

# Second Chance Act Orientation FY2018

## Category 2: Community-based Adult Reentry with Small and Rural Organizations

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# I. Introduction

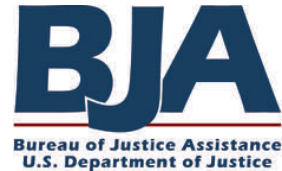
# U.S. Department of Justice

## Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

**Mission:** To provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

### About the Second Chance Act

Supports state, local and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people returning from incarceration. **The Second Chance Act has supported over \$300 million in reentry investments across the country.**



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# The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center

**Mission:** To provide practical, nonpartisan, research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

- National non-profit, non-partisan membership association of state government officials
- Engages members of all three branches of state government
- Provides practical, non-partisan advice informed by the best available evidence



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# The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

- **Deliver** technical assistance and training for SCA grantees.
- **Advance** the knowledge base of the reentry field.
- **Promote** what works in reentry and successes of grantees.
- **Facilitate** peer networks and information exchange.
- **Provide** information for people returning to communities and their families.



Funded and administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, the NRRC is the nation's primary source of information and guidance in reentry.

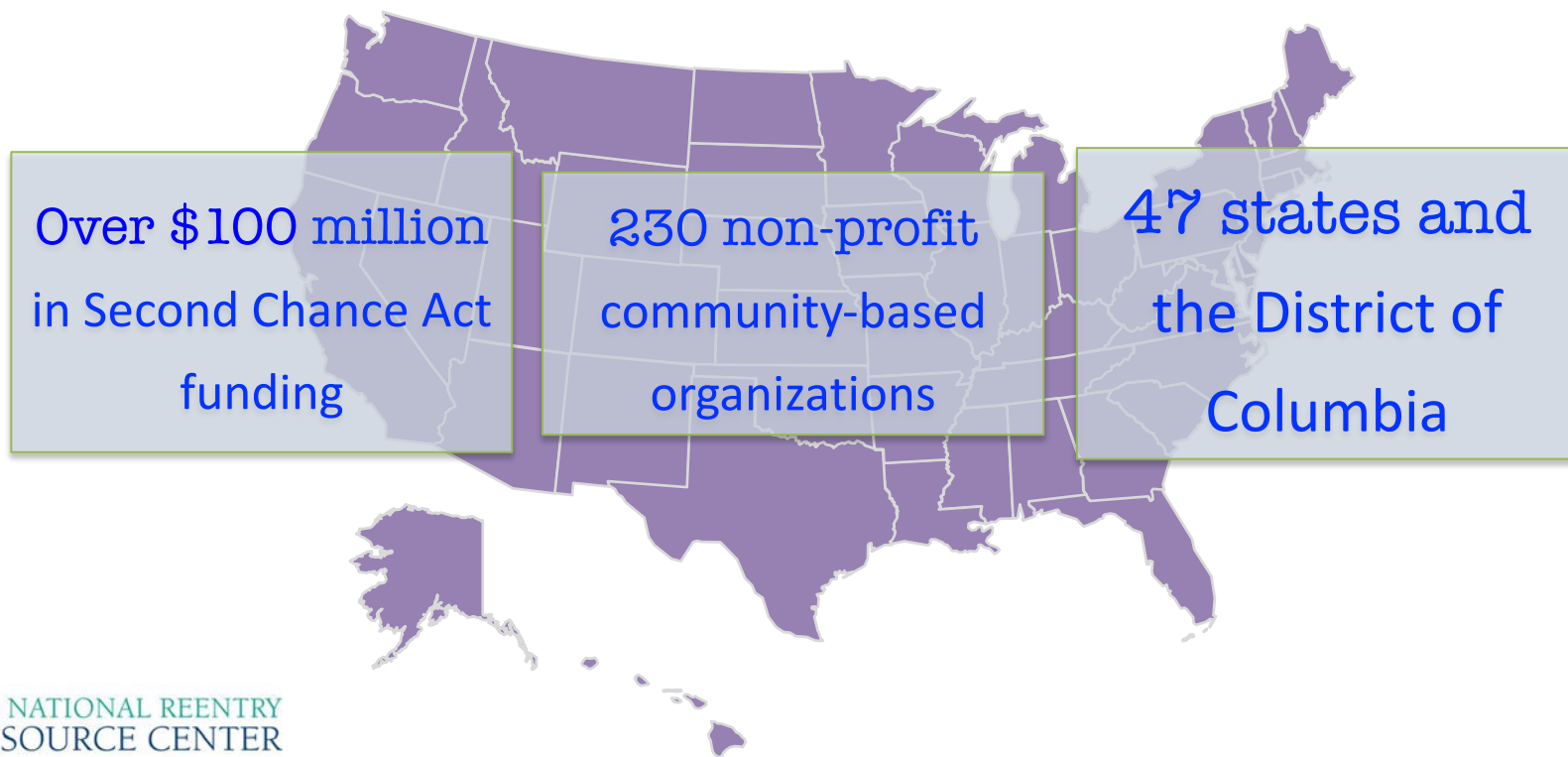
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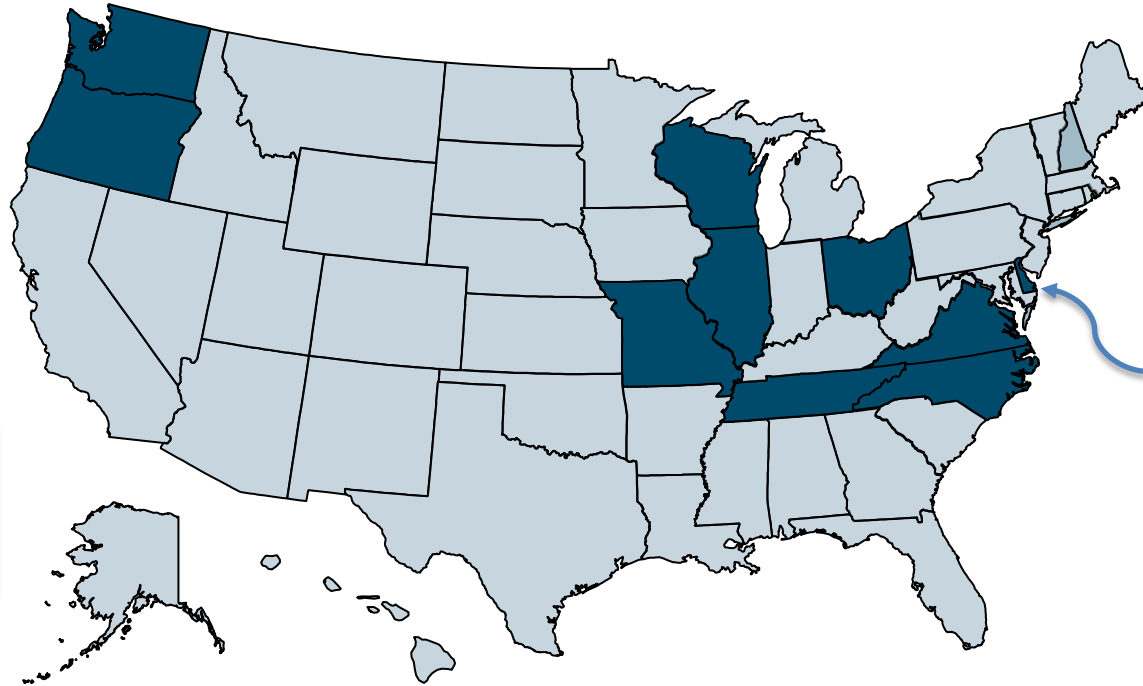
## II. FY18 Category 2 Grantees



# FY18 SCA Community Reentry Grantees



# FY2018 Category 2 Grantees



\$5,780,930  
in Second Chance  
Act funding

11 Category 2  
Grantees

Welcome,  
Delaware!

# FY2018 Category 2 Grantees

- Establishing, Managing, & Generating Effective Services, Inc. (IL)
- ForeverDads (OH)
- Freedom Life Ministries (NC)
- Kankakee County Renewed Opportunity (IL)
- LOC Family Services (VA)
- Medicine Wheel Recovery Services (OR)
- Middle Tennessee Rural Reentry (TN)
- Rock Valley Community Programs, Inc. (WI)
- The SoulFisher Project (MO)
- The STAR Project (WA)
- The Way Home, Inc. (DE)

# III. Grant Program Overview

# GOAL:

To support community- and faith-based organizations in developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative programs that reduce recidivism of people who are reentering communities after incarceration and are at medium to high risk of reoffending.

# Expectations

- Target population
  - Minimum of 75 served
  - Medium to high risk of recidivating
  - Age 18 or older and convicted as an adult
  - Incarcerated at time of enrollment

# Expectations

- Partnerships with corrections and law enforcement
  - MOU/MOA with a) the facility and the department that oversees it **and** b) the local law enforcement agency.
- Integration of risk and needs assessment
- Comprehensive case management
- Baseline recidivism rate

# Expectations

- Work with an evaluator to:
  - Plan to measure outcomes
  - Conduct a program evaluation





# Expectations

## Planning Phase

- Grantees will have approximately **180 days** after the budget is cleared to complete the planning phase
- Grantees will work with their **NRRC TA provider** to complete a **Planning and Implementation Guide** (P&I Guide)
- Category 2 grantees will have access to **\$100,000**
- *The P&I Guide will be submitted and reviewed by BJA prior to moving to the implementation phase*

# Expectations

## Planning Phase

- Build capacity for implementing the grant program
- Establish baseline information
- Identify strengths and areas of improvement
- Flesh out ideas and refine concepts initially introduced in proposal
- Target TA and identify themes across grantees

# P&I Guide Overview

Work through the exercises with your TA coach.

- Review exercises prior to the call
- TA provider will provide feedback and discuss exercises on calls
- Update the exercises as changes occur
- Provide and develop documentation (e.g. policy and procedure manuals)

# P&I Guide Overview

Identify your key stakeholders and partners.

- How does your program fit into the overall landscape in your community and justice system?
- Specify what is ready to be implemented, what is in the works, and what is being planned.
- Don't go it alone. Bring in the program coordinator, case manager, evaluator, and other service providers to support the process.

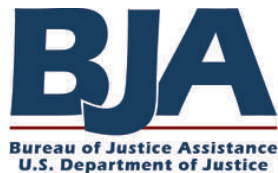
# P&I Guide Overview

Reaffirm your target population

- Identify their needs (substance addiction, housing, transportation, etc.)
- Understand how your services fit into the larger context of existing supports and resources.
- How are you tracking successes, for your population and your program?

# IV. Grantee Support

# Grantee Support Orgs



- State policy advisor
- Grant management (budget and scope adjustments)



- Training and technical assistance
- Programmatic support (monthly calls, site visits, etc.)



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Your designated NRRC TA lead will provide and coordinate support in several areas including:

- ✓ Completion of the P&I Guide;
- ✓ Identifying measures and strategies to track progress;
- ✓ Content and facilitation support;
- ✓ Supporting the development of implementation & sustainability plans; and
- ✓ Sharing successes with stakeholders, the field, other grantees, and the press

# NRRC TA Activities



# Next Steps for TA

- Review SCA FY2018 Orientation Webinars
- Introductory call with TA provider
  - Your TA provider will reach out to schedule these
- Work collaboratively to complete P&I Guide
- Lookout for grantee peer training events

# Tips and Strategies

- Project team on calls
- Early engagement with evaluator
- Collaborative effort on P&I Guide
- Up-to-date grant information

# NRRC Resources

THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT  
What Corrections and Reentry Agencies Need to Know

What is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act?

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)—which was signed into law in 2014 and implemented by states in July 2015—is the current primary source of federal funding for workforce development. Its main goal is to provide job training with the assistance needed to obtain employment and to meet employers' needs for qualified workers. WIOA provides employment services for various segments of public assistance, economically disadvantaged youth and adults, including people who are homeless, people with criminal records, and people who have limited basic skills and work experience, in addition to funding services for other populations. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) requires states to report on the number of people receiving WIOA-funded services according to the barrier to employment that they face, such as homelessness or a criminal record.

WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act (WIFA) of 1998 and aims to better connect the workforce system with the education system and create effective responses to economic and labor market challenges at the local, state, and national level.

How WIOA Funding Works

Each state receives WIOA funding based on a formula that considers the size of the state's labor force, its unemployment rate, and the size of its economically disadvantaged youth and adult populations.

These funds are administered under four titles:

- Title I: WIOA Development Activities, administered by DOL.
- Title II: WIOA Dislocated Worker Activities, administered by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Title III: WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities, administered by DOL.
- Title IV: WIOA Senior and Disability Activities, administered by DOL.

WIOA development board (WIOA) then oversees how each state's WIOA funds are used. All 50 states received WIOA funds in 2015. DOL requires states to develop their goals and strategies for the use of WIOA funds and submit them to the U.S. Department of Labor for approval.

For more information, visit [www.dhs.gov/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act](http://www.dhs.gov/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act).

REENTRY PARTNERSHIPS:  
A GUIDE FOR STATES

FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
THE NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

Planning for Sustainability:  
Supporting Community  
Based Reentry Programs

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

This webinar discusses strategies and recommendations for sustaining reentry programs initiated by community-based organizations. With a particular focus on programs that incorporate mentors, presenters discuss how to consider sustainability throughout the program-development process beginning in the planning phase. Topics include leveraging multiple funding streams from public and private sources, asset mapping, and how to build an agency's profile in the field and community.

MENTORING AS  
A COMPONENT  
OF REENTRY

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS  
FROM THE FIELD

the NATIONAL REENTRY  
RESOURCE CENTER

THE INTEGRATED  
REENTRY AND EMPLOYMENT  
STRATEGIES PILOT PROJECT:  
Four Questions Communities Should Consider  
When Implementing a Collaborative Approach

Introduction

Reentry can play a critical role in reducing recidivism, but some communities struggle to find the right mix of services for correction, reentry, and workforce development practitioners to provide every adult during phase or just with the services that need to reduce their likelihood of reoffending and increase their level of job readiness.

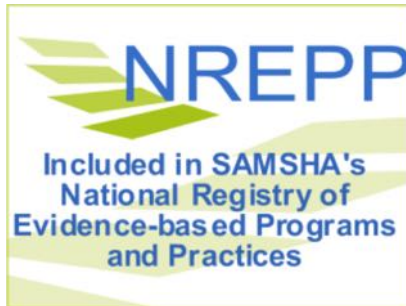
Some practitioners have made significant progress in implementing both workforce and employment strategies, but have often not done so with limited coordination. An integrated approach is needed to ensure that correctional and workforce development services align their available resources to help that reduce recidivism and improve the employability of their target population. *The Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies (IRES)* white paper helps practitioners, administrators, and policymakers understand the importance of reentry in the right place, using the right interventions, at the right time.

The IRES pilot project was designed to test innovative approaches to reducing recidivism and increasing job readiness for people returning from incarceration and to identify successful strategies for integrating reentry and workforce programming. The pilot project focuses on establishing a level of cross-system collaboration among correctional, reentry, and workforce development agencies on a state-wide basis in the field. The theory being tested is that by creating a more coordinated and integrated approach to reentry and employment outcomes will improve. Thus, the pilot project can be considered a collaborative approach to reentry and employment programming across the country by providing a replicable framework for integrating correctional and workforce services in a cost-effective way.

To help correctional, reentry, and workforce development administrators and practitioners integrate the complex issues related to coordinated planning and service delivery, the Council of State Government Reentry Centers, in collaboration with expert practitioners and researchers, developed a white paper on integrating reentry and employment strategies using a collaborative approach and service mapping tool. The tool was developed as the leading and support of a public-private partnership including the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Reentry Research Center, and the Reentry Center Foundation, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

the NATIONAL REENTRY  
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# Additional Resources



NATIONAL  
**MENTORING**  
RESOURCE CENTER  
A Program of **OJJDP**



THE  
**CHRONICLE**  
OF EVIDENCE-BASED MENTORING



# V. Q&A

# Questions & Answers

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