www.clasp.org/](http://www.clasp.org/)
**Housing**

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


Reference Materials:


**Other Resources:**

Corporation for Supportive Housing: [www.csh.org/](http://www.csh.org/)


National Alliance to End Homelessness: [www.endhomelessness.org/](http://www.endhomelessness.org/)

National Housing Conference: [www.nhc.org/](http://www.nhc.org/)

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: [www.nlchp.org/](http://www.nlchp.org/)

National Low Income Housing Coalition: [www.nlihc.org/](http://www.nlihc.org/)

IDs and Benefits

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law: [www.bazelon.org/](http://www.bazelon.org/)
Center for Law and Social Policy: [www.clasp.org](http://www.clasp.org)
Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation: [www.kff.org/medicaid/index.cfm](http://www.kff.org/medicaid/index.cfm)
Legal Action Center: [www.lac.org/](http://www.lac.org/)
National Law Center of Homelessness and Poverty: [www.nlchp.org/index.cfm](http://www.nlchp.org/index.cfm)
Juvenile Reentry

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Annie E. Casey Foundation: www.aecf.org
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative: www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Pages/Default.aspx
- Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/PublicationsSeries/JDAPathways.aspx
Campaign for Youth Justice: www.campaign4youthjustice.org/
Center for the Promotion of Mental Health in Juvenile Justice (Columbia University): www.promotementalhealth.org/
Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice: www.cjci.org/
Chapin Hall Center for Children (University of Chicago): www.chapinhall.org/
Coalition for Juvenile Justice: www.juvjustice.org/
Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators: www.cjca.net/
Criminon International: www.criminon.org/
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids: www.fightcrime.org/
Juvenile Law Center: www.jlc.org/
National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice: www.ncmhjj.com/
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: www.ncjfcj.org/
- National Center for Juvenile Justice: [www.ncjj.org](http://www.ncjj.org)
- Reclaiming Futures: [www.reclaimingfutures.org/](http://www.reclaimingfutures.org/)

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: [ojjdp.ncjrs.org/](http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/)
U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Youth Services: [www.doleta.gov/youth_services/](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/)
Youth Law Center: [www.ylc.org/](http://www.ylc.org/)
Law Enforcement Resources

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**

International Association of Chiefs of Police: www.theiacp.org/
National Sheriffs’ Association: www.sheriffs.org/
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services: www.cops.usdoj.gov/
Police Executive Research Forum: www.policeforum.org/
Mental Health

Practical Guides and Tools:


Reference Materials:


Lamb, H. Richard, Linda E. Weinberger and Bruce H. Gross. "Community treatment of severely mentally ill offenders under the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system: A review." *Psychiatric Services* 50(7) (1999): 907-913. Available at: [psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/50/7/907](http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/50/7/907)


McNiel, Dale E., Renee Binder and Jo C. Robinson. “Incarceration associated with homelessness, mental disorder, and co-occurring substance abuse.” *Psychiatric Services* 56(7) (2005): 840-846. Available at: [psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/56/7/840](http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/56/7/840)


Roskes, Erik and Richard Feldman. “A collaborative community-based treatment program for offenders with mental illness.” *Psychiatric Services* 50(12) (1999): 1614-1619. Available at: [psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/50/12/1614](http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/50/12/1614).

Theriot, Matthew and Steven Segal. “Involvement with the criminal justice system among new clients at outpatient mental health agencies.” *Psychiatric Services* 56(2) (2005): 179-185. Available at: [psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/56/2/179](http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/abstract/56/2/179).

Ventura, Lois A., Charlene A. Cassel, Joseph E. Jacoby, and Bu Huang. "Case management and recidivism of mentally ill persons released from jail." *Psychiatric Services* 49 (10) (1998): 1330-1337. Available at: [psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/49/10/1330](http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/49/10/1330).


**Other Resources:**

- Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project: [consensusproject.org/](http://consensusproject.org/)
- Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law: [www.bazelon.org](http://www.bazelon.org)
- Mental Health America (formerly the National Mental Health Association): [www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness: [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)
- National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors: [www.nasmhpdp.org](http://www.nasmhpdp.org)
- National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare: [www.nccbh.org](http://www.nccbh.org)
- National GAINS Center: [gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/](http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/)
- National Institute of Mental Health: [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: [www.samhsa.gov/](http://www.samhsa.gov/)
  - National Mental Health Information Center: [mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/](http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/)
Mentoring

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Amachi Mentoring Program: www.amachimentoring.org
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America: www.bbbsa.org
National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth: www.ncfy.com/mcp/index.htm
National Mentoring Center: www.nwrel.org/mentoring/index.php
National Mentoring Partnership: www.mentoring.org
Prison Fellowship: www.prisonfellowship.org
Public/Private Ventures: www.ppv.org/ppv/mentoring.asp
Physical Health

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Centers for Disease Control - Correctional Health Resources: www.cdc.gov/correctionalhealth/
National Commission on Correctional Health Care: www.ncchc.org
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: www.rwjf.org/vulnerablepopulations/index.jsp
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: www.hhs.gov
Release and Supervision

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
International Community Corrections Association: [www.iccaweb.org](http://www.iccaweb.org)
National Institute of Corrections: [www.nicic.org/](http://www.nicic.org/)
The Urban Institute: [www.urban.org/](http://www.urban.org/)
  - Transition from Jail to Community Initiative: [www.urban.org/projects/tjc/](http://www.urban.org/projects/tjc/)
Sex Offenders

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
The Ally Foundation: [www.theallyfoundation.org](http://www.theallyfoundation.org)
American Correctional Association: [www.aca.org](http://www.aca.org)
American Probation and Parole Association: [www.appa-net.org](http://www.appa-net.org)
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers: [www.atsa.com](http://www.atsa.com)
California Coalition on Sexual Offending: [www.ccoso.org](http://www.ccoso.org)
Center for Sex Offender Management: [www.csom.org](http://www.csom.org)
Colorado Sex Offender Management Board: [www.dcj.state.co.us/odvsom/Sex_Offender/index.html](http://www.dcj.state.co.us/odvsom/Sex_Offender/index.html)
International Association for Chiefs of Police: [www.iacp.org](http://www.iacp.org)
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence: [www.naesv.org](http://www.naesv.org)
National Sexual Violence Resource Center: [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)
State and Local Government Resources

**Practical Guides and Tools:**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
The Corrections Connection: [www.corrections.com/](http://www.corrections.com/)
Crime and Justice Institute: [cjinstitute.org/](http://cjinstitute.org/)
National Association of Counties: [www.naco.org/](http://www.naco.org/)
National Conference of State Legislatures: [ncsl.org/](http://ncsl.org/)
National Governors Association: [www.nga.org/](http://www.nga.org/)
National League of Cities: [www.nlc.org/](http://www.nlc.org/)
U.S. Conference of Mayors: [www.usmayors.org/](http://www.usmayors.org/)
University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute: [www.uc.edu/corrections/](http://www.uc.edu/corrections/)
Substance Abuse

Practical Guides and Tools:


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
- Criminon International: [www.criminon.org/](http://www.criminon.org/)
- Institute of Behavioral Research (Texas Christian University): [www.ibr.tcu.edu/index.htm](http://www.ibr.tcu.edu/index.htm)
- National Association of Drug Court Professionals: [www.NADCP.org](http://www.NADCP.org)
- National Drug Court Institute: [www.NDCI.org](http://www.NDCI.org)
  - Criminal Justice-Drug Abuse Treatment Studies: [www.cjdats.org/](http://www.cjdats.org/)
- The Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment: [www.niatx.net](http://www.niatx.net)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration: [www.samhsa.gov/](http://www.samhsa.gov/)
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: [prevention.samhsa.gov/](http://prevention.samhsa.gov/)
  - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: [csat.samhsa.gov/](http://csat.samhsa.gov/)
- Treatment Research Institute: [www.tresearch.org/](http://www.tresearch.org/)
Victims’ Role in Reentry

Practical Guides and Tools:


Reference Materials:


Other Resources:
National Center for Victims of Crime: www.ncvc.org/
U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/
U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women: www.usdoj.gov/ovw/
VictimLaw: www.victimlaw.info/victimlaw/
Women & Reentry

**Practical Guides and Tools**


**Reference Materials:**


**Other Resources:**
Texas Woman’s University: [http://www.twu.edu/as/wcrim/](http://www.twu.edu/as/wcrim/)