



Arkansas

A. SECOND CHANCE ACT GRANT(S)

GRANT: Track, Title	CONTACT	JURISDICTION	TERM	TA PROVIDER*
Community-based Reentry: Restore Hope Crisis to Career Model for Reentry Centers	Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, Inc. Linda Bivens lbivens@goodwillar.org Ph: (501) 372-5100	Little Rock	10/1/2022 – 09/30/2025	American Institutes for Research [AIR]
ISI: Improvements to Offender Violation Guide and Dashboards in Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Community Correction Lasonja Evans lasonja.evans@arkansas.gov	Statewide	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2024	American Institutes for Research [AIR]
Community-Based Reentry: Restore Hope Crisis to Career Model for Reentry Centers	Restore Hope, Inc. Brian Graham bgraham@restorehopear.org	Local	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2023	American Institutes for Research [AIR]

*Click on hyperlink for contact information

B. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL GRANTS TO SUPPORT REENTRY

GRANT: Track, Title	CONTACT	JURISDICTION	TERM
SAMHSA: Cooperative Agreements for Tribal Behavioral Health	American Indian Center of Arkansas, Inc.	Little Rock – Statewide (tribal)	07-31-2020 – 07-30-2025
SAMHSA: Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness	County of Washington	Fayetteville	07-30-2020 – 07-29-2025
SAMHSA: Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness	County of Sebastian	Fort Smith	07-30-2020 – 07-29-2025
SAMHSA: Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness	Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries	Pine Bluff	01-15-2020 – 01-14-2025
DOL-ETA: YouthBuild	Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas https://www.cccua.edu/community-workforce/adult-education/youthbuild Leslie Daniels, case manager ldaniels@cccua.edu Ph: (870) 584-1153	DeQueen	10-01-2019
DOL-ETA: YouthBuild	Little Rock Workforce Development Board https://www.lrworkforce.com/yout	Little Rock	10-01-2019

NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER – STATE PROFILE

GRANT: Track, Title	CONTACT	JURISDICTION	TERM
	h-services/youthbuild-little-rock/ 5401 South University Ave, Ste. 146 Little Rock AR 72209 Ph: (501) 682-0228		
SAMHSA: Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness	University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences	Little Rock	09-30-2018 – 09-29-2023
DOL-ETA: Reentry Projects	Family Health International	Pine Bluff	Announced 06-26-2018
DOL-ETA: Reentry Projects	Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation	West Memphis	Announced 06-26-2018
SAMHSA-CSAT: Offender Reentry	Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries Horacha Jones, Project Director	Pine Bluff	Announced January 2018

C. STATE REENTRY LEGISLATION, INITIATIVE

Reentry/Community Services – Arkansas Division of Correction:

<https://doc.arkansas.gov/correction/reentry/>

The Arkansas Division of Correction is dedicated to providing services and programs that will assist inmates in their successful return to the community. This website is intended to serve as a quick reference resource for information to aid both inmates as they return to the community upon release from ADC, and their families. An extensive range of links are provided to a wide variety of agencies and service providers for many of the immediate concerns facing inmates returning to the community from incarceration (e.g. reinstate identification, legal services, health care, job placement, career readiness).

Reentry Team:

<https://doc.arkansas.gov/community-correction/reentry/>

The Arkansas Reentry Team’s vision is to motivate and provide opportunities for offenders to prepare for successful reentry into society through community engagement and stakeholder partnerships aimed at increasing public safety and reducing recidivism while slowing prison growth. For additional assistance identifying reentry services across the state, contact the ACC Reentry Services division by email: reentry@arkansas.gov.

Ready for Life:

<https://www.readyforlife.com/>

The *Ready for Life* platform supports Arkansans on their employment journey by providing the best local and national information about careers, education and available jobs tailored to individual needs and interests. From hospitality and media to manufacturing and agriculture, individuals who join Ready for Life have access to up-to-date employment opportunities locally in their own communities and across Arkansas.

University of Arkansas (UA) at Little Rock – Community-Based Reentry Initiative Program (CBRIP):

<https://ualr.edu/criminaljustice/reentry-program/>

Joint effort by UA Little Rock and ADC to aid inmates to reentry society when their sentences end. The program allows inmates to address the circumstances of how and why they enter the prison system as well as how to avoid those same circumstances once out of prison. Participants are 15% less likely to recidivate. The program utilizes peer interaction with mentors who are incarcerated. Edna Ramirez directs the program, which is highly sought after by inmates. The selection committee for the program requires participants to fulfill coursework in areas where knowledge may be the key to lowering recidivism rates. Components of the program:

- Multiple modules of instruction
- Application process
- Board meetings
- Orientation, homework, and formal graduation
- Liaison with inmate leadership councils
- Volunteers (not compensated)
- No cost to taxpayer

Restore Hope Arkansas – Community Justice Innovations:

<https://www.restorehopear.org/reentry>

This is a collaborative effort of government agencies, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and the business community working together to provide needed services to incarcerated individuals prior to and after their release.

City of Little Rock – Reentry Services:

This program is designed to provide services and opportunities to those with a history of non-violent convictions and incarceration to transition into the Little Rock community and improve their quality of life.

The Re-Entry Program provides the following services to those who plan to reside in Little Rock upon release:

- Pre-release Programming
- Employment Placement
- Employment Placement for Disabled Adults

City of Little Rock Sidewalk Programs:

- Re-Entry Employment Readiness Training
- Pre-Release Programming

Services include administering of needs assessment, counseling, development of reentry plan, case management services, and preparation for employment and reintegration into the community.

Employment Placement

Services include: recruitment and assessment, job preparation, training, job placement, case management services, and employment retention services.

Employment Readiness Training Program

The Department of Community Programs provided program oversight and monitoring responsibilities for the creation of a Re-Entry Sidewalk Program within City government, handling coordination between the training department (CLR Public Works) and program participants. The Department has developed and implemented the Re-Entry Employment Readiness Training Program through partnerships with several City of Little Rock departments: Public Works, Fleet Services, Little Rock Zoo, Parks and Recreation, Housing and Neighborhood Programs, and the Little Rock Police Department. Trainees are hired into entry level training positions within City departments and provided with up to nine (9) months of job training.

Contact:

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 City of Little Rock
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Central Arkansas Reentry Coalition:

www.arkansasreentry.com

Reentry Assistance and Rights:

Contact:

3805 W. 12th St.
 Little Rock, AR 72209
 Ph: (501) 444-2273

Arkansas Reentry Guide:

<http://www.arreentryguide.com/national-resources>

Ouachita Region (Arkansas) Resource Guide:

<https://hsresourceguide.org/re-entry.html>

Arkansas Re-Entry Programs:

<https://www.reentryprograms.com/in/arkansas>

<p>Reentry Resources: Arkansas: https://www.probationinfo.org/reentry-resources/arkansas/</p>
<p>Reentry Program in Arkansas: https://helpforfelons.org/reentry-programs-in-arkansas/</p>
<p>Reentry Services for Women:</p> <p>Our House Shelter: www.ourhouseshelter.org 302 East Roosevelt Road Little Rock, AR 72206</p> <p>Reclamation House: www.reclamationhousear.com 534 West Washington Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Ph: (870) 336-2183</p>

D. MEDICAID & CHIP IN ARKANSAS

<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/stateprofile.html?state=arkansas>

E. JUVENILE JUSTICE

1. **Lead state agency:**

**Arkansas Department of Human Services
 Division of Youth Services**

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/about-dhs/dys>

2. **Second Chance Act Grants – Office of Juvenile Justice Prevention and Delinquency**

Grant: Track, Title	Contact	Jurisdiction	Term
Arkansas has no current Second Chance Act Youth Reentry grants.			

3. **Ages of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction**

The age of a youth who comes within the jurisdiction of the state’s juvenile courts is defined by state law in Arkansas.

Upper Age	Lower Age	Extended Age
17	10	20

- In Arkansas, the highest age an individual's alleged conduct can be considered delinquent is 17. A.C.A. § 9-27-303 § 9-27-306. The lower age boundary for delinquency for a "dependent child " is 10 years old. A.C.A. § 9-27-303; § 9-27-306. Once a child has been adjudicated delinquent, jurisdiction of the juvenile court may extend through age 20 (up until age 21). A.C.A. § 9-27-303 § 9-27-306 § 9-27-331.
- Discretionary waiver: At a hearing, the juvenile court judge makes the decision and/or verifies that criteria are met before waiving the court’s jurisdiction for prosecution in (adult) criminal court.
- Prosecutor discretion: Prosecutors can bring charges in (adult) criminal court as an executive branch decision.
- Reverse waiver (remand): The criminal court judge can transfer the matter to juvenile court for adjudication and/or disposition.
- Juvenile blended sentencing: Juvenile court can impose juvenile dispositions and/or adult criminal sanctions while retaining jurisdiction.
- Criminal blended sentencing: Juvenile court can impose juvenile dispositions and/or adult criminal sanctions while retaining jurisdiction.