

## **Community-Based Residential Reentry: Essential for Recidivism Reduction**

***Community-based residential reentry programs are proven to reduce recidivism and achieve better outcomes for returning citizens and for our communities. They provide evidence-based solutions to the many challenges faced by ex-offenders: a safe place to live, a job, case management, and behavioral or addiction treatment. Outcome studies show these community-based programs reduce recidivism by up to 25%.***

***Funding for additional reentry services is badly needed in Massachusetts to address high recidivism: two-thirds of people leaving jails and more than half of those leaving prison in 2011 were re-arrested within three years of their release. Of the more than \$2.8 billion spent by Massachusetts for its public safety and justice systems, less than 0.2 percent is reserved for community-based residential reentry services.***

***In 2019, Massachusetts approved a \$5 million investment in community-based residential reentry services, but still trails far behind other states like Ohio and New Jersey, which each spend more than \$65 million on reentry annually.***

***We must do better. As leaders on the front lines of criminal justice efforts in Massachusetts, we urge the legislature to support \$7 million in dedicated funding for community-based residential reentry programs that provide the tools and supports people need to be successful and prevent a return to the criminal justice system.***

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