



Municipal Reentry Leaders Network

The Municipal Reentry Leaders Network (MRLN) encourages adoption of promising, evidence-based practices, embedding and expanding reentry services and support via policy and budgets, and measuring results. This unique collaborative of city-led reentry center directors, as well as leaders from community-based organizations, returning citizens and higher education reentry initiatives from across the country provides ongoing engagement for municipalities to achieve these goals to increase public safety for all.

Network Context

Building off the momentum from the release of NLC's landscape analysis and recommendations brief, [The Challenge and Promise of Reentry](#), the network aims to assist municipalities in identifying opportunities in the reentry field. Members will be provided the ability to learn and collaborate with local leaders who have implemented promising programming that has expanded support to people transitioning home from the carceral system.

Benefits



Learn about promising reentry approaches in other jurisdictions



Track federal policy developments & budget trends



Connect regularly with fellow reentry program leaders and those with lived experience



Collaborate across working groups around reimagined approaches to reentry



Obtain referrals to and hear from experts



Cross-connect and align reentry initiatives with other public safety initiatives

Call to Action

As jail and prison populations decrease, many citizens are returning home without the support they need to make a successful transition back into their communities. As cities reimagine public safety, local leaders who are grappling with how to deal with the many social inequities that exist recognize that good reentry policy is good public safety policy. Local budget adjustments, the passage of the [American Rescue Plan](#), and the promise of the [American Jobs Plan](#), all provide opportunities to [reimagine what public safety looks like in cities](#). MRLN provides support to ensure that all returning citizens are included in the movement toward an equitable society.

Acknowledgement

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Join Us!

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