

Overview of Reentry Council Subcommittee issue areas

Subcommittee on Assessment and Connections

Purpose: Improve assessments, referrals, and connections for individuals across systems and institutions, including appropriate connections between institutions and outside, and criminal justice and non-criminal justice entities.

Issue Areas: Voting and access to identification; Community Justice and Alternatives to Incarceration efforts like Diversion, Pretrial Release and Alternatives to Incarceration; Health and Wellbeing, such centralized shelter system designed to meet reentry needs, prison and jail based health services and mental health treatment; Self-Sufficiency efforts such as employment supportive services and benefits access; and Family, Victims and Communities focus working on issues such as family reunification, safety, behavioral health and trauma recovery among other issues.

Subcommittee on Support and Opportunities

Develop, promote, and expand effective reentry programs, services, and systems. Support leadership development, education, and advocacy of individuals impacted.

Issue Areas: Proper use of criminal records and legal relief for criminal records, civic participation, public education, access to identification, Collaborative Courts, Drug Diversion, Pretrial Services and alternatives to incarceration services, increasing capacity of in custody and residential mental health and substance abuse treatment, post incarceration support including employment, education and financial literacy programing.

Subcommittee on Policy and Operational Practices

Develop local policy and law, and shape state and federal policy and law to better reflect our shared vision.

Issue Areas: State and local legislative efforts in the area of state employment and vocational licensing restrictions, and registration requirements, access to voting, expanding expungement opportunities, access to state identification and driver license, issues with parole and community supervision, Sentencing Reform, Realignment and other state and local legislative efforts.