

# *Task Force on Innovative Prevention and Prisoner Reentry*

## **- Family Assistance to Improve Reintegration and Unification**

**Mission Statement:** To provide to people with re-acclimation issues – particularly those with prior convictions – an array of quality collaborative social, vocational and educational services so that they can live productively in their community.

**Vision Statement:** People with Barriers to re-acclimation – particularly those with prior convictions – enjoy full social and economic participation in their community.

**Description of Activities:** We are community and public policy collaborators who seek to improve the corrections system to ensure that prisoners reentering society have a viable chance of succeeding and not returning to prison. We work to expedite access to employment, housing, transportation, and emotional support. In doing so, our communities will become safer through reduced crime, healthier through restoring families, and more just because the system works to help rather than hold captive.

In addition, we want to explore alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders who do not pose a risk to public safety, find solutions that keep families together, reduce the overall burden on taxpayers, and adequately take into account the needs of restoring victims fully and without delay.

To achieve these ends, we work to implement, maintain, replicate effective programs with proven results, engage public officials and educate citizens on the community benefit when persons are restored. Additionally, we connect groups that have the ability to serve the needs, in whatever capacity, of ex-offenders, their families, at risk-youth, and victims of crime.

**Our Objective:** To develop a nationwide task force of organizations and agencies that provide proven evidence-based practice plans and ideas for innovative crime prevention, prisoner reentry, and family unification, using collaborative models and providing technical assistance to others.

**Our Goals:** The initial goals of the task force are -

1. To build community support for uniting families and encouraging two parent households, thus strengthening local communities in the process;
2. To develop household independence by reducing the need for dependence on social service programs and government assistance by providing evidence-based collaborative models within local communities;
3. To increase successful prisoner reentry models utilizing proven methods of collaboration and development at state and local levels;
4. To reduce the case loads and financial burdens on state and local governments by using innovative and individualized local collaboration;
5. To develop a plan to promote the proven models identified by the task force and provide technical assistance on multiple levels;
6. To reduce crime and increase public safety through innovation; and
7. To restore victims fully and without delay.

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