

## Icebreaker Example

- Ask everyone to list one or two barriers inmates face in your city or county when returning home.
- Have a staff member outline the points on easel paper pads to keep the information current in the participants' minds.
- Now go around again and ask what barriers the individual agencies face in helping inmates address their multiple needs.
- Make sure to prod them to be honest and discuss challenges the group has the authority to change, including in your own department.
- Agencies are reluctant to air their dirty laundry, especially if the jail doesn't acknowledge their own problems developing successful reentry strategies.

## Icebreaker Exercise

The following are some questions for you to answer that will help the group have a better understanding of who is part of this meeting and where everyone is coming from.

1. Please provide your name and where you work to the group.
2. Tell us a bit about the jurisdiction you work in:
  - What is the size of the facility/agency you work in?
  - What type of population are you working with?
  - What is your vision of where you are going with reentry?
  - What are some of your expectations for the meeting?
  - What are some of the issues you would like to address during the meeting?