

Reentry: Advocating for Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults

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The following resources focused on reentry for older adults were curated by Justice in Aging through the National Center on Law and Elder Rights. This list is designed as a starting point to access some of the key resources most relevant for those advocating for formally incarcerated older adults. The guide is organized into sections, starting from general resources and research on reentry to subject matter specific resources covering housing, health and economic security. Please reach out to us at ConsultNCLER@acl.hhs.gov if you'd like more information or to request a consultation.

General Reentry Resources and Research

- Justice in Aging: [Reducing Barriers to Reentry for Older Adults Leaving Incarceration](#)
- Ashley Nellis, Ph.D, The Sentencing Project: [The Color of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in State Prisons](#)
- Rebecca Sinko et al., The Open Journal of Occupational Therapy, Volume 8, Issue 3, Summer 2020: [Experience of Stigma Post Incarceration: A Qualitative Study](#)

Housing Resources

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): [Secretary Fudge Outlines HUD Actions to Address Reentry Housing Needs and Increase Public Safety](#)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): [Office of General Counsel Guidance on Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate-Related Transactions](#) (April 2016)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): [Implementation of the Office of General Counsel's Guidance on Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate-Related Transactions](#) (June 2022)
- [Contact Information for Fair Housing Initiatives Program \(FHIP\) Organizations](#)
- [Contact Information for Public Housing Agencies \(PHAs\)](#)
- [Contact Information for Continuums of Care \(CoCs\)](#)
- [Contact Information for Emergency Rental Assistance Programs \(ERAPs\)](#)

Health Care Resources

- National Center on Law and Elder Rights: [Final Rules to Streamline and Expand Enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B](#) (Jan. 2023)
- HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation(ASPE): [Aging, Reentry, and Health Coverage: Barriers to Medicare and Medicaid for Older Reentrants](#) (Mar. 2018)
- CMS (State Health Official Letter # 16-007): [RE: To Facilitate Successful Reentry for Individuals Transitioning From Incarceration to Their Communities](#) (April 2016)
- Social Security Administration, Program Operations Manual System (POMS): [HI 00805.386 Exceptional Conditions Special Enrollment Period \(SEP\) for Formerly Incarcerated](#)

Economic Security Resources

- Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law: [Social Security and Health Care Benefits for the Incarcerated](#) (2017)
- Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law: [Finding the Key to Successful Transition from Jail or Prison to the Community](#) (updated 2009)
- Root & Rebound: [Roadmap to Reentry: Social Security Benefits](#)
- Social Security Administration: [Benefits after Incarceration: What You Need To Know](#)
- Social Security Administration: [Transitioning From Incarceration: Statewide Prerelease Agreements](#)

Case consultation assistance is available for attorneys and professionals seeking more information to help older adults. Contact NCLER at ConsultNCLER@acl.hhs.gov.

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