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Reentry Planning and Implementation Guide

Instructions for Second Chance Act Grantees

Purpose



- Help demonstration planning grantees plan a multidisciplinary, jurisdiction-wide reentry strategy to improve outcomes for individuals leaving prison or jail
 - Fulfill BJA's grant requirements
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- Identify the degree to which key reentry practices are in place in your jurisdiction
 - Inform your technical assistance plan
 - Prepare you to compete for implementation grant funding
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About the Guide



- *Starting point* to help you think about a comprehensive reentry strategy

Outcomes of the Guide



- Identify the priority areas to focus your planning efforts
- Communicate your progress with key stakeholders
- Identify new reentry strategies to pilot test

Instructions



- Get others involved (pp. 4-5)
 - Ask questions:
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 - www.NationalReentryResourceCenter.org
 - Send the completed guide to Angel
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Overview



- Section One: Establishing Collaborative Decision Making
 - Section Two: Assessing Current Practices
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Section 1



Section One: Establishing Collaborative Decision Making

- determine if you have the right people at the table to plan and oversee your reentry initiative
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Section 1



Section One: Establishing Collaborative Decision Making

- **Recidivism Reduction Goal:**

Identify your current recidivism rate and target a specific reduction in recidivism

EX. Reduce the rearrest rate from 65% to 60% in 12 months.



Section 2



Section Two: Assessing Current Practices

- Gauge the efficacy of your existing policies and practices that relate to reentry
 - Review RNR
 - Examine seven key decision points in your system
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Risk Reduction



- **Risk principle**. Focus supervision and services on the people most likely to commit crimes.
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Risk Reduction



- **Need principle.** Assess criminogenic needs and target those needs with treatment and interventions.
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Risk Reduction



- **Criminogenic needs**: Dynamic or *changeable* factors that contribute to the likelihood that someone will commit a crime.
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Risk Reduction



- **Responsivity**: Adapt interactions and services so that they enhance an individual's ability to learn and acquire new attitudes and skills.
 - **Maximize a person's ability to learn!**
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7 Decision Points

- The checklists are organized around seven “decision points” or events in the reentry process that present opportunities to collaborate and improve the likelihood of safe and successful reentry.

7 Decision Points



Phase	Decision Point	Description
Institutional	1. Assessment & Classification	Measure the offender's risks, needs, and strengths.
	2. Behavior & Programming	Assign interventions to reduce risk, address need, and build on strengths.
Transition	3. Release Preparation	Develop strong, public safety-conscious release plans.
	4. Release Decision Making	Improve release guidelines.
Community	5. Supervision & Services	Provide flexible and firm supervision and services.
	6. Revocation Decision Making	Using graduated sanctions to respond to behavior.
	7. Discharge & Aftercare	Determine community responsibility for the case.

7 Decision Points



- **Decision Point #1: Assessment and Classification**
- **Goal:** To establish a comprehensive, standardized, objective, and validated intake tool and procedure that can be used to assess an individual's strengths, risks, and needs upon his or her admission to the correctional facility.
- Council of State Governments, Re-Entry Policy Council, *Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council: Charting the Safe and Successful Return of Prisoners to the Community*, pp. 110–140. www.reentrypolicy.org

Checklists

KEY: 1 = not implemented / 3 = partially implemented / 5 = fully implemented

1	2	3	4	5	Policy and Performance Expectations
					A validated risk/needs assessment instrument is used for all individuals at intake.
					The assessment instrument measures risk of recidivism.

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