

# Reentry Roundtable

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## Background

In the past several years, reentry has emerged as a major issue at the national, state and local level. The incarceration and return of large numbers of individuals, with their associated public health concerns, affects many neighborhoods already plagued by high crime rates, poverty, and residential mobility. Most inmates in our jails and prison will return to the neighborhoods they came from, poorly equipped to deal with family, work or the stresses of daily life. Reentry is a community concern that affects us all.

With funding from the Price Family Charitable Fund, San Diego Community Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, local policymakers, practitioners and researchers came together in April 2002 to discuss reentry in San Diego. Participants agreed that reentry should include: pre- and post-release assistance; help for families; creating community networks and educating the public to strengthen the commitment reentry.

The Roundtable meets every third Tuesday of the month.

## San Diego Reentry Roundtable Overview

The Roundtable is comprised of representatives from correctional institutions, law enforcement, faith-based and community-based organizations, governmental agencies, local planning members, universities, community members, formerly incarcerated individuals and concerned citizens.

**Anyone interested in improving reentry can participate.**

The Roundtable provides a forum for everyone involved in the criminal justice system -- including former prisoners, their families and the general public -- to come together in meaningful dialogue about reentry. We are concerned with reentry

throughout the County, from our jails and prisons, our adult and juvenile institutions. The mission of the San Diego Reentry Roundtable is:

***To promote the safe and successful return of offenders to our community***

We are currently working:

- On reviewing and evaluating legislation related to reentry.
- To share resources and educate the public to strengthen the commitment to reentry.
- To understand the reentry process for all formerly incarcerated individuals returning to San Diego County.
- To be a clearinghouse for “best practices” in reentry and advocate for their use.
- To participate in statewide coalition networking.

**Committees:** *Legislative, Employment, Housing/Transportation*

## Accomplishments

- Designed and implemented the SB 618 Prisoner Reentry Program
- Designed and implemented the Local Reentry Program
- Presented white paper related to reentry to the governor’s office and legislators
- Developed partnership with the San Diego City Gang Commission
- Created a public health toolkit: [www.sdreentrytoolkit.org](http://www.sdreentrytoolkit.org)
- Developed and facilitated expungement/Certificate of Rehabilitation workshops
- Coordinated and presented a job readiness workshop at Richard J. Donovan Detention Facility

Some of the many organizations currently represented in the Reentry Roundtable include:

2-1-1 San Diego  
A New Path  
Amity Foundation, CA  
Anger Ease Anger Management  
Bethel AME  
Bethesda Discipleship Home  
BI Incorporated, San Diego  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County  
Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego  
California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation  
Center for Employment Opportunities  
Chula Vista Police Department  
Coming Home to Stay  
ConTribute  
Correctional Alternatives, Inc.  
Disability Help Center  
Family Health Centers of San Diego  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Fred Finch Youth Center  
Freedom and Choice Transitional Inst.  
Freedom Ranch  
From The Inside Out, Inc.  
Futures Associates  
Heart & Soul Transitional Living  
Home Builders Institute  
Life Community Development Foundation  
Lighthouse  
McAllister Institute  
METRO  
MHS, Inc.  
NAMI San Diego  
Neighborhood House  
Neighborhood Healthcare  
Prison Fellowship  
RCNO, San Diego Congregations for Change  
Reading Legacies  
Reallife  
Reformers Unanimous International  
R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility  
The Rock Church  
Salvation Army  
San Diego Association of Governments  
San Diego Community College District  
San Diego County  
San Diego County District Attorney's Office  
San Diego County Library  
San Diego County Office of Education  
San Diego County Probation Department  
San Diego County Public Defender's Office  
San Diego Police Department  
San Diego Public Health Services

San Diego Rescue Mission  
San Diego Sheriff's Department  
San Diego State University  
San Diego Urban League  
SAY San Diego  
Second Chance  
State Parole  
United African American Ministerial Action Council  
University of California San Diego  
Valley View Public School District  
Victoria House Corporation Quality Housing  
Waldenhouse  
Welcome Home Ministries