

## A Message for Leaders in Criminal Justice

As leaders in the field of criminal justice, you know that offender reentry has massive public safety implications. You understand the importance of breaking the pipeline and interrupting the cycle of individuals and generations caught in the juvenile and criminal justice system.

We all play an important role in helping both adult and juvenile ex-offenders take their place in our society as productive, law-abiding citizens. Helping them return successfully to their communities is essential to preventing crime. That's why the President established the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry, co-chaired by Attorney General Barr. Working under his strong leadership, I am blessed and proud to be the executive director. In this role, I am helping to lead a group of talented individuals from across the federal government who are working to make real and lasting changes in the landscape of services for ex-offenders.

That is why I want to inform you of the launch of an online [Reentry Resource Center](#) – a one-stop shop for information on crime prevention and reentry policies, programs and services. This is an important aspect of the Administration's efforts on reentry. The resources, which include guidance on best practices as well as access to training, technical assistance and funding, offer policymakers and community and public safety professionals the tools you need to help ex-offenders return to our communities. They also help ex-offenders themselves, as well as their families, through tips and testimonials designed to get them back on their feet.

I encourage you to check out the [Reentry Resource Center](#). Feel free to send me your feedback and to let me know how we can continue to support you in your vital work.

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