

Second Chance Act of 2007: Implementation and Planning Resources

[From Options to Action: A Roadmap for City Leaders to Connect Formerly Incarcerated Individuals to Work](#)

The report is designed to provide cities with a framework for implementing a more coordinated, intentional approach to reentry that will foster long-term solutions. It should be useful to cities at various stages, from early planning phases to more advanced collaborative efforts.

[Increasing Public Safety Through Successful Offender Reentry: Evidence-Based and Emerging Practices in Corrections](#)

This handbook is intended to inform, illustrate, and provide guidance to readers regarding a new vision for corrections that has, as its hallmark, promoting offender success as a key element for increasing public safety. Additionally, it provides agencies with the information, tools, and resources needed, as they work to increase the likelihood that offenders will be released from their care prepared to assume their active, vital, and law-abiding roles in the community.

[Life After Lockup: Improving Reentry from Jail to the Community](#)

Section 1 presents an overview of U.S. jails and the people who cycle through them. The section begins with a description of the varied characteristics, functions, organizational structures, and capacities of the 3,365 jails around the country. Section 2 examines a variety of ways that jurisdictions can address reentry from jail and identifies a series of opportunities on the jail-to-community continuum where reentry-focused interventions can make a difference. Section 3 profiles 42 jail transition efforts around the country, representing a diversity of approaches in a variety of settings. Most initiatives involve some type of jail-based intervention, community "in-reach," discharge planning, and community-based follow-up of two weeks to two years. All of the efforts involve jail-community partnerships with both public and private organizations, and many use volunteers and formerly incarcerated mentors.

[The Jail Administrator's Toolkit for Reentry](#)

Geared toward jail practitioners who are working to improve reentry in their jurisdictions, The Jail Administrator's Toolkit for Reentry provides key elements of the reentry process from jail staff issues and assessment screens to identifying community resources and coordinating stakeholders. The Toolkit also offers examples and materials taken from around the country to assist jail practitioners in developing reentry strategies that can serve a variety of jail populations, whether pretrial or sentenced, and in a variety of jail jurisdictions.

[Planning and Assessing a Law Enforcement Reentry Strategy](#)

The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center partnered with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), with support from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), to develop a report that focuses on law enforcement reentry strategies. Planning and Assessing a Law Enforcement Reentry Strategy integrates information on effective practices with an interactive assessment to form a toolkit for designing and evaluating reentry approaches involving law enforcement agencies.

[Prison Postsecondary Education: Bridging Learning from Incarceration to the Community](#)

This paper focuses on prison postsecondary education programming, which attempts to address factors that contribute to incarceration and assist with reintegration into society by providing credit and non-credit college-level courses to inmates before their release from prison. Specifically, it describes several postsecondary correctional education programs primarily offered by community colleges, including programs in California, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, and identifies both challenges and solutions in providing these services to inmates. The report also highlights program features that may improve reentry outcomes.

[Prisoner Reentry Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Organizations](#)

This document contains tips, examples, best practices, and sample forms to use in reentry services including recruiting, case management, employability and job placement, mentoring, and program evaluation garnered from its experience with Ready4Work projects.

[The Report of the Reentry Policy Council](#)

The target audience of this report is broad and diverse, paralleling the composition of the Reentry Policy Council. It addresses elected and appointed officials in government, but it also speaks to practitioners who work in criminal justice, health, mental health, substance abuse treatment, housing, and workforce development systems. Although policymakers and practitioners at the local, state, and federal levels of government are the primary audience, the information provided in this document should be equally valuable to researchers, advocates, and others interested in improving the transition people make from prison and jail to the community.