

## SHORT VERSION SCREENING FACILITATION GUIDE

*For a comprehensive screening facilitation guide, advocacy toolkit, and complete list of resources*  
**GO ONLINE TO:**

[www.voicesofhope.tv/reentry.asp](http://www.voicesofhope.tv/reentry.asp)

### POTENTIAL AUDIENCES/PARTNERS

- Formerly incarcerated men and women
- Families of the formerly incarcerated
- Leaders from faith-based institutions
- Substance abuse prevention and recovery programs
- Housing and transitional housing programs
- Criminal justice professionals and reentry experts
- Colleges and universities
- Local and state legislators
- Grassroots organizers and community members

### HOW TO USE THE FILM SERIES

The Reentry Series addresses such diverse topics as family connections, housing concerns, employment challenges, and substance abuse counseling. It introduces the myriad agencies from which reentering offenders must seek help upon their release from prison. These topics can promote discussion, decision making, and solution-based action around reentry issues.

- Lead a screening/discussion or workshop.
- Facilitate a panel of formerly incarcerated individuals, advocates, and elected officials.
- Host a dialogue about the criminal justice system and how reentry affects your community.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What were the most surprising facts about the reentry films? With what did you identify?
- What did you learn that you didn't previously know? What aspect of any of the films would you like to know more about?
- What expectations do you have of formerly incarcerated individuals?

Where do those expectations come from?

### HOUSING AND FAMILY ISSUES

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of the housing options discussed in *Nowhere to Go*?

### HEALTH

- What can you do to support drug treatment services in your community?

### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- What effect does a former prisoner's lack of employment have on his/her family and community, and what can you do to encourage educational and employment opportunities?

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- What kinds of images/stories do media usually present? Do you think this information is accurate?

- Is the current state of the criminal justice system meeting its goal of providing public safety?

- What can community stakeholders (community groups, residents, families, faith-based organizations, law enforcement and corrections professionals) do to address the root causes of violence?

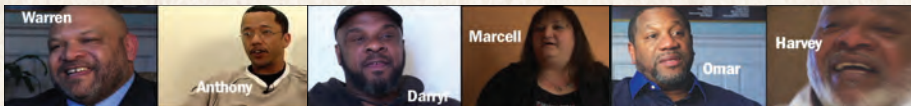
### FAITH

- In what ways do connections to faith and spirituality aid returning men and women? What role can the faith community play to help support successful reentry?

### TAKE ACTION

- How will you share what you learned with family members, friends and the community?
- How will you take action to improve reentry for formerly incarcerated individuals?

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## BACKGROUND

The American Friends Service Committee and Voices of Hope Productions joined forces to support, through the medium of film, community groups and policy organizations devoted to men and women returning home after incarceration. These three films are the result. *A Failed System* was a labor of love by Voices of Hope Productions. *No Where to Go and Healing Justice: Transformed Lives* were made with the support of the New Jersey Institute For Social Justice, Integrity House, and Women Who Never Give Up, Inc. with funding from the *New Jersey Department of State/Office of Faith Based Initiatives*. American Friends Service Committee and Voices of Hope Productions encourages you to use each of these films with the accompanying online user facilitation guide and advocacy toolkit to further your organization's goal of developing thriving communities and productive lives of dignity.

## ABOUT AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Our work is based on the principles of the Religious Society of Friends, the belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

## ABOUT VOICES OF HOPE PRODUCTIONS

Voices of Hope Productions, LLC is a woman-owned multi-media production company dedicated to creative and community-based communications and documentary filmmaking as a means to educate, engage, empower and entertain while fostering leadership, citizenship and inspiration in adults and youth to make a difference in our society.

## ABOUT REENTRY

Reentry is the process of leaving prison or jail and returning to society. Many will have difficulty managing the most basic aspects of successful reintegration—reconnecting with jobs, housing, and their families, and accessing needed substance abuse and health care treatment.

***The Reentry Series Films: A Failed System, Nowhere to Go, and Healing Justice: Transformed Lives* are presented to help facilitate screenings, spark good-spirited discussion and debate, and mobilize the community to develop positive grassroots solutions and policies to reentry challenges.**

## RESOURCES



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