

NATIONAL DAY RECOGNIZING
PRISON & REENTRY NONPROFITS
CELEBRATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
REENTRY SUCCESS

MEDIA FACT SHEET

The United States has 5% of the world's population.

The United States has 25% of the world's prison population.

1.5 million people are incarcerated in state and federal prisons (Dec. 21, 2013).

600,000+ people are released from state and federal prisons annually (2012 data).

2% of U.S. children have one or both parents in jail or prison.

Incarceration is sometimes a necessary public safety measure.

However, incarceration does not inherently teach new life skills.

Nor is incarceration itself a preparation for overcoming real and challenging "barriers to success" faced by people who get released from jails and prisons.

"Prison and Reentry Nonprofits" are community-based programs operating in most communities, jails, and prisons in the U.S. Some are local, some are regional, some are national. All provide services that support successful reentry for the 95% of incarcerated individuals who get released from jails and prisons. Some programming also naturally serves the 5% who don't get released.

Examples of community-based programming include:

- Academic programs (GED, high school completion, college programs)
- Life-skills courses
- Self-help programs
- Arts programming (crocheting, theater productions, etc.)
- Family services (parent-child connections, etc.)
- Religious ministries
- Post-incarceration transition support (housing, employment, life-skills, family reunification, etc.)

Jail, prison, and reentry nonprofits are locally-based civic-engagement solutions that help provide community wellness through opportunities for individual success.