

REIMAGINING REENTRY BY CENTERING LIVED EXPERIENCE

Investing in Community-Driven Reform to Support Returning Residents



CHALLENGE

Current funding available is insufficient to meet the full range of needs of returning residents. **Without a coordinated and collaborative approach between the communities most impacted and government agencies, limited resources may not be directed toward the most urgent priorities of those returning to their communities.**

KEY DATA

21,000

people return to Chicago and Cook county each year from jail or prison, **however**

there has been little to no input from those returning home on their needs.

Formerly incarcerated people are returning home, but who's asking what they need?

TABLE MEMBERS

Co-leads

- St. Leonard's Ministries
- City of Chicago Department of Family & Support Services
- Mayor's Office of Re-entry



Voting Members

- Returning residents
- Service Providers
- Family members of returning residents





DELIVERABLES

- *Design and select grantees for a \$500k RFP to invest in returning residents.*
- *Develop a set of recommendations for the City to better integrate City services with returning residents' service provider organizations.*



“ *Creating a consistent space where returning residents are heard, respected, and engaged as partners is a necessary requirement toward the goal of closing the breach between effective government policy and transformative community impact.* ”
-Mark Sanders II, City of Chicago
Department of Family and Support Services

“ *What I know now that I didn't fully understand at the beginning is that urgency alone does not move systems. Relationships do. Trust does. Alignment does. I came into this work knowing the stakes were high for returning residents, but I underestimated how much time is spent helping people across systems even agree on what reentry should be.* ”
-Joseph Mapp,
Mayor's Office of Re-Entry



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