About the National Reentry Resource Center

The National Reentry Resource Center, established by the Second Chance Act (Public Law 110-199) and administered by 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. The Center is operated by the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

Services for the Field

Training and Distance Learning.
Offer monthly webinars and webcasts on key topics and strategies in reentry program delivery and policies. The National Reentry Resource Center will also convene national training and technical assistance events to facilitate peer-to-peer networking and to provide practical tools for developing, implementing and sustaining an effective reentry initiative.

What Works Collection.
Working with the Urban Institute and the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, the Center will collect lessons learned from practitioners and policymakers, conduct an extensive review of published works, and establish a “what works” library. The Resource Center will also develop a national research agenda that will highlight what remains unknown and what research questions should be prioritized.

Connection to reentry community and peer-to-peer information exchange.
Feature discussion forums that allow peer-to-peer information exchange and offer subscriptions to a monthly newsletter that provides new publications, funding and training opportunities, and event announcements.

Second Chance Act grantee assistance.
Deliver to SCA grantees intensive, targeted technical assistance that includes making instructional presentations, strategic planning, analyzing program design or implementation, reviewing data collection strategies, or providing other forms of project development support.
Features

**Library.** Searchable, web-based clearinghouse that consolidates and organizes current information relevant to reentry. Search policy guides, publications, tools and other reentry materials according to where you work (e.g., community organization or corrections agency) or by topic (e.g., employment or housing).

**Reentry Programs Database.** Online database of reentry programs that catalogs adult and juvenile reentry programs nationwide. Create a program profile or search for other innovative reentry initiatives from across the country.

**Information for Returning Individuals and Families.** Online portal to existing state and local service directories. Find your statewide or local social services directory.

**What Works Collection.** Searchable database of evidence-based practices from the field.

Who Are We?

The National Reentry Resource Center is a project of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, with key project partners: the Urban Institute, Association of State Correctional Administrators, and the American Probation and Parole Association. The Center is also guided by an Advisory Board, which helps coordinate support and services for Second Chance Act grantees and the reentry field.

About the Second Chance Act

The Second Chance Act was designed to improve outcomes for people returning to the community from prisons and jails. Signed into law on April 9, 2008, the Second Chance Act 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.

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The Second Chance Act and the National Reentry Resource Center
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
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
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 awarded
  - 5 juvenile reentry demonstration grants awarded:
    - San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
    - Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice
    - Baltimore City Health Department
    - Oregon Youth Authority
    - South Dakota Department of Corrections
$37 million was available in FY2010 and 66 grants were awarded

- 52 adult reentry demonstration grants were awarded
- 14 juvenile reentry demonstration grants were awarded
2010 Juvenile Demonstration Grants

- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Indiana Department of Corrections
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (MN)
- Los Angeles County, CA
- North Dakota Department of Corrections
- Oakland County, MI
- City of Oakland, CA
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- Sac and Fox Nation (OK)
- Sacramento County, CA
- New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety
- State of Oklahoma
- Texas Youth Commission
- Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice
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 to nonprofit organizations in:
    - Delaware
    - Jacksonville, Florida
    - Cobb County, Georgia
    - Des Moines, Iowa
    - Benton Harbor, Michigan
    - Indianapolis, Indiana
    - New Orleans, Louisiana
    - Shreveport, Louisiana
    - Sullivan County, New Hampshire
    - Buffalo, New York
    - San Antonio, Texas
Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations (Section 211)

- $15 million was available in FY2010
  - 50 adult mentoring grants were awarded
  - 9 juvenile mentoring grants were awarded:
    - Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest (OR)
    - Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley (TN)
    - Child and Family Services of New Hampshire
    - Girls and Gangs (CA)
    - Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force
    - San Juan County Partnership (NM)
    - Texas A&M University—Commerce
    - YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis (MN)
    - Young Adult Guidance Center (GA)
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 was available in FY2010, and 9 grants were awarded
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 was available in FY2010, and 23 grants were awarded
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 was available in FY2010 and one award was made
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 was available in FY2010 and 7 awards were made
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
Reentry Substance Abuse & Criminal Justice Collaboration (Section 201)

- $13 million was available in FY2010 and 22 awards were made, including four serving juvenile populations:
  - Alabama Department of Mental Health
  - Circuit Court of Cook County, IL
  - Orange County, FL
  - Ohio Department of Youth Services
2009 Second Chance Act Grantees
2010 Second Chance Act Grantees
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• 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**
  - Monday, November 1st: Identifying and Engaging Reentry Mentors for Justice-Involved Youth
Welcome to the National Reentry Resource Center

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Popular Topics
- Housing
- Substance Abuse
- Juveniles
- Employment
- Starting a Reentry 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 second chance

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