Public/Private Ventures

Federal Reserve Bank
Prisoner Reentry
Prison Crisis

- 2,258,983 prisoners were held in Federal or State prisons or in local jails – an increase of 2.9% from yearend 2005;
- 3.2 percent of the U.S. adult population, or 1 in every 31 adults, was in the nation’s prisons or jails or on probation or parole at the end of 2006;
- 650,000 released from state prison annually;
- 60 billion dollar industry (annually);
- Census Counts
Pathways of Release

Pathways of Return from Incarceration to Workforce

Prison

Jail

Streams of Release

Barriers to Reentry

Release

Reintegration

Rearrest & Recarceration

Connection to Reentry Services

No Support Systems

Court Costs, Fees & Fines

Child Support

Low Education & Skill Levels

Mental Illness

No Gov't ID

No Housing

Addiction

Child Custody & Parent Alienation Issues

Unemployment

Negative Peer Influences

No Correctional Control

Pardon

Probation

Halfway House

Connection to Reentry Services

Child Custody & Family Reunification Issues

Poor Physical Health

Unemployment

Mental Illness

Pardon

Probation

Halfway House
Race & State Imprisonment

- 3,042/100,000 black male prisoners (2006)
- 1,261/100,000 Hispanic male prisoners
- 487/100,000 white male prisoners
Prisoner Characteristics

• 40 percent of inmates in state and federal prisons have neither a high school diploma nor a GED.

• 31 percent of state inmates have a “physical impairment or mental condition.”

• 57 percent report that they used drugs in the month before their arrest.
Jail Populations

• In 2006, 4.8% of black men were in prison or jail, compared to 1.9% of Hispanic men and 0.7% of white men.

• Between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, the number of persons held in local jails increased 2.5% to reach 766,010 inmates.
Work

• Low employment & earnings prior to incarceration
• Employment & earnings reduced by incarceration (20-30%, 10-30% respectively)
• between 21 and 38 percent of prisoners were unemployed just prior to being incarcerated
• Between one-third and two-thirds of inmates reported personal income of less than $1,000 in the month prior to their arrest
Pathway to Incarceration

Diagram #2

LOW EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT & PROFICIENCY
Poor Quality Schools
Delinquency
No High School Completion
Learning Differences (ADHD)
Lack of After School Programs
Low Literacy
Low Numeracy
Poor Nutrition

UNEMPLOYMENT and UNDEREMPLOYMENT
Minimal or No Hard & Soft Skills
Low Wage Jobs
Employer Discrimination
Health Issues
Transportation Issues
Regulatory Barriers/Liability

POVERTY & DISENFRANCHISEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
Depression
Anxiety
Otherundiagnosed psychiatric disorders

POOR HEALTH & HEALTHCARE
Lack of Access
No Insurance
Asthma
Obesity
Diabetes
HIV/AIDS
Other STDs
Heart Disease

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Alcohol
Tobacco
Cocaine
Heroin
Marijuana
Methamphetamine
Prescription Drugs

ARREST
Crime
Substance Abuse
Mental Health Issues
Parole & Probation Violations

INCARCERATION
Jail
Prison
Juvenile Detention Facilities

POVERTY & DISENFRANCHISEMENT

FRACUTRED FAMILIES
Crime & Violence
Death
Incarceration
Separation & Divorce

POVERTY & DISENFRANCHISEMENT

FAMILIES
Crime & Violence
Death
Incarceration
Separation & Divorce

POVERTY & DISENFRANCHISEMENT

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POVERTY & DISENFRANCHISEMENT
Ideal Pre-Release Scheme

Educational Assessments
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Education Level
- Special Education Needs

Psycho-Emotional Assessments (Upon Entry)
- Cognitive
- Mental Health Screening
- Substance Abuse Screening
- Family & Support System Status

Psycho-Emotional Support (Upon Entry)
- Cognitive Therapy
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment
- Family Involvement Programming

Educational Services (ongoing)
- Library
- GED Completion
- Special Ed Support
- Computer Skills
- Education Pipeline Opportunities

Services Provided by Prison Staff Outside Orgs. & Agencies Volunteers

Employability Assessments
- Employment Risk/Needs
- Employment History
- Certification & Vocational Degree History

Partnerships with Job Training Orgs., Prison Industries & Businesses (ongoing)
- Sector-based Training
- Construction
- Computer Technology
- Vocational Certifications
- Train-the-Trainer Opportunities
- Employment Pipeline Opportunities

Credentialed Certification Degrees

Reentry Planning
- Identification
- Housing
- Training & Education
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Family Reunification
- Child Support & Fines Arrearages
- Mentoring

Reentry Community Partners
- Parole & Probation
- Reentry Coordinators
- Housing
- Continuing Substance Abuse & Mental Health Treatment
- Access to Healthcare
- Continuing Job Training
- Continuing Credentialing, Certification & Degrees
- Employment & Retention
- Family Reunification
- Child Support & Fines Arrearages
- Mentoring
Ideal Post-Release Scheme

**Reentry Planning (Upon Entry)**
- Identification
- Housing
- Educational Training & Education
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Family Reunification
- Child Support & Fines Arrears
- Mentoring

**Reentry Program Enrollment**
- Court Fee & CS Plan
- Job
- Public Assistance Enroll.

**Gov’t ID**
- Adequate Cash
- Link to Checking Acct
- Reentry Program Enroll
- Court Fee & CS Plan
- Job
- Public Assistance Enroll.

**Credentials**
- Certification
- Degrees

**Community-Based Organization**

**Reentry Community Partners**
- Parole & Probation
- Reentry Coordinators
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**MET BY REENTRY STAFFER OR MENTOR (start program immed. DAYTIME RELEASE)**

**IDEAL POST-RELEASE SCHEME** (Upon Entry)

- Identification
- Housing
- Educational Training & Education
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Family Reunification
- Child Support & Fines Arrears
- Mentoring
Required Partners for Effective Reentry

- City and state governmental offices
- Businesses
- Corrections, parole, & probation,
- Court systems & law enforcement,
- Child welfare and child support enforcement agencies,
- Social service providers, faith-based and community-based organizations and returnee communities more broadly;