



# Community Reentry Simulation

## Experience the Challenges of Life After Incarceration



A Community Reentry Simulation (CRS) portrays the real-life struggles individuals face when transitioning from incarceration back into society. By “walking in the shoes” of someone recently released, participants gain insight into the complex realities of reentry—including the stress of meeting basic needs while fulfilling court-mandated obligations.

This hands-on, experiential learning activity deepens understanding of the systemic barriers that make reintegration difficult and builds empathy through active participation.

### Sample Agenda | Four-Hour Event

- Registration
- Introduction and instruction
- Four 15-minute weeks simulate the first month of release. Between weeks, discussions help reflect on the experience, how participants are feeling, and whether they are accomplishing tasks. (75-minute simulation)
- Break followed by light meal/refreshments and small group discussions
- Panel discussion and close

### Intended Audience

- Front Line Community Service Members, Emergency Department, Crisis Services
- Law Enforcement
- Court professionals (Attorneys, Prosecutors, Judges, etc.)
- County Commissioners
- Jail Personnel
- Recovery Community (peers, peer recovery coaches)
- Behavioral Health Professionals
- Advocates and allies of incarcerated persons



### Attendee Reflections

*“I think it provided thought provoking opportunities for individuals to engage with the materials.”*

*“The information and increased awareness understanding of the topics were presented well and super helpful.”*

*“I liked that it was a real-life experience. I liked the pressure.”*

*“Though short time, it is structured accurately. As a returning citizen myself, some aspects were actually triggering.”*



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