

# Reentry Resources and Informational Websites

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<http://www.bonds4jobs.com/>

**Federal Bonding Insurance** is designed to protect employers from fraudulent or dishonest acts by "at-risk" employees (i.e. candidates with a history of arrest.) Since commercially available bonds do not protect businesses against these candidates, the FBP provides free protection bonds for the first six months of employment. These benefits are available to any employer in any state, and information on the application process is available on the organization's website.

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<http://www.doleta.gov/business/Incentives/opptax/>

**Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)** is a Federal tax credit incentive that Congress provides to private-sector businesses for hiring individuals from nine target groups who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment. The program enables targeted employees to gradually move from economic dependency into self-sufficiency as they earn a steady income and become contributing taxpayers, while the participating employers reduce their federal income tax liability.

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[http://www.dc.state.fl.us/reentry/docs/REENTRY\\_MYTHBUSTERS.pdf](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/reentry/docs/REENTRY_MYTHBUSTERS.pdf)

One-page **Myth Busters** dispel myths and describe realities for formerly incarcerated people on important topics, such as: housing, Veteran's benefits, SNAP and TANF benefits, equal opportunities in hiring, drug felonies, education, federal bonding, child welfare, social security, and child support.

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<https://www.fiscaltiger.com/job-help-for-felons/>

**Job Help for Felons: A Career Guide and Employment Resource for Former Offenders** outlines jobs and careers best suited for people with a criminal history. It offers valuable tips for seeking and finding a job with a criminal record, covers advice for career advancement, and provides personal finance tools.

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<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/oth/children/index.html>

**Sesame Street - Little, Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration**

Nearly 2.7 million children have a parent in state or federal prison. In response, Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind Sesame Street, has developed a bilingual (English/Spanish) initiative, *Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration*, for families with young children, ages 3 through 8, who have an incarcerated parent to help them develop skills for resilience.

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<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/reentry/docs/TAPbook.pdf>

Twenty-nine page booklet for use in reentry programs designed to help offenders prepare for transition, focusing on the following topics:

- Preparing for Your Transition
- Getting Started
- Employment
- Education
- References
- Job Postings
- Transportation
- Important Numbers and Contacts
- Residence
- Monthly Expenses
- Finances
- Budget
- Financial Goals
- Medical and Dental Information
- Medical History
- Family Support and Contacts
- Supportive Friends

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<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/resourceDirectory/Search.aspx>

**Florida Department of Corrections Resource Directory** is an on-line resource guide for people leaving prison in the state of Florida, designed to help them prepare for reentry by researching services in local communities able to help meet their needs.

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<http://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/>

**Council of State Governments Justice Center National Reentry Resource Center**

- is a one-stop interactive source of reentry information
- provides technical assistance to Second Chance grantees
- provides training and knowledge development
- identifies and promotes evidence-based practices

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<http://nicic.gov/tpjc>

**National Institute of Corrections** has several active reentry projects, including:

1. The Transition from Jail to Community Initiative (TJC)
2. The Transition from Prison to Community Initiative (TPC)

A wide range of efforts are underway to prepare and support offenders for a successful return to their communities. In some jurisdictions, efforts are system wide and led by corrections agencies, involving other public agencies and community stakeholders in system change efforts. Other efforts are more limited in scope and may focus on specific offender groups or geographic locations.

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[http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fact/Homeless\\_veterans\\_fs04.htm](http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fact/Homeless_veterans_fs04.htm)

**Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)** provides services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

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<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/reentry/faq.shtml>

**Florida Dept. of Corrections** webpage addresses questions related to reentry, including:

- What is re-entry? How does re-entry reduce recidivism?
- How can we share ideas and participate in the development?
- Would it be helpful if inmates had access to re-entry information such as how to get birth certificates, social security cards, driver license, lists of employers that would hire ex-offenders, and professions appropriate for ex-offenders?

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