

Reentry in Motion

Main Library • March 1-May 31

Designed to provide assistance, educate, and inform, the Reentry in Motion Series showcases reentry and criminal justice related legislation, speakers, documentary films, and handouts.

Reentry in Motion: Fight Hate

Thursday, March 1, 11 am-1 pm, Room 1

As a young man, Michael Ta'Bon's ex-con father taught him about drugs and crime, and those lessons landed him in prison for 15 years. During his incarceration, Michael promised himself that he would one day start a movement to prevent young African American people from getting caught in the cycle of violence he found himself in. The film Fight Hate with Love: One Man's Journey to Change the World, will reveal how the years in prison left Michael with invisible scars and a commitment to community work, which cost him his family. Reentry resources and handouts provided. Audience discussion after the film.

Reentry in Motion: Have You Been Convicted of a Felony?

Thursday, March 15, 11 am-12 pm,

Room 1

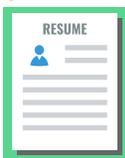
What should you say when an employer asks, "Have you been convicted of a felony? If yes, explain." In this Reentry in Motion program, the film Tough Questions, Straight Answers: Disclosing Your Criminal Record to an Employer, will explain how to discuss one's record honestly. The film includes returning citizens, employers, and others who discuss their views, and reveal what does and doesn't work. Reentry Resources and handouts provided. Audience activity after the film.

Reentry in Motion: Resumes and Cover Letters for Returning Citizens

Thursday, March 29, 11 am-12 pm,

Room 1

Returning citizens in search of good jobs need to develop impressive resumes, cover letters, and portfolios that are sensitive to the do's and don'ts of presenting prison experience. Focusing on the returning citizen experience, the film Resumes, Cover Letters, and Portfolios for Ex-Offenders, explains the "must-haves" and explores the "how-to's" of key job search tools. The film will also examine different types of resumes and letters that best portray skills, qualifications, and experience. Reentry resources and handouts provided.



Reentry in Motion: Success on the Outside

Thursday, April 5, 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 1

This Reentry in Motion program showcases a film which illustrates the specific steps needed to transition from incarceration to a rewarding life, and examines the many pitfalls that must be avoided along the way. Life After Prison: Success on the Outside, features parolees who discuss their successes and failures, while parole officers provide insights into why not all returning citizens succeed. The program also covers where to look for employment and how to make the most of the work experience skills learned while incarcerated. Reentry resources provided.



Reentry in Motion: Prison's Revolving Door

Thursday, April 19, 6:30-7:30 pm,

Room 1

It cost \$75,000 a year to incarcerate a nonviolent offender but only \$5,000 to help that individual live productively in freedom. The film It's More Expensive to Do Nothing, explores the troubling realities that lie behind the revolving door of prison, the complexities of reform, and the frequent disregard for programs that can help returning citizens succeed in society. Interviewing more than 25 experts, the documentary also profiles nonviolent individuals who have turned their lives around after completing remediation and literacy programs. Reentry resources and handouts provided.

Reentry in Motion: Returning Home

Thursday, May 3, 11 am-12:30 pm,

Room 1

This Reentry in Motion program showcases From Prison to Home, a film which traces the experiences of four African American returning citizens, focusing on their challenges with employment, housing, addiction, and reconnecting with family, as well as their participation in the African American Program for parolees. Richard, a 36-year-old crack addict, has spent 12 years in and out of the system. Arthur, 45, has been arrested 13 times. Calvin, 49, has served 18 months for drug possession and burglary. And 37-year-old Randy, emerging for the first time after a 16-year murder sentence, is intent on going to college. Includes interviews with their parole officers. Reentry resources and handouts provided.



Reentry in Motion: Surviving On the Outside

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm,

Room 1

This program includes the video In Your Hands: Life After Prison, which highlights two case studies which show that the end of incarceration means not only a fresh start, but a new phase of hardship, hard-luck, and hard-won dignity. Features both a female and male returning citizens trying to survive on the outside as they face issues of race, poverty, and substance abuse.

Reentry in Motion: The Reason for Recidivism

Thursday, May 31, 6:30-7:30 pm,

Room 1

Reentry resources and handouts are provided in this program, as well as the viewing of the documentary Taking Personal Responsibility, which explains the primary reason for relapse and recidivism. The film also introduces the concept of good relationships, examines pain and abuse from the past, and explains why many people aren't able to make relationships work. Outlines principles for developing positive relationships.

