

Second Chance Act of 2007

Partner Perspectives and Links

Funding and other resources from a variety of federal agencies and national organizations may be applied toward a comprehensive offender reentry program.

[American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#)

ACA works to shape public policy on correctional issues in manners consistent with the Association's founding principles, constitution and bylaws, vision statement, and public policies and resolutions.

[American Jail Association \(AJA\)](#)

AJA is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting those who work in and operate our nation's jails. AJA is the only national association that focuses exclusively on issues specific to the operations of local correctional facilities.

[American Probation and Parole Association \(APPA\)](#)

APPA provides training and technical assistance to various criminal justice practitioners and agencies as well as concerned private and non-profit groups. They also advocate for developing standards and models of best practices regarding reentry and similar topics.

[Association of State Correctional Administrators \(ASCA\)](#)

ASCA is a membership organization comprised of the directors of state correctional agencies and the administrators of the largest jail systems in the United States. The association is dedicated to the improvement of correctional services and practices through promoting and facilitating the advancement of correctional techniques, research in correctional practices, and the development and application of correctional standards and accreditation. Formed in 1970, ASCA was formally incorporated as a New York State not-for-profit corporation in 1985.

[Center for Effective Public Policy \(CEPP\)](#)

The Center assists public justice agencies to become more effective in the objective of servicing the public. They foster collaborative teams between organizations in order to bring about effective, fair, equitable, and sound policies on the critical issues facing the United States today.

[Council of State Governments \(CSG\) Justice Center](#)

The Justice Center serves all states to promote effective data-driven practices-particularly in areas in which the criminal justice system intersects with other disciplines, such as public health-to affect a particular public safety problem. The Justice Center works on the solid foundation of work that program staff has conducted on criminal justice professionals' responses to people with mental illnesses and crime victims, as well as on racial disparities, justice reinvestment, prisoner reentry, and other complex justice-related issues.

Another branch of CSG involved in the Second Chance Act is the [Justice Reinvestment Initiative](#). Justice Center staff, with the help of expert consultants, work closely with state policymakers to advance fiscally-sound, data driven criminal justice policies to break the cycle of recidivism, avert prison expenditures and make communities safer.

[International Association of Chiefs of Police \(IACP\)](#)

IACP is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with over 20,000 members in over 89 different countries. IACP's leadership consists of the operating chief executives of international, federal, state and local agencies of all sizes.

[National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors \(NASADAD\)](#)

NASADAD is a private, not-for-profit educational, scientific, and informational organization whose basic

purpose is to foster and support the development of effective alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment programs throughout every state. NASADAD serves as a focal point for the examination of alcohol and other drug related issues of common interest to both other national organizations and federal agencies by conducting research, fostering collaboration, providing training and cross-training, providing technical assistance, promoting national standards, shaping policy, and ensuring stable funding.

[National Association of Workforce Boards \(NAWB\)](#)

NAWB believes that through the influence of committed private and public sector leadership, a high performance, quality workforce development system can be developed to meet the human resource needs of the competitive global economy that increasingly demands highly skilled workers. NAWB supports and promotes the work of its members through a comprehensive program of advocacy, technical assistance, and communications activities. Services are designed to help Board volunteers advance the public-private model among key policymakers, secure the role of the business sector in workforce development, enhance members' capacity and effectiveness, and learn from networking opportunities with the nationwide job training community. NAWB is the only group that advocates solely for Workforce Boards.

[National Center for State Courts \(NCSC\)](#)

NCSC provides up-to-date information and hands-on assistance to court leaders that helps them better serve the public. Through original research, consulting services, publications, and national educational programs, NCSC offers solutions that enhance court operations with the latest technology; collects and interprets the latest data on court operations nationwide; and provides information on proven best practices for improving court operations in many areas, such as civil case management. NCSC is an independent, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

[National Institute of Corrections \(NIC\)](#)

NIC provides training, technical assistance, information services, and policy/program development assistance to federal, state, and local corrections agencies. Through cooperative agreements, NIC awards funds to support their program initiatives. They also provide leadership to influence correctional policies, practices, and operations nationwide in areas of emerging interest and concern to correctional executives and practitioners as well as public policymakers.

[National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#)

NIDA's mission is to lead the Nation in bringing the power of science to bear on drug abuse and addiction. This charge has two critical components. The first is the strategic support and conduct of research across a broad range of disciplines. The second is ensuring the rapid and effective dissemination and use of the results of that research to significantly improve prevention, treatment and policy as it relates to drug abuse and addiction.

[National Sheriffs' Association \(NSA\)](#)

NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among those in the criminal justice field. Through the years, NSA has provided programs for sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of police, and others in the field of criminal justice to perform their jobs in the best possible manner and to better serve the people of their cities, counties or jurisdictions.

[Police Executive Research Forum \(PERF\)](#)

PERF is a national membership organization of progressive police executives from the largest city, county, and state law enforcement agencies. PERF is dedicated to improving policing and advancing professionalism through research and involvement in public policy debate. Incorporated in 1977, PERF's primary sources of operating revenues are government grants and contracts and partnerships with private foundations and other organizations.

[Prison Fellowship Ministries \(PFM\)](#)

Justice Fellowship is the criminal justice reform arm of PFM. Justice Fellowship works with key state and federal policymakers to reform the criminal justice system according to the principles of restorative justice found in the Bible. In some jurisdictions, Justice Fellowship advances a single piece of legislation. In other places, their approach is more comprehensive as they look at system-wide solutions to the problems of crime. Their

work sometimes places them in an advisory or technical assistance role to an official commission on some criminal justice subject.

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has established a clear vision for its work -- a life in the community for everyone. To realize this vision, the Agency has sharply focused its mission on building resilience and facilitating recovery for people with or at risk for mental or substance use disorders. SAMHSA is gearing all of its resources -- programs, policies and grants -- toward that outcome.

[U.S. Bureau of Prisons \(BOP\)](#)

The Bureau protects public safety by ensuring that Federal offenders serve their sentences of imprisonment in facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure. The Bureau helps reduce the potential for future criminal activity by encouraging inmates to participate in a range of programs that have been proven to reduce recidivism. The Bureau's approximately 35,000 employees ensure the security of Federal prisons, provide inmates with needed programs and services, and model mainstream values.

[U.S. Department of Labor \(DOL\)](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor has been included in the Second Chance Act to provide funds to be awarded to faith-based and community organizations that provide a variety of assistance to returning prisoners, including workforce development services, job training, counseling, and other reentry services.

[Urban Institute](#)

The Urban Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy research and educational organization established to examine the social, economic, and governance problems facing the nation. It provides information and analysis to public and private decision makers to help them address these challenges, and strives to raise citizen understanding of the issues and tradeoffs in policymaking.

[The White House](#)

The Second Chance Act formally authorizes key elements of the successful Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI), announced by the President in 2004, to help prisoners effectively reintegrate into the community. Additionally, the Second Chance Act enhances drug treatment, mentoring, and transitional services for ex-offenders through partnerships with local corrections agencies and faith-based and community organizations.