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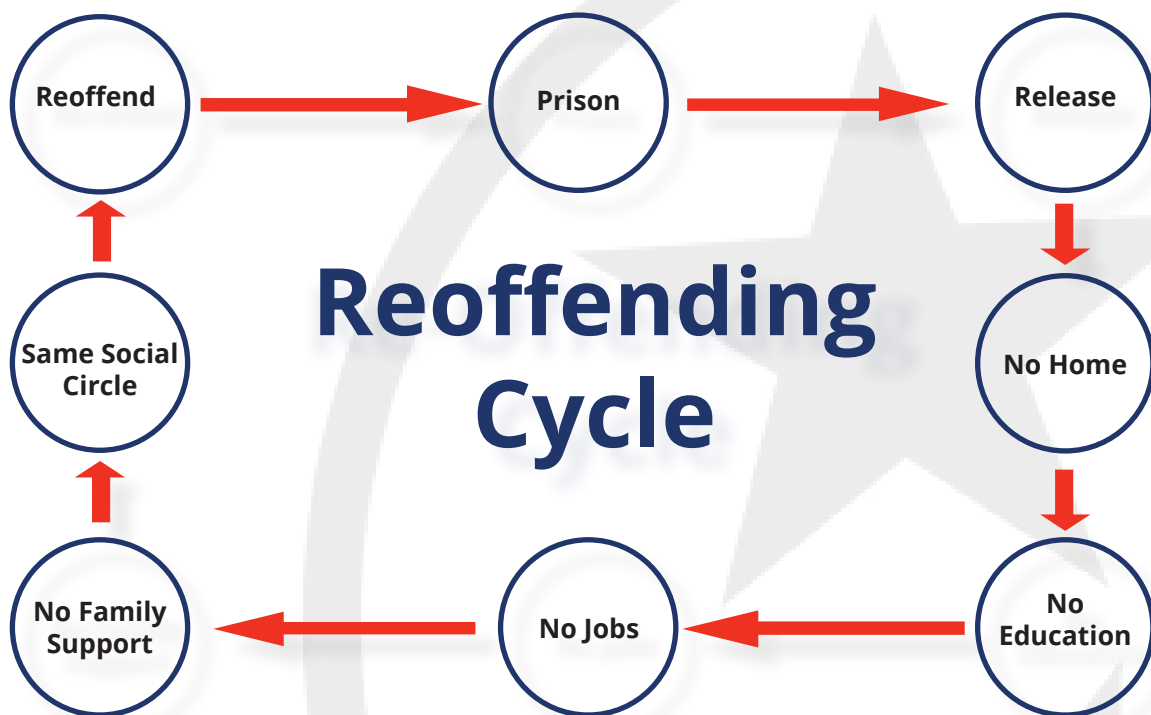
Reintegration of Ex-offenders (Reentry) Program

What is Reentry?

Reentry is an offender's transition from incarceration inside a prison, jail, or juvenile facility into life as a productive citizen in Tennessee's communities.

Ex-offenders are individuals with prior involvement in the criminal justice system and require assistance overcoming barriers to employment created by their criminal records.

What is the purpose of Reentry? Breaking the Reoffending Cycle:



Lowering recidivism rates through work-based reentry programs decreases incarceration costs, increases tax revenue, and provides additional skilled labor for Tennessee employers.

Without successful reentry programs in Tennessee, communities across our state could experience higher crime rates, more local crime victims, and increased costs for both state and municipal governments.

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You May be Eligible if:

- You have a criminal record or have been impacted by the criminal justice system (to include foster care)
- Require assistance in overcoming barriers to employment resulting from a record of arrest or conviction
- Are unlikely or unable to obtain or keep employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency
- In need of training services to obtain or keep employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency
- Skilled and qualified to successfully participate in the selected training services
- Unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training, including such sources as State-funded training funds or Federal Pell Grants
- A member of a worker group covered under a petition filed for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)



Approximately one in three adults in the U.S has a criminal record



Men with criminal records account for about 34% of all nonworking men ages 25 to 54.



Nearly everyone who goes to jail and approximately 95 percent of persons in state or federal prison will eventually return home



Nationally, there is a total estimated loss to the economy of \$78 to \$87 billion every year as a result of people with criminal records being unemployed or underemployed



Recidivism studies reveal that two out of every three people released from state prison are rearrested for a new offense and about half return to prison within three years



You May Benefit from these Reentry Services Offered:

- Assistance with childcare and dependent care
- Assistance with transportation Payments and fees for employment and training-related applications, tests, and certifications
- Legal aid services
- Referrals to health care
- Assistance with uniforms or other appropriate work attire and work-related tools, including such items as eyeglasses and protective eye gear
- Assistance with books, fees, school supplies, and other necessary items for students enrolled in post-secondary education classes
- Linkages to community services;
- Assistance with housing
- Needs-Related Payments /Supportive Services
- Assistance with educational testing;
- Reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities

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