

CRIME PREVENTION AND REENTRY

a holistic approach

To further improve public safety, we should aim not only to prevent crime in the first place, but also to provide those who have engaged in criminal activity with greater opportunities to lead productive lives. The Federal Government can assist in breaking this cycle of crime through a comprehensive strategy that addresses a range of issues.

-- From the March 7, 2018 Executive Order establishing the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and improving Reentry

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE FOLLOWING TO PREVENT CRIME & IMPROVE REENTRY

- Signed the First Step Act of 2018, including reauthorization of the Second Chance Act, to enact reforms to bring about a fairer U.S. justice system and help inmates reenter society successfully.
- Launched the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry, which comprises the White House and 11 federal agencies, to "provide those who have engaged in criminal activity with greater opportunities to lead productive lives."
- Created the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice to explore issues that most impact the reduction of crime, including a focus on social issues and reentry.

AND TO REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES

- Established Opportunity Zones, through the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, to bring economic growth and jobs to low-income communities by incentivizing long-term investments.
- Created the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council to help coordinate Opportunity Zones and other strategies in distressed communities plagued by high poverty levels, failing schools and scarce jobs.

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Second chances are possible only through a network of people who believe in themselves and others, former inmates determined to improve their lives, judges and public servants dedicated to reducing recidivism, and families and community members willing to lend their support to people striving to triumph over their past mistakes.

-- President Donald Trump

Beginning today, inmates will have even greater incentive to participate in evidence-based programs that prepare them for productive lives after incarceration. This is what Congress intended with this bipartisan bill. The First Step Act is an important reform to our criminal justice system, and the Department of Justice is committed to implementing the Act fully and fairly.

-- Attorney General William P. Barr

Former offenders are ultimately responsible for their own successes and failures, but our criminal and juvenile justice systems have an important role to play in preparing them for the obstacles that lie before them.

-- Katharine T. Sullivan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs

The Federal Government's plan is to engage communities and citizens in this vital work.

WHO

State, local, and tribal governments, juvenile and criminal justice systems, and community-based organizations. Educators, employers, substance use and mental health providers, law enforcement, housing authorities, and many other groups play a key part in efforts and initiatives to prevent crime and improve opportunities for success in the community before and after release from incarceration.

WHAT

The Federal Government offers grants, training and technical assistance, mentorship and learning opportunities for communities, information and implementation tools on evidence-based and promising practices, and many other resources to support this work.

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Effective reentry is a serious public safety responsibility and a solemn moral obligation premised on the belief that no one is beyond redemption. Let us work together, in a spirit of justice and compassion, to ensure that all citizens are able to reclaim their place in our society.

-- Pastor Tony Lowden, Executive Director
Federal Interagency Council on Crime
Prevention and Improving Reentry

HOW TO START

The Reentry Resource Center is a one-stop shop on recent news, topics and resources related to crime prevention and reentry. It enables anyone to browse for information and available federal funding. Here are examples of available opportunities:

- The Second Chance Act, which supports funding through the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs, such as reentry services for youth previously involved in gangs.
- Second Chance Pell, which supports Department of Education programs to provide education opportunities for incarcerated students.
- Department of Labor's Federal Bonding Program and other funding to support employment.
- Justice Department's CrimeSolutions.gov, a clearinghouse that assesses whether programs achieve their goals.
- Department of Housing and Urban Development's strategies to revitalize communities through tax incentives and investments in housing in distressed areas.
- Department of Agriculture's investments in infrastructure and economic development in rural areas.
- Department of Health and Human Services programs to help communities prevent and address physical and mental health, and gaps in treatment for substance use.

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