

# The Essential Role of Private Voluntary Groups in Rehabilitating Offenders



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# How can faith-based and community organizations legally partner with state corrections for pre-release social services?

*Faith- or character-based programming in dedicated cellblocks:*



- Voluntary and open to inmates of all faiths or none
- Genuine choice (no incentives or disincentives for particular program)

*(Con't)*

# How can faith-based and community organizations legally partner with state corrections for pre-release social services?

*Faith- or character-based programming in dedicated cellblocks:*



- At least one secular alternative
- Privately funded expenditures for inherently religious activities
- Life Connections (FBOP); 20+ state prison systems

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## *Mentoring:*

- Training of volunteers is essential; consider certification (e.g. CAPA)
- Establish relationship before release
- Video-conferencing (e.g. CSOSA of Washington, DC)



# How can FBCOs be involved in providing post-release reentry services?

*FBCOs can be involved in:*



- Job coaching and placement assistance
- Vocational training
- Life skills training
- Mentoring children of prisoners
- Treatment for juvenile offenders

*(Con't)*

# How can FBCOs be involved in providing post-release reentry services?

*FBCOs can be involved in:*



- Literacy
- Financial literacy
- Substance abuse treatment
- Transitional housing
- Language translation

# Federal Funding

*Sources of federal funding that can help jumpstart some of these initiatives:*

## Vouchers

- Six Site Anti-Gang Initiative
- Access to Recovery (HHS)

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## Direct Grants

- Prisoner Reentry Initiative (DOL)
- Weed & Seed (DOJ)

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## Cooperative Agreements (Contracts)

- Residential Reentry Centers, a.k.a. "half-way houses" (FBOP)

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