

The Second Chance Act & the National Reentry Resource Center

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The Second Chance Act

- Public Law 110-199 signed into law on April 8, 2008
- Authorizes \$165 million for prisoner reentry programs in fiscal years 2009 and 2010
- Creates a National Reentry Resource Center
- Purpose: to help states and communities reduce recidivism



Second Chance Programs

1. State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects (Section 101)
2. State, Tribal and Local Reentry Courts (Section 111)
3. Prosecution Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison Programs (Section 112)
4. Grants for Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment (Section 113)
5. Grants to Evaluate and Improve Education at Prisons, Jails, and Juvenile Facilities (Section 114)
6. Technology Careers Training Demonstration Grants (Section 115)
7. Offender Reentry Substance Abuse Treatment (Section 201)
8. Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations (Section 211)
9. Responsible Reintegration of Offenders (Section 212)*
10. Federal Reentry Initiative
11. Reentry Research

* Section 212 is a Department of Labor grant program. The rest are Department of Justice programs.

Funding Status

- FY2009 – \$25 million provided for Second Chance grant programs in the Department of Justice
- FY2010 – \$100 million provided for Second Chance grant programs in the Department of Justice
- FY2011 – President Obama requested \$100 million for Second Chance grant programs in the Department of Justice

FY 2009 Funded Programs

1. State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects - \$15 million
2. *State, Tribal and Local Reentry Courts*
3. *Prosecution Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison Programs*
4. *Grants for Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment*
5. *Grants to Evaluate and Improve Education at Prisons, Jails, and Juvenile Facilities*
6. *Technology Careers Training Demonstration Grants*
7. *Offender Reentry Substance Abuse Treatment*
8. Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations - \$10 million
9. Responsible Reintegration of Offenders - \$20 million
10. *Federal Reentry Initiative*
11. *Reentry Research*

FY 2010 Funded Programs

1. State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects - \$37 million
2. State, Tribal and Local Reentry Courts - \$10 million
3. *Prosecution Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison Programs*
4. Grants for Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment - \$7.5 million
5. Grants to Evaluate and Improve Education at Prisons, Jails, and Juvenile Facilities - \$2.5 million
6. Technology Careers Training Demonstration Grants - \$5 million
7. Offender Reentry Substance Abuse Treatment - \$13 million
8. Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations - \$15 million
9. Responsible Reintegration of Offenders - \$20 million
10. Federal Reentry Initiative - \$14 million
11. Reentry Research - \$10 million

State and Local Reentry Demonstration Grants (Section 101)

- Authorizes grants to **state and local governments** and **federally recognized Indian tribes** that may be used for demonstration projects to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of individuals who have been incarcerated
- Program administered by the Department of Justice

State and Local Reentry Demonstration Grants (Section 101)

- \$10 million was available in FY2009 and 20 grants were awarded
 - 15 adult reentry demonstration grants were awarded
 - 5 juvenile reentry demonstration grants were awarded
- \$37 million is available in FY2010
 - Applications were due on March 4, 2010

Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations (Section 211)

- Authorizes grants to **nonprofit organizations** and **Indian tribes** for the purpose of providing mentoring and other transitional services essential to reintegrating individuals released from prisons or jails into the community
- Program administered by the Department of Justice

Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations (Section 211)

- \$10 million was available in FY2009
 - 36 adult mentoring grants were awarded
 - 11 juvenile mentoring grants were awarded
- \$15 million is available in FY2010
 - Applications for adult mentoring grants were due on March 18, 2010
 - Applications for juvenile mentoring grants are due on April 27, 2010 – solicitation is available at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SecondChanceActMentoring.pdf>

Responsible Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (Section 212)

- Authorizes grants to **nonprofit organizations** for the purpose of providing mentoring, job training and job placement services, and other comprehensive transitional services to assist eligible offenders in obtaining and retaining employment
- Program administered by the Department of Labor

State, Tribal, and Local Reentry Courts (Section 111)

- Authorizes grants to state, tribal, and local courts, and public agencies or non-profit organizations that have agreements with courts to establish reentry court programs
- \$10 million available in FY2010

Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment (Section 113)

- Authorizes grants to states, local governments, territories and Indian tribes to
 - develop, implement, and expand comprehensive and clinically-appropriate family-based substance abuse treatment as an alternative to incarceration for nonviolent parent drug offenders; and
 - provide prison-based family treatment programs for incarcerated parents of minor children.
- \$7.5 million available in FY2010

Grants to Evaluate and Improve Education at Prisons, Jails, and Juvenile Facilities (Section 114)

- Authorizes grants to states, local governments, territories, Indian tribes, and other public and private entities to –
 - Evaluate methods to improve academic and vocational education in facilities
 - Identify best practices re: academic and vocational education
 - Improve academic and vocational education programs
- \$2.5 million available in FY2010

Technology Careers Training Demonstration Grants (Section 115)

- Authorizes grants to states, local governments, territories, and Indian tribes to provide technology career training to prisoners during the three-year period prior to their release from prison, jail, or juvenile facility
- \$5 million is available in FY2010

Reentry Substance Abuse & Criminal Justice Collaboration (Section 201)

- Authorizes grants to states, local governments, territories and Indian tribes for the purposes of:
 - improving the provision of drug treatment to offenders in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities; and
 - reducing the use of alcohol and other drugs by long-term substance abusers during the period in which they are incarcerated or on parole or court supervision.
- \$13 million available in FY2010

Summary Chart

Section	Maximum Amount Authorized	FY2009 Final	FY2010 Final
101 (State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects)	\$55 million	\$15 million	\$37 million
111 (State, tribal, and local reentry courts)	\$10 million		\$10 million
112 (Prosecution drug treatment alternative to prison programs)	\$10 million		
113 (Grants for family-based substance abuse treatment)	\$10 million		\$7.5 million
114 (Grants to evaluate and improve education at prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities)	\$5 million		\$2.5 million
115 (Technology Careers Training Demonstration Grants)	\$10 million		\$5 million
201 (Offender reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration)	\$15 million		\$13 million
211 (Mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations)	\$15 million	\$10 million	\$15 million
212 (Responsible Reintegration)	\$20 million	\$20 million	
231 (Federal Prisoner Reentry Initiative)	\$5 million		
245 (Research)			\$10 million
TOTAL	\$165 million	\$25 million	\$100 million

Eligible Applicants

- Sec. 101: states, local government, territories, Indian tribes
- Sec. 111: courts, states, municipalities, nonprofits that have agreements with courts
- Sec. 112: prosecutors
- Sec. 113: states, local government, territories, Indian tribes
- Sec. 114: states, local government, territories, Indian tribes, “other public and private entities”
- Sec. 115: states, local government, territories, Indian tribes
- Sec. 201: states, local governments, territories, Indian tribes
- Sec. 212: nonprofit organizations

Getting Involved

- Sign the National Support Letter in support of full funding for the Second Chance Act in FY2010
 - Email lkane@csg.org by March 26, 2010 to sign on
- Ask your Senators and Representative to support the Second Chance Act



the NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

- Authorized by the Second Chance Act and administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
- Provides education, training, and technical assistance to states, tribes, territories, local governments, service providers, non-profit organizations, and corrections institutions working on prisoner reentry

Objectives

- Provide a one-stop, interactive source of current, user-friendly reentry information.
- Identify, document, and promote evidence-based practices.
- Deliver individualized, targeted technical assistance to the Second Chance Act grantees.
- Advance the reentry field through training, distance learning, and knowledge development.

Training and Distance Learning

- Website
(www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org)
- Webcasts and Webinars
- Libraries

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WELCOME TO THE National Reentry Resource Center

The Resource Center, established by the Second Chance Act, provides assistance to the prisoner reentry field. We provide education, training, and technical assistance to states, tribes, territories, local governments, service providers, nonprofit organizations, and corrections agencies working on prisoner reentry.



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- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Substance Abuse
- ▶ Juveniles
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Starting a Reentry Initiative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ CSG Justice Center Announces New Deputy Director
- ▶ Solicitation Released for Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative

What's New?

- ▶ Solicitation Released for Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative
- ▶ Watch recording of "Juvenile Reentry in Concept and Practice" webinar [↗](#)
- ▶ Second Chance Act Mentoring Grantee Profiled in *New York Nonprofit Press* [↗](#)

Reentry in the Media

- ▶ *Daily Record* (MD) — Opponents back goals of juvenile health care bill, but not its cost
- ▶ *Wall Street Journal* — More Ex-Cons on the Streets, Fewer Jobs
- ▶ *Fox41* (KY) — Ex-offenders get a second chance



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Second Chance Act

Signed into law on April 9, 2008, the Second Chance Act (P.L. 110-199) was designed to improve outcomes for people returning to communities from prisons and jails. This first-of-its-kind legislation authorizes federal grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victims support, and other services that can help reduce recidivism.

2010 Second Chance Act Solicitations

► [OJJDP FY 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative](#),  U.S. Department of Justice

- On March 11, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice, released the solicitation for the OJJDP FY10 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative. Funding under this solicitation is available to help state and local government agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, public universities and colleges, and nonprofit organizations provide mentoring and transitional services to juveniles returning from correctional facilities. **The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. ET on April 27, 2010.**

► [Second Chance Act Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations FY 2010 Competitive Grant Announcement](#),  U.S. Department of Justice

- On January 19, 2010, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice, released the solicitation for Second Chance Act mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations (Section 211). Funding under this section is available to help nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes implement mentoring projects to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of adults who have been incarcerated. **APPLICATIONS WERE DUE ON MARCH 18, 2010.**
- On February 5, 2010, the National Reentry Resource Center hosted a webinar for nonprofit organizations planning to apply for a Second Chance Act mentoring grant. To view a recorded version of the webinar [click here](#).  To download the PowerPoint presentation used in this webinar, [click here](#). 
- For a brief fact sheet about the adult mentoring grant program, [click here](#). 



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Starting a Reentry Initiative

Starting a reentry initiative can be a daunting task. The overall scope of reentry can overwhelm and paralyze a government official, community leader or advocate who is eager to improve prisoner reentry in their community. A critical first step is getting the right people together to assess the problem and collecting the right information to inform your strategy. In some jurisdictions, this may mean convening people for the first time and realizing that some key data have never been tracked, whereas in other jurisdictions, it may mean identifying several existing state and local reentry initiatives, determining their relationship to each other and whether they need to be restructured, and learning from research already collected.

A few of the critical steps include:

1. Encouraging Collaboration among Stakeholders

The first step to developing a reentry initiative must be getting the appropriate people to the table and eliciting a commitment to working together on a particular aspect of the issue. [More...](#) [RPC](#)

a. Recognize the complexities of the different systems.

Before getting representatives of these groups to the table, it is important to be familiar with the culture, funding, philosophy, service-delivery structure, and oversight of each system. [More...](#) [RPC](#)

b. Identify key stakeholders and engage them in a discussion regarding reentry.

Determining who to engage, when a jumble of groups, individuals, and organizations has a stake in reentry in each state, city or county, is likely to be particularly vexing. [More...](#) [RPC](#)

c. Define the scope of the problem.

Convening a broad range of stakeholders to diagnose existing problems regarding prisoner reentry is an essential first step to launching a reentry initiative. [More...](#) [RPC](#)

2. Developing a Knowledge Base

Once the appropriate decision makers are convened, the next step is to build a knowledge base about the people affected by reentry, the inventory of community resources available to meet individual and communal needs and to ensure safety, and the laws and policies that govern aspects of reentry in their particular jurisdiction. [More...](#) [RPC](#)

a. Understand who is being released from prison.

In order to design and implement reentry initiatives that meet the needs of returning prisoners, as well as the public safety concerns of the communities at risk, policymakers must identify the characteristics of the reentry population. [More...](#) [RPC](#)

b. Identify what state and local policies influence and govern re-entry.

Developers of reentry initiatives should become familiar with local laws, regulations, and various agencies!

Topic - Starting a Reentry Initiative

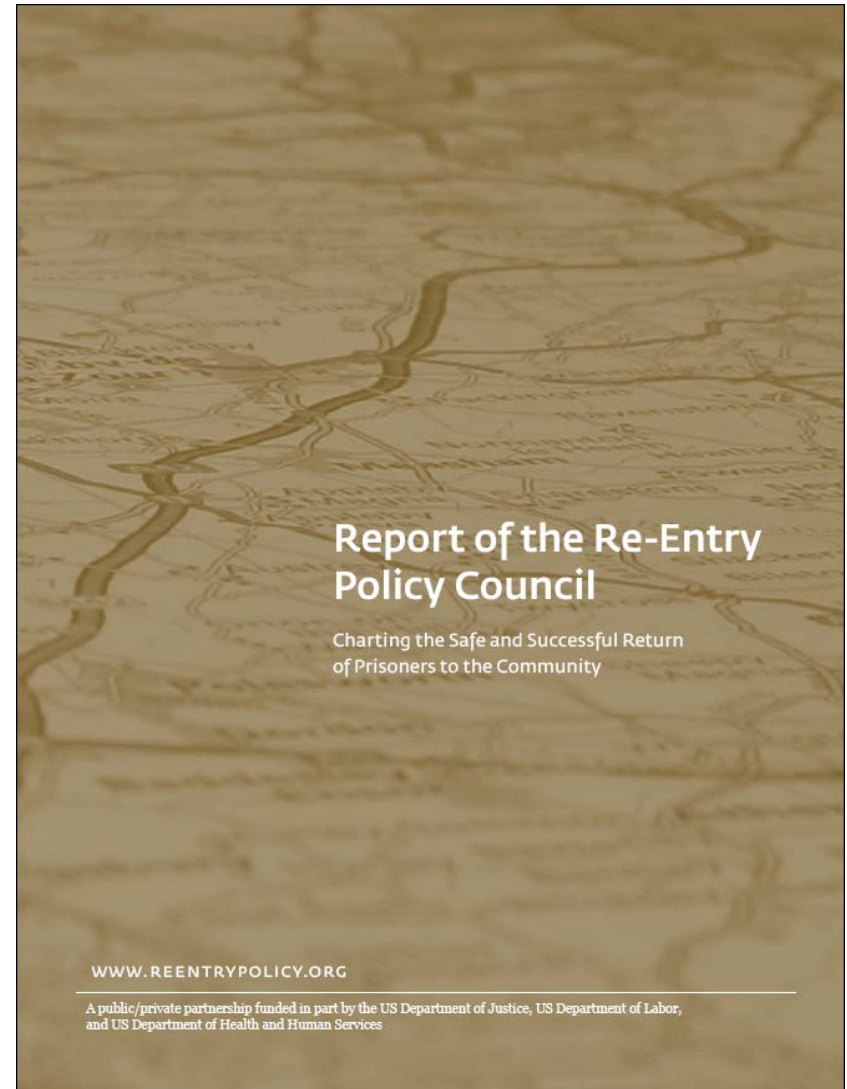
- [Ready4Reentry: Prisoner Reentry Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives](#), U.S. Department of Labor (2006)
This toolkit, based on the Ready4Work model, is a promising practices guide for small to medium sized faith-based and community organizations interested in starting or bolstering their reentry efforts.
- [Reentry Mapping Network \(RMN\)](#), The Urban Institute
The Reentry Mapping Network is a nationwide partnership between the Urban Institute and organizations in 15 cities working to map and analyze prisoner reentry and related issues in their communities. The website provides information on reentry mapping and the RMN, along with resources and sample maps for anyone interested in developing a reentry mapping project.
- [Reentry Partnerships: A Guide for States & Faith-Based and Community Organizations](#), Council of State Governments Justice Center (2008)
Faith-based and community organizations provide critical reentry services in prisons and jails and have extensive networks to link people to resources that can help them reenter communities in positive ways. This guide provides recommendations to improve collaboration between government agencies and faith-based and community organizations.

Resources and Tools

Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council

Available at

www.reentrypolicy.org



Getting Involved

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