



Reentry Resource Guide

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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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- Policy Statement 2: Developing a Knowledge Base, available at: www.reentrypolicy.org/Report/PartI/ChapterI-A/PolicyStatement2.
- Policy Statement 3: Incorporating Re-Entry into Organizations' Missions and Work Plans, available at: www.reentrypolicy.org/Report/PartI/ChapterI-B/PolicyStatement3.
- Policy Statement 4: Funding a Re-Entry Initiative, available at: www.reentrypolicy.org/Report/PartI/ChapterI-B/PolicyStatement4.
- Policy Statement 5: Promoting System Integration and Coordination, available at: www.reentrypolicy.org/Report/PartI/ChapterI-B/PolicyStatement5.
- Policy Statement 6: Measuring Outcomes and Evaluating Impact, available at: www.reentrypolicy.org/Report/PartI/ChapterI-B/PolicyStatement6.
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- Policy Statement 9: Development of Programming Plan, available at: www.reentrypolicy.org/Report/PartII/ChapterII-A/PolicyStatement9.
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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/>

Child Welfare League of America: <http://www.cwla.org>

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>

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Developing Community and Faith-Based Partnerships

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Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice: www.cjcj.org/

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