

Justice-Involved Toolbox

Language is ever-evolving, and we are open to any new words that help humanize the way we think about people who find themselves in situations that often define them. A new term to replace “formerly incarcerated” is “justice-involved individuals”. These are individuals who have been touched by our justice system in some way, whether that be arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime. The organizations listed below help to serve individuals who would identify as justice-involved. We have included the url’s to be copied and pasted into browsers if you receive this information in printed form.

Resources for Formally Justice-Involved Individuals & Families

[2nd Chances 4 Felons](#)

This website provides links to staffing agencies and companies that hire felons (<https://www.2ndchances4felons.com/>)

[Benefits.gov](#)

This benefit finder allows you to look for government benefits by category or agency. It links to government information and resources on education, food, housing, disability, Veteran’s benefits, and COVID-19. (<https://www.benefits.gov/>)

Legal Representation

Step toe is a charter signatory to the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, with lawyers handling pro bono matters involving significant legal issues with far-reaching effects, such as race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and disability discrimination; human rights; freedom of speech; prisoners’ rights; and voting rights.

Step toe has more than [500 lawyers and other professional staff across offices](#) in Beijing, Brussels, Chicago, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington D.C. (<https://www.step toe.com/en/offices/index.html>)

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(<https://www.steptoe.com/en/pro-bono-service/index.html>)

Educational Resources

[Reducing Barriers to Reentry for Older Adults Leaving Incarceration](#)

Policies that improve timely access to Social Security and SSI for the reentry population would help everyone reenter our communities and could particularly help reduce income inequalities for people of color, people with disabilities, and older adults.

(<https://justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Reducing-Barriers-to-Reentry-for-Older-Adults-Leaving-Incarceration.pdf>)

[Providing Identification for Those Released from Incarceration](#)

Approximately 17 states have laws aimed at helping previous offenders get identification either at release or immediately following. But these laws vary.

(<https://www.ncsl.org/research/civil-and-criminal-justice/providing-identification-for-those-released-from-incarceration.aspx>)

[Prison Policy Initiative](#)

New data on formerly incarcerated people's employment reveal labor market injustices.

(<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2022/02/08/employment/>)

[Collateral Costs: Incarceration's Effect On Economic Mobility](#)

Learn more about the effects of incarceration on employment and economic mobility.

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(https://nacj.org/index.php?option=com_easyfolderlistingpro&view=download&format=r aw&data=eNpNUMFqwzAM_RXj03ZK0tFsU46lhx3GRhnsWBxHaQSOBwYnaxn798lJw wYGS89-T-9JQVXBd4QaZO9Mh0E2EbYbkDSqE8ZclmB0U9BcXPmpNaSLtzRgEAc0K mFcJz6cXCcdiwOiTeGauSxcJ6eIYVGLMwSyXFyfThPG9DfpEeTxOGO5e1qoVo2Y2xJk vuoFpU42BOVCCmi8SsO_X8ztyeDKrbcgd85kl0EZsXMxReF68WK14jhBJXJW8NlrZ91 IWry6lgyIq7h733-KTVmV91noASRe0q3yXX9zjRdPvJvVUsUuVEpKdyNvQjbtjD4zI-CZ8 GtJy0ksDz6zw59fS3x6Ow,,)

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[Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)

A new report shows that of more than 50,000 people released from federal prisons in 2010, a staggering 33% found no employment at all over four years post-release, and at any given time, no more than 40% of the cohort was employed.

(<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/eprfp10.pdf>)

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