

Overview of Connecticut Re-entry Strategy

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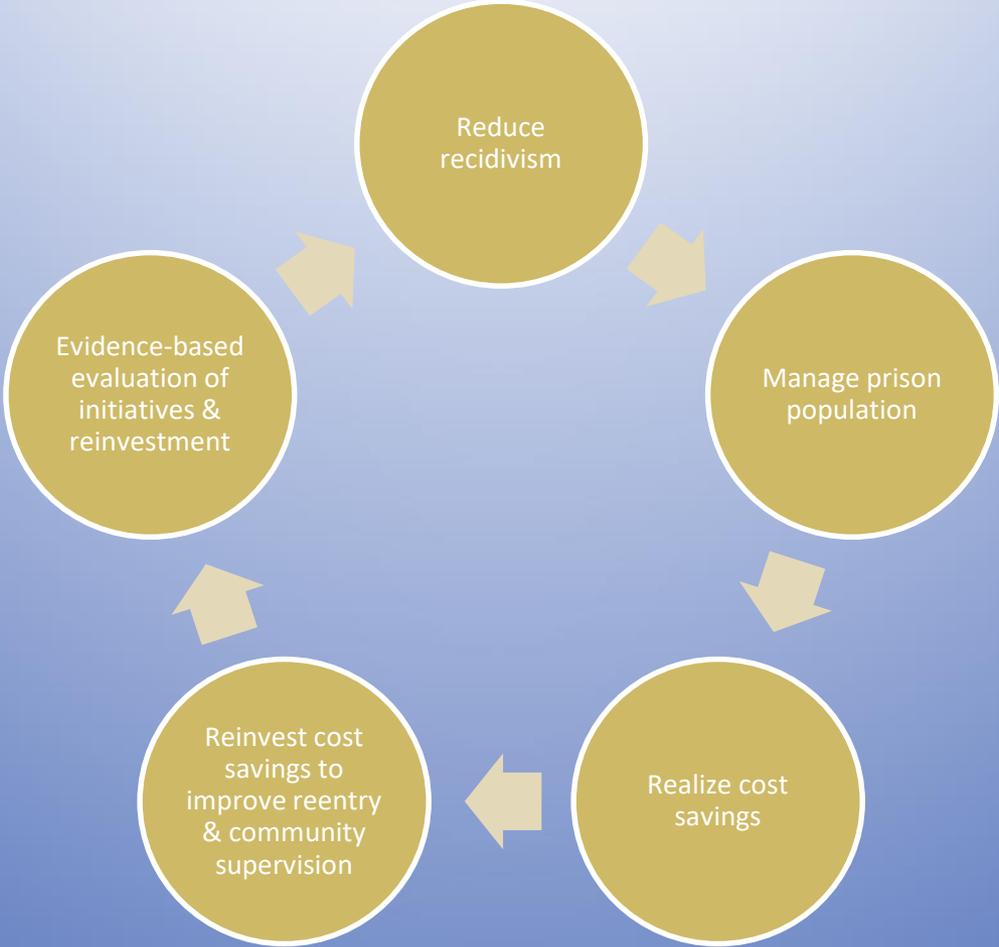
Connecticut Reentry Collaborative

- 8 Reentry Roundtables and the IMRP
 - Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Southeastern CT, Stamford, Waterbury, and Windham
- Each roundtable is a collaboration of state and local organizations that identify needs and address gaps in services
- Roundtables work together to implement strategy and improve reentry outcomes

Reentry Strategy Objectives

- Enhance public safety by reducing recidivism
- Implement an integrated, collaborative and cost-effective approach to managing the transition from prison to the community

Justice Reinvestment Concept



Results First Initiative

- Cost-benefit model to evaluate return on investment of criminal justice programs
- Creates full inventory of all criminal justice programs administered by state

Historical Perspective

- 2004 Offender reentry strategy based on Justice Reinvestment model. DOC required to develop offender reentry strategy. Two-year evaluation of the program based on outcomes and data. (Public Act 04-234)
- 2005 Recognized reentry strategy had not been implemented and intended cost savings were not realized. No single state agency was responsible to oversee implementation of reentry strategy. OPM Division of Criminal Justice Policy and Planning was created. (Public Act 05-249)



Historical Perspective

- 2006 The responsibility to develop and oversee implementation of reentry plan transferred from DOC to OPM Division of Criminal Justice Policy and Planning. (Public Act 06-193)
- 2010 OPM released first Connecticut Reentry Strategy plan (*Partners In Progress*, May 2010)
- 2011 OPM updates Connecticut Reentry Strategy (*Reentry & Risk Assessment Strategy*, February 15, 2011)



Historical Perspective

2011-2018

Second Chance Society Initiatives to further reduce prison population, close prisons, improve reentry initiatives and remove barriers to reentry, and reform bail. Recognition that an updated reentry strategy should include the Second Chance Society Initiatives and evaluate how each initiative impacts the reentry strategy.



Next Steps

- Update reentry strategy goals and objectives
- Involve all stakeholders in strategy development
- Include Second Chance Society Initiatives
- Identify city and regional reentry initiatives
- Incorporate updated data on persons reentering the community
- Utilize Results First to inform outcome evaluations
- Finalize updated Reentry Strategy by December 2018 and present at Building Bridges Conference (January 2019)

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