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Policy Memo

Re-Entry faced by justice involved individuals create systemic challenges. These challenges are seemingly impossible for many that have co-occurring disorders. Early childhood or devastating trauma develops a sense of hopelessness. For service providers, it has been difficult to encourage the use of services for clients and or lack of funding.

Problem Statement

Those faced with the realities of successful Re-entry have little or no understanding of services provided on the local, state and federal levels. Lack of basic needs such as food, housing, income, treatment providers, transportation and a supportive community has led many to return to poor life choices. Mental health and substance abuse disorder contributes a significant hindrance to success. Wrap around behavioral health and Peer support specialist are overwhelmed by the sheer numbers in today's world. Wage gaps, employment loss, deaths, and past history cripples movements in safe communities. Case management of individual needs may assist in more successful Re-entry. Service providers lack interdisciplinary training, facilities, and funding.

Utilization of innovative approaches has proven some small measures of success. Cooperation of the social purposes sectors and government agencies may have to develop new ways to track each client's journey or Re-entry.