

REENTRY – WEBSITES

[Alston Wilkes Society](#)

The Alston Wilkes Society was founded in 1962 as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing rehabilitative services to adults released from correctional facilities. As an organization AWS extends a helping hand to those who are most at-risk and helps rebuild their lives through rehabilitation and prevention services. AWS was founded to provide services to adults who were being released from federal correctional facilities, and has grown to increase its service reach to include homeless veterans, at-risk families and disadvantaged and troubled youth.

[Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\) Justice Today](#)

The BJA Justice Today newsletter contains information on BJA grant Funding and is a portal to various Federal partner activities and reports and to websites such as the Council for State Government. A recent newsletter included topics on innovative criminal justice practices, leadership development and training; reentry courts; and pretrial risk assessment. Justice Today also provides links to current news and various BJA publications including the BJA Annual report to Congress. Current and past issues of the newsletter are available online.

[Community Oriented Policing Services](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) website provides a unique window into the issue of reentry as it is focused on the role of law enforcement in offender reentry. It is a portal to papers on crime mapping, leadership, and law enforcement reentry strategies using "problem solving approaches", community policing, and collaborations with other agencies. The website also links to the PBS Frontline movie "Released" which is focused on mentally ill offenders returning to the community.

[Correctional Industries: A Guide to Reentry-focused Performance Excellence](#)

The Reentry-Focused Performance Excellence Guide is specifically designed to empower each Correctional Industries organization, no matter the size or structure, to design and implement its program with an emphasis on maximizing system impact.

["Correctional Re-Entry Services." Volunteers of America](#)

A pioneer in Correctional Services for 119 years, the VOA "champions the humane treatment of prisoners." They provide services to help offenders successfully transition from prison to a productive life in the community and help rehabilitate adult offenders and steer youth to set new, positive directions for their lives. Their services include halfway houses and work-release programs, day reporting, diversion and pre-trial services, residential treatment, family supports, and dispute resolution and mediation services.

Crimesolutions.gov

Go to this website first if you are looking for “[r]esearch on program effectiveness reviewed and rated by Expert Reviewers [with] [e]asily understandable ratings based on whether a program achieves its goals.” Programs in the corrections and reentry field are divided into all, community corrections, inmate programs and treatment, recidivism, and reentry and release. In addition to corrections and reentry, the other broad topical areas are courts, crime and crime prevention, drugs and substance abuse, juveniles, law enforcement, technology and forensics, and victims and victimization.

[Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University](#)

Financial Peace University offers financial training designed to help offenders re-enter society. Too many offenders leave prison with little, if any, understanding of money management. This only makes it even more difficult for them to re-enter society with a solid foundation. Correctional institutions are beginning to combat this issue by offering Financial Peace University to offenders while they are in prison. As they learn the fundamentals of a healthy financial lifestyle, they become more equipped to manage their money when they leave the correctional facility—and less likely to return.

[Fair Shake Reentry Resource Center](#)

A wealth of information about how an ex-offender can transition successfully into the community can be found at this website. “Fair Shake is dedicated to reducing the recidivism rate through personal and community focused ownership and engagement opportunities for inmates and former felons in connection with families, employers, property managers, and corrections.” Points of entry include: Resource Directory; Reentry Toolkit; Information Center; about Fair Shake; getting involved; and Member Area.

[Federal Interagency Reentry Council](#)

In January 2011 Attorney General Eric Holder convened the inaugural meeting of the Interagency Reentry Council. The purpose of this group is to bring together numerous federal agencies to make communities safer, assist those returning from prison and jail in becoming productive, tax-paying citizens, and save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration. Substantial commitments were made as result of the meeting. The council also empowered staff—now representing 18 federal departments and agencies—to work towards a number of goals.

[Goodwill Industries International, Inc.](#)

This organization offers employment readiness training and job placement assistance. They believe that you can get a second chance. To begin, contact the Goodwill in your community and ask for an employment specialist. They understand that for people with criminal backgrounds there are many barriers to successful re-entry to public life, including drug dependency, serious illness, debt and limited work options. Just getting a second

chance may seem almost impossible at times. They offer services to men, women and youth who have served their time and are trying to get back on track.

["Justice Atlas of Sentencing and Corrections." Justice Mapping Center](#)

"The Justice Atlas is a corrections data driven, interactive mapping tool ... [It] is distinct from crime mapping in that it maps the residential patterns of populations who are admitted to prison and who return to their communities from prison each year; as well as those who are on parole or probation on any typical day." Statistics are provided per state (if given) for admissions rate, count, and expenditure, releases rate, count, and expenditure, parole rate and count, and probation rate and count. Highlights from the data show revocations to prison, cost centers, reentry disparities, and gender rates.

[Juvenile Justice Information Exchange \(JJIE\)](#)

In this section of the Resource Hub, you'll find an overview of key issues and reform trends relating to re-entry and aftercare. Within the key issues and reform trends sections, you will find helpful links as well as the most recent research, cutting-edge reforms, model policies, links to experts, and toolkits to take action.

[National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map](#)

Information about various reentry programs is provided via an interactive map of the United States. "The map, though not exhaustive, will seek to provide a place-based catalog of national initiatives and programs designed to reduce the recidivism rates of people returning from prison, jail, and juvenile facilities."

[The National Resource Center on Justice-Involved Women](#)

Community Reentry: was established to assist practitioners in understanding and applying the lessons learned from research, promising practices, and the insights of justice-involved women themselves, as practitioners strive to transform the criminal justice system into one that is more gender-responsive and ultimately more effective.

[National Reentry Resource Center](#)

Since its inception in 2009, the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC) has served as the primary source of information and guidance in reentry, advancing the use of evidence-based practices and policies and creating a network of practitioners, researchers, and policymakers invested in reducing recidivism.

[The Next Step: Cooperative of Felon Friendly Employers](#)

The Next Step brings together recently released federal and state felons (candidates) looking for work, the agencies and facilities that manage their post-release experience, and "felon-friendly" employers who appreciate the value these men and women can bring to the workplace. We manage the "Coffee" database -- the Cooperative of Felon Friendly Employers. This is the most comprehensive nationwide network of employers willing to hire ex-felons.

[Offender Reentry](#)

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) reentry efforts are highlighted on this website. This website begins with an overview of prisoner reentry, a discussion of the need for coordinated reentry services, and a brief look at the NIJ's reentry research portfolio. Additional links on the site are: evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI); evaluation of Second Chance Act Demonstration Projects; research on reentry and employment; publications on reentry, parole, and probation; related content about community corrections and recidivism; reentry trends in the U.S.; and audiovisual resources.

[Prisoner Reentry Institute](#)

This website will be a valuable resource for those people interested in effectiveness of reentry procedures and practices. Points of entry include: about PRI; current initiatives; occasional series events; publications/resources; contact information; and institute spotlights.

["Reentry." Center for Effective Public Policy](#)

Even as offenders transition to the community, a significant proportion of them return from the community to prison in fairly short order for new crimes or for violations of parole. As a result, in recent years, the correctional community has begun to focus on the challenge of helping a growing number of offenders make a safe transition from prison to the community. The Center for Effective Public Policy is committed to working with agencies around the country to bolster their efforts to not only maintain safe and secure institutions and encourage effective supervision practices, but also to equip offenders during and after their incarceration to be law-abiding once released. To this end, the Center has worked with dozens of jurisdictions on transition issues and has developed a number of written models, products, and curricula aimed at building staff and agency capacity to support successful reentry practices.

[The Reentry and Employment Project](#)

"The Reentry and Employment Project was developed to provide policymakers and practitioners with the resources and tools to improve reentry and employment outcomes for individuals with criminal histories. Policymakers across the political spectrum agree that for people released from prison or jail, employment can be the gateway to successful reentry. However, the barriers that millions of adults with criminal records face as they seek to enter the U.S. workforce are extensive and well documented. The Reentry and Employment Project was designed to help the corrections, reentry, and workforce development fields work together to address those barriers." This website provides access to: "Developing an Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategy"; "Addressing Barriers to Employment for Individuals with Criminal Records"; "Integrated Reentry and Employment

Strategies: Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Job Readiness”; and “Project Background and Acknowledgments”.

[“Re-entry.” Juvenile Justice Information Exchange \(JJIE\)](#)

The Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (JJIE) is the only publication covering juvenile justice and related issues nationally on a consistent, daily basis.

[“Reentry and Criminal Justice Resources.” Safer Foundation](#)

Safer’s mission is to reduce recidivism by supporting, through a full spectrum of services, the efforts of people with criminal records to become employed, law-abiding members of the community. Safer’s post-release employment and educational services include supportive services, retention services, market cultivation, youth empowerment programs, faith- and community based initiatives and housing initiatives.

[Reentry Policy Council](#)

The Reentry Policy Council (RPC), a project of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, was established in 2001 to assist state government officials grappling with the increasing number of people leaving prisons and jails to return to the communities they left behind. The RPC was formed with two specific goals in mind: To develop bipartisan policies and principles for elected officials and other policymakers to consider as they evaluate reentry issues in their jurisdictions. To facilitate coordination and information-sharing among organizations implementing reentry initiatives, researching trends, communicating about related issues, or funding projects.

[Reentry MythBusters](#)

Reentry MythBusters are fact sheets designed to clarify existing federal policies that affect formerly incarcerated individuals and their families in areas such as public housing, employment, parental rights, Medicaid suspension/termination, voting rights and more.

[“Reentry Programs.” Center for Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement, Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#)

Some recent reentry strategies employ comprehensive strategies focus on assessing offenders and tailoring reentry plans to individual offenders to enable them to become productive and law-abiding. Increasingly, reentry begins at the sentencing phase and continues post-release, with a particular focus on the continuity of care from prison to the community. It often involves a variety of agencies and groups that coordinate efforts to ensure that offenders receive needed services and appropriate levels of supervision. For example, reentry courts are specialized courts that target offenders released from prison/jail and use the authority of the court to promote offender accountability. They provide tailored responses to offenders including graduated sanctions, varied levels of supervision, and incentives.

[“RRC Contact Directory.” Federal Bureau of Prisons](#)

Contact information for Residential Reentry Centers nationwide.

[Urban Institute](#)

The Urban Institute is a first rate research and public policy organization. The Justice Policy Center focuses on the full spectrum of the criminal justice system, but of particular note is Urban Institute's work in the areas of offender re-entry from prison and jail; research on serious violent offenders (SVORI) and their focus on conducting cost-benefit analyses of various initiatives. In addition, Urban has advanced our understanding of crime mapping and continues to push the field forward in the areas of the role of family on reentry and the impact of offending on children and communities and houses the Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center. The Justice Policy Center (JPC) website has a library containing updated research on these and many other topics and the JPC Reentry newsletter, published monthly, contains links to recent presentations, publications and news related to the Urban Institute. The newsletter is available through a list-serve; contact jpcgeneral@lists.urban.org

[What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse](#)

This website provides access to research on the effectiveness of reentry programs and practices for practitioners and service providers seeking guidance on evidence-based reentry interventions. It is also a useful resource for researchers and others interested in reentry. Focus areas include brand name programs, employment, housing, and mental health. Other focus areas coming soon, so you want to keep checking back. Other points of entry to this site include: about the center; training and technical assistance; library; reentry facts; what works; and tools and resources.

