



Future Directions in Re-Entry

"I'm proud to support re-entry efforts across the Commonwealth by serving as a resource for localities. Successful re-entry helps keep communities safe and reunites families, all while saving taxpayer dollars. Whether you're looking to expand or start a re-entry program, or just looking for information, my office is here to help you achieve your re-entry goals."



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Attorney General Mark Herring is proud to serve as a resource for localities looking to start or expand re-entry programs. Ex-offenders returning from jail often face a complex transition back into the community. Across the Commonwealth there is a growing movement to provide re-entry services to ex-offenders returning to the community because these programs have been found to reduce recidivism, reduce crime, and save taxpayer dollars. In recent years, Virginia has developed a comprehensive plan to address re-entry and recidivism reduction for state inmates, but locally based correctional facilities are left with little guidance or resources. Due to the autonomy of local jails, there has been no state-led or funded re-entry program, and localities are not eligible to participate in state Department of Corrections' programs.

Recognizing this gap in service, Attorney General Herring has created the Commonwealth's first ever Statewide Re-entry Coordinator position to help local sheriffs prepare inmates for release and connect them with local community stakeholders. The Statewide Re-entry Coordinator assists with the formation of local community councils, re-entry forums, and connecting housing, employment, behavior health and substance abuse services.

A web portal is under development to aid Sheriffs with their re-entry efforts. This portal will serve as a collection of re-entry data, will include examples of assessment materials, different re-entry strategies for implementation, local community resources and resource kits.

The Office of the Attorney General has a variety of resources and opportunities for local sheriffs and law enforcement to collaborate, please reach out to **DeVon Simmons** for more information:

DSimmons@oag.state.va.us or 804.371.0648

RE-ENTRY RESOURCES

Successful re-entry represents an integrated, system-wide approach to delivering support and services to people released from jail. It involves jail and community leaders in a collaborative effort to improve public safety and reintegration outcomes. To achieve this goal, the Transition from Jail to the Community (TJC) model is an effective method that identifies the key components for systematic change coupled with concrete intervention efforts.

Leadership within the facility can successfully create a transition plan which allows community stakeholders to focus on the criminogenic needs of ex-offenders ready to make a change. Below are resources to help achieve this goal. To learn more about the TJC model and other re-entry strategies, please contact our Statewide Re-Entry Coordinator **DeVon Simmons at DSimmons@oag.state.va.us or 804.371.0648.**

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