

Mapping for Community-Based Prisoner Reentry Efforts: A Guidebook for Law Enforcement and Their Partners

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The purpose of this guidebook is to explore ways in which mapping can aid police responses to prisoner reentry. Funded by the Police Foundation through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, this guidebook raises and answers a series of questions designed to walk the reader through the logic of why and how police can take an active role in prisoner reentry efforts and how mapping can aid in those efforts. It describes the reasons behind, and strategies for, engaging in data-sharing partnerships with corrections agencies, followed by a description of useful maps that can be produced. Special attention is paid to describing the various obstacles both to forging reentry partnerships and to mapping reentry data and how those obstacles can be surmounted. The guidebook closes with a discussion of how police agencies, in partnership with corrections, service providers, and community representatives, can use maps to influence changes in policies, practices, and procedures to better enhance public safety by reducing recidivism among released prisoners and apprehending those who do recidivate swiftly and efficiently.

Available on the Police Foundation web site
<http://www.policefoundation.org/pdf/mappingreentryguidebook.pdf>

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