

Virtual Reentry Month Agenda

Day 1

August 11th, 2020

9:00am-1:00pm

The purpose of this event is to help re-entry service providers, justice-involved people, and local and state government agencies learn more about the re-entry landscape in the COVID-19 era so that they can give up to date information to their clients, utilize this information themselves, and replicate the partnerships described here in their local communities. While you are not required to stay for the whole day, we invite you to stay for as many sessions as you can, given the interconnected nature of these issues and the amount that various providers and advocates can learn from each other during this extraordinary time.

This event replaces the August 11th quarterly State Reentry Council Collaborative Meeting. All SRCC Principal and Implementation Team members are expected to attend the SRCC Updates portion of Day 1, and are encouraged to attend both days in their entirety.

WebEx Moderators:

Jennifer Adams, NC Department of Public Safety

George Pettigrew, NC Department of Public Safety

Irene Lawrence, NC Department of Public Safety

Megan Fullwood, NC Department of Justice

SRCC Updates

9:00am-9:45am

During this session, we will update the State Reentry Council Collaborative Principal and Implementation team members on the progress of the SRCC's recommendations, as well as the progress of other task forces with interests that overlap with those of the SRCC.

9:00 Welcome – Secretary Erik A. Hooks, Chair

9:10 Introduction to Task Force on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice – Josh Stein, Attorney General

9:20 SRCC Legislative team update - Daniel Bowes, Director, Fair Chance Criminal Justice Project, NC Justice Center

9:30 SRCC Legal Education Campaign and Communications team update - Mercedes Restucha-Klem, Assistant Attorney General, NCDOJ

9:40 Veterans Task Force update - Lucas Vrbsky, Durham VA Veterans Justice Program Reentry, VA

Housing

9:45-10:30am

This presentation will include pioneers from a promising rehousing initiative called Back@Home that uses a rapid rehousing approach. Participants will hear how the approach works, what infrastructure the Back@Home Initiative offers, and how it could be used for reentry.

9:45 Denise Neunaber, Executive Director, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Erika Ferguson, Director, Health Opportunities, NC Department of Health and Human Services

10:15 Q&A

Break: 10:30-10:45am

New Reentry Tool

10:45-11:30am

During this session, we will introduce participants to NCCARE360, a new tool that researchers, service providers, and justice-involved people now have at their disposal as they navigate the re-entry landscape and seek to reduce the harm of a criminal record.

10:45am NCCARE360 Virtual Demonstration - Georgina Dukes, Network Director, NCCARE360

11:15am Q&A

State Recidivism Data

11:30am-12:15pm

This presentation will help participants understand the recidivism data published by the NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission and how these data can inform conversations about improving outcomes, especially for those individuals recently released from prison.

11:30am NC Recidivism Data - Michelle Hall, Executive Director, NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission

12:00pm Q&A

Legal & Legislative

12:15-1:00pm

In this presentation, participants will hear who can waive criminal justice monetary obligations, when, and to what effect, particularly in the COVID-19 era.

12:15pm Waiver of Monetary Obligations - Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy, UNC School of Government

12:45pm Q&A

Day 2

August 18th, 2020

9:00am-1:30pm

At the end of each presentation, if you want to ask a presenter a question, use the raise your hand feature and Megan Fullwood will call on you. Please do NOT use the Q&A or chat features to ask questions.

Live Reentry Month Address from Governor Roy Cooper

Introduction by Secretary Erik A. Hooks, NCDPS

9:00-9:10am

Employment

9:10-9:55am

This session will focus on promising new employment initiatives connecting formerly incarcerated people to job opportunities and training them for careers.

9:10 Rebecca Atkinson, Regional Director, Southern Region, Center for Employment Opportunities

Tiawana Brown, Site Director, Charlotte, Center for Employment Opportunities

Matt Joyce, Partner, Envoy Growth Advisory

John "Ed" Smith, Workforce Development Specialist, Center for Community Transitions

9:40 Q&A

Prison Education Consortium: Introduction

9:55-10:40am

This session will focus on what a prison education consortium could/should look like in North Carolina.

9:55 Dr. Rick Smith, AOE Director at Sampson Correction, Campbell University

Dr. Barbara Lawrence, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/Title IX Coordinator, Guilford College

Dr. Raphael Ginsberg, Associate Director for Correctional Education, UNC Chapel Hill

Karen Tikkanen, State Director of Workforce Continuing Education, North Carolina Community College System

Dr. Julie Jailall, Director, Education Services, NC Department of Public Safety

Moderator: Dr. Seth Bible, Director of Prison Programs, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

10:25 Q&A

Break: 10:40-10:45

Prison Education Consortium: New Funding Opportunities

10:45-11:30am

This session is an opportunity to put this collaboration into practice with a conversation around recent changes in statewide and nationwide prison education funding. O

10:45 Allan Wachendorfer, Program Associate, Vera Institute of Justice

Dr. Rick Smith, AOE Director at Sampson Correction, Campbell University

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11:15 Q&A

Transportation

11:30am-12:15pm

Presenters from the Equal Access to Justice Commission will discuss the Driver's License Restoration Project and the ncfairchance.org website, which helps people who have driver's license suspensions due to unpaid court fines and fees.

11:30 Driver's License Restoration Project - Jennifer Lechner, Executive Director, North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission, and Leigh Wicclair, Senior Staff Attorney and Restorative Justice Program Director, Pro Bono Resource Center

12:00 Q&A

Civic Engagement

12:15-1:30pm

There are still a number of elections happening throughout the country this year in the midst of the pandemic. Presenters from the Census and You Can Vote will host an interactive presentation to ensure that justice-involved people are able to exercise their right to vote, and that organizations working with them give them correct information about those rights.

12:15 Kate Fellman, Executive Director, and Caitlin Metzguer, Deputy Director - You Can Vote

12:45 Bob Coats, Governor's Census Liaison, North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management

1:15 Q&A

Other Resources

Driver's License Restoration and Expunctions: <https://ncfairchance.org/>

NCCARE360: <https://nccare360.org>

NC Formerly incarcerated higher education Facebook page: See attached flier.

Free Project Reentry Webinar Series: See attached flier.

StepUp Ministry Employment Readiness Workshop: See attached flier.

StepUp Durham Employment and Job Coaching Trainings: See attached flier.

Ask The Question (about military service): See attached flier.

Inmates to Entrepreneurs free course for anyone interested in starting their own small business: See attached flier.

Registration page: <https://inmatestoentrepreneurs.org/program/nc-2020/>

Facebook Post:

<https://www.facebook.com/InmatesEntrepreneurs/posts/2753184868279136>

Greensboro NCWorks NextGen Youth Programs: See attached flier.

Virtual Reentry Month Day 1 Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jp6liMxqGYU&feature=youtu.be>

Virtual Reentry Month Day 2 Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-og7dpp5Ug&feature=youtu.be>