

NC4RSO: National Network of Prison Nonprofits

Media Fact Sheet

NC4RSO is the national network of community groups (primarily nonprofits) delivering programs and services in jails, prisons, and re-entry.

About our Member Organizations:

- Community groups – primarily nonprofits – have been delivering rehabilitative-style programs in jails, prisons, and post-incarceration re-entry for many years. In the U.S., one of our member organizations – Pennsylvania Prison Society – has been in operation since 1787. In England, the work of [Elizabeth Fry](#) and [John Howard](#) during the 1700 and 1800's set examples for the future effort of many community groups worldwide – including organizations in the U.S., Canada, and Australia named after each of them.
- Individual member organizations all deliver some kind of rehabilitative focus designed to support current and recently incarcerated individuals (and, in some cases, their families). The actual programs offered by individual member organizations are creatively varied; common examples include life skills programs, academic courses (including university-level courses in prisons), parenting classes, self-help groups, arts and crafts programming, mentoring services, religious programs, and local post-incarceration reentry support.

About NC4RSO:

- NC4RSO was founded in 2010.
- We are federally incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit.
- NC4RSO has member organizations around the U.S., from Florida to Alabama, Pennsylvania, California, Oregon, and Washington State.
- We deliver research studies such as this one on [mentoring](#).
- We advocates publicly for objectives of common interest for member organizations.
- We broaden prison-related community engagement by generating public interest in prison volunteerism; we direct inquiries from potential volunteers to local groups in their communities.
- We provide [reentry resource information](#) for people leaving jails and prisons.

We invite the media to visit us [online](#) and to contact us by email at media@nc4rso.org or by calling (425) 255-1849.

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