What's it like to get out of prison?

"I'm usually an optimistic person, but I found this simulation soul destroying! I couldn't do anything right!... I felt that I was being set up for failure, however hard I tried to follow the system." - Simulation Participant

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO GET OUT OF PRISON?

The Reentry Simulation illustrates the enormous challenges faced by those returning from incarceration. The simulation raises awareness, outrage and empathy about the reentry process and makes obvious for any audience the need for more creative solutions and compassion for those impacted.

The Reentry Simulation works to answer the following questions:

- Who is coming out of prison & what's the first month like for them?
- Why do some people go back to prison after their release?
- What can be done to increase the likelihood of success for people reentering their communities?

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“My experience with the re-entry simulation for prisoners was an eye-opener. As I started my "pretend" process back into the real world, I became confused as to what I needed to do first. I was given quite a good start, but it was still a very big challenge.” - Simulation Participant

95% OF OUR 2.3 MILLION INCARCERATED AMERICANS WILL BE RELEASED BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES.

Of those, approximately 58% will return to prison within three years. The way we treat our formerly incarcerated citizens is taking a huge toll on our communities and economy.

Inmates will be released into diverse communities with various levels of support, resources and motivation. However, most of them experience the same challenges and feelings of hopelessness and failure.

It’s time for a change. It’s time to Reinvent Reentry.

THE REENTRY SIMULATION

The Reentry Simulation is an interactive event that creates an incredibly strong, eye-opening probation experience in just two hours. Participants have the opportunity to experience the challenges inmates face upon release from prison. This simulation is great for universities, office headquarters, conferences, associations, and more.

Participants are given the identity of a former prisoner, their crime, educational level, place to live, and amount of money they’ve managed to save. They receive instructions for court-ordered obligations they must complete each week for the first month of freedom. Fifteen minutes represents one week. At the end of each fifteen minutes, they are evaluated for progress or failure.

The setting requires one large room lined with rectangular tables representing service providers, jobs, halfway houses, DES, court, prison, etc. The center of the room is set up theater style for the briefings.

The participants have an opportunity for audience engagement to share feelings about the experience, as well as seek solutions to these complex and difficult issues.

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SAMPLE ROOM LAYOUT:

REENTRY SIMULATION ROOM LAYOUT

Court House
Child Support
Restitution / UA Testing

PROBATION

JAIL

ID STATION
DMV

AAFA FOOD BANK
CLOTHES CLOSET

CHURCH

PAWN SHOP
QUICK LOANS

BANK
SUPER CENTER

HOME CHAIRS

Center of Room
Classroom style
1 per participant

(2 chairs behind each table for staffing)

COUNSELING

PLASMA PLACE

MEDICAL CLINIC
UA TESTING

EMPLOYER

RENT & UTILITIES

HOMELESS SHELTER

SOCIAL SERVICES
FOOD STAMPS
SSI/DISABILITY
VOC REHAB
RENT HELP

TRANSPORTATION
BUS STATION

HALFWAY HOUSE

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SAMPLE PARTICIPANT LIFE PLAN:

Your name is **WYATT**

Criminal Background: Served 10 years in federal prison for bank robbery & felon in possession of firearm. You also have a history of drug use.

Your education is **GED in prison.**

You have the following ID: State ID ✓  Birth Certificate ✓  Social Security Card ✓

Your money coming in is:  **Employment- $320/week**

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Your housing situation is **with spouse.**

Housing situation changes:____________________________

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General Instructions:

- It costs one transportation ticket each time you arrive at a booth. They can be purchased for $1 at the Transportation Station.
- Plasma can be given twice per week. You will receive $25 the 1st time and $25 the 2nd.
- If necessary, you may have items in your packet you can pawn or sell.
- You must have food each week.
- You see your probation officer during the 4th week.
- You must attend treatment/counseling the 1st and 3rd weeks.
- You will do a UA upon receiving/changing employment.
- You must attend AA/NA weekly.

Good luck