

# Alaska Reentry Partnership



A collaboration of individuals, organizations, community advocates, and public entities that support success before, during, and after incarceration.

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## Partners

### **Reentry Coalition Partners:**

Anchorage Reentry Coalition  
 Mat-Su Reentry Coalition  
 Fairbanks Reentry Coalition  
 Juneau Reentry Coalition  
 Bristol Bay Reentry Coalition  
 Nome Reentry Coalition  
 Kodiak Reentry Coalition  
 Pathways Reentry Center  
 (Kenai Peninsula)

### **Community Partners:**

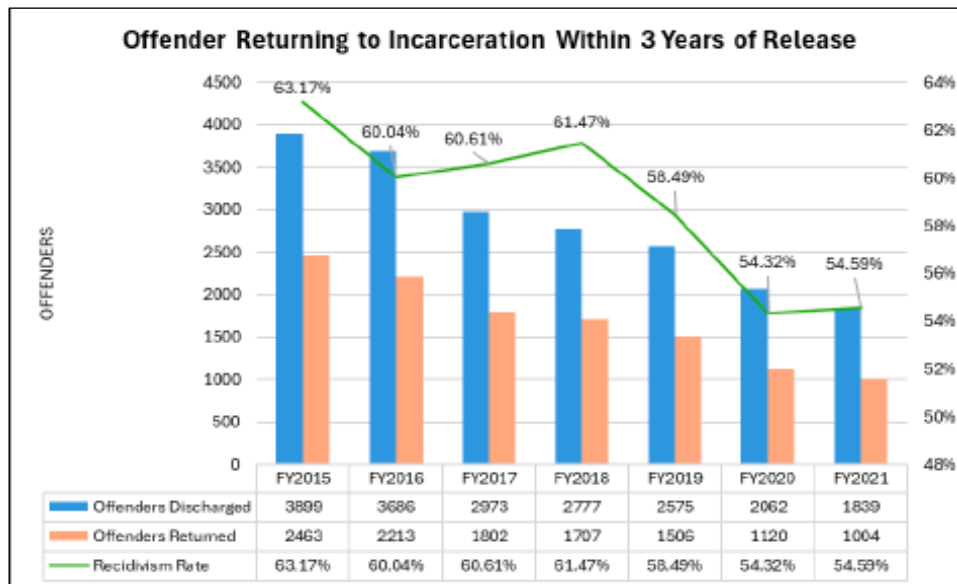
NeighborWorks Alaska  
 Valley Charities  
 Knik Tribe  
 JAMHI Health & Wellness  
 Bristol Bay Native Association  
 City of Fairbanks  
 Tanana Chiefs Conference  
 Set Free Alaska  
 True North Recovery  
 Fairbanks Native Association  
 Norton Sound Behavioral Health Corporation  
 Partners Reentry Center  
 Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

### **State Partners:**

Alaska Mental Health Trust – Disability Justice  
 Department of Corrections – Reentry Program  
 Division of Behavioral Health – Reentry Program  
 Department of Labor & Workforce Development, DVR, Job Center

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Source: Recidivism Reduction Joint Advocacy Report FY24 – Alaska Department of Corrections/Department of Health

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## Alaska Reentry Efforts (2015-2025)

- Community Reentry Coalitions Operate in Eight Alaskan Communities
- Division of Behavioral Health establishes Reentry Program, Reentry Case Managers
- Treatment in Prisons and Halfway Houses, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Reentry Unit Established and Operates in the Department of Corrections (DOC)
- SB 119 – Requires DOC to Provide State ID Before Release.
- AHFC Reentry Housing Funds
- Therapeutic Courts Expansion
- Peer Support
- Mental Health Clinicians in DJJ
- Crisis Stabilization Efforts
- Holistic Defense In Rural Areas
- Trust Beneficiaries In Corrections Study
- Trauma Treatment for Incarcerated Women in DOC
- Training for DOC Mental Health Staff
- APIC (Assess Plan Identify Coordinate) Discharge Planning in DOC
- Discharge Incentive Grants
- Reentry Simulations, and more.

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- Between 2015 and 2024, Alaska's recidivism rate dropped from 63.17% in FY15 to the lowest point, 54.32% in FY23, and 54.59% in FY24<sup>1</sup>
- Alaska does not currently have qualitative data to show correlation between reentry efforts and recidivism reduction, however information is being tracked and analysis could be forthcoming.
- Data challenges include Alaska's varying definitions of what is "reentry," what is "success," and how to measure success. DOC analyses three-year data, and reentry coalition case managers track only up to six months after release.
- "...[T]he risk of re-offending may lessen over time as individuals successfully re-establish themselves in the community..."<sup>2</sup>

## Alaska Data



### Online Alaska Data Resources

<sup>1</sup> Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report FY24, prepared by the Alaska Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Corrections (DOC).

<sup>2</sup> Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission, 2024 Annual Report:

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## National Research

State-level incarceration rates are 23% lower since 2008. "States are achieving these rates with changes in policy and by increasing opportunities and resources to support employment and connections to behavioral health care and housing."

—Report from the *National Reentry Resource Center, Council of State Governments Justice Center, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 50 States, :1 Goal: Examining State-Level Recidivism Trends on the Second Chance Act Era (2021).*

### **Online Reentry Data Resources:**

National Reentry Resource Center:

<https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/>

Council on State Governments Justice Center/Reentry:

<https://csgjusticecenter.org/topics/reentry/>

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## 2025 Legislative Highlights



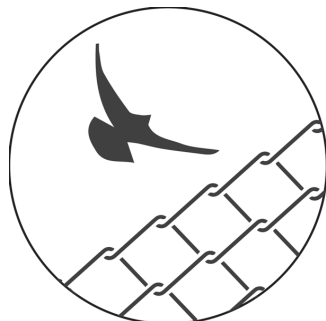
**HB 35 / SB 19 - Electronic device access and use by prisoners** (Rep. Himschoot/ Sen. Myers). Removes a barrier in state law that restricts inmates from utilizing certain electronic devices, such as computers or digital tablets. Expands access to rehabilitative programming.

### ***FY26 Operating & Mental Health Budgets (HB 53/HB 58)***

- Crisis Call Center (DOH)
- Complex Care Program (DFCS)
- Youth Court in Fairbanks (DFCS)
- Vocational Services and Training Expansion (DOC)
- Inmate Tablets (DOC)
- Trust Beneficiaries in Corrections Study Update (DOC)
- Discharge Incentive Grants (DOR)
- Criminal Justice Sequential Intercept Model (UA)

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Questions?

Thank you.

+See also the [Alaska Community Reentry Program](#) (2017) by the Community Reentry Coalitions, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Department of Corrections, and Division of Behavioral Health/DOH.

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