Countdown to Pell Reinstatement: Getting Ready for Pell Reinstatement in 2023

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Training and Technical Assistance Provider (TTA)

- Assistance to grantees on focused education, employment, and reentry
- Connect grantees to peer networks, best practices, and resources

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Opening Remarks: Getting Ready for Pell Reinstatement in 2023
- Panel Discussion
 - U.S. Department of Education: Pell Expansion Updates and Next Steps
 - Correctional Partners: State Directors and Correctional Leaders Association –
 Excitement about Pell Reinstatement
 - Educational Partners: The Power of Working with State Educational Agencies to Create Change
 - Community-Based Partners: The Importance of Working with Community-Based Partners for Reentry Work
- Q&A

SPEAKERS

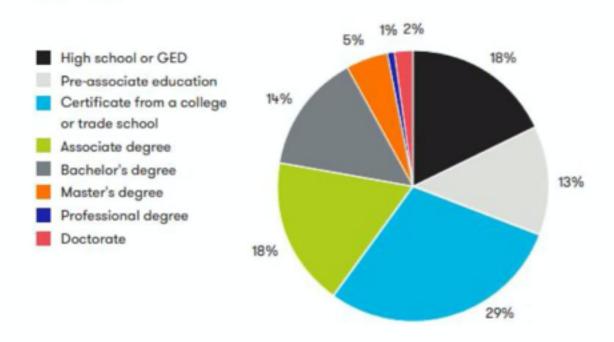
- Sean Addie, Director of Correctional Education, U.S. Department of Education
- Anne Precythe, Director, Missouri Department of Corrections
 & President, Correctional Leaders Association
- Lisa S. Vosper, PhD, Associate Commissioner for Workforce, Education & Training, Louisiana Board of Regents
- Stanley Andrisse, PhD, Executive Director, P2P

Demand for Programs

70% of people in prison would like to enroll in an education program

82% of those are interested in postsecondary education

Distribution of incarcerated adults wishing to enroll in an educational program, by degree or certificate they hope to attain, 2014



Source: This chart is based on Table 3.5 from U.S. Department of Education, Highlights from the U.S. PIAAC Survey of Incarcerated Adults, 2016.

Investment from Colleges

- Launched in 2016, the U.S.
 Department of Education's Second
 Chance Pell Experimental Sites
 Initiative now includes 130
 colleges in 42 states
- New colleges will join the initiative this year
- Pell Reinstatement takes effect July 1, 2023, enabling more colleges to administer Pell grants to teach in prison

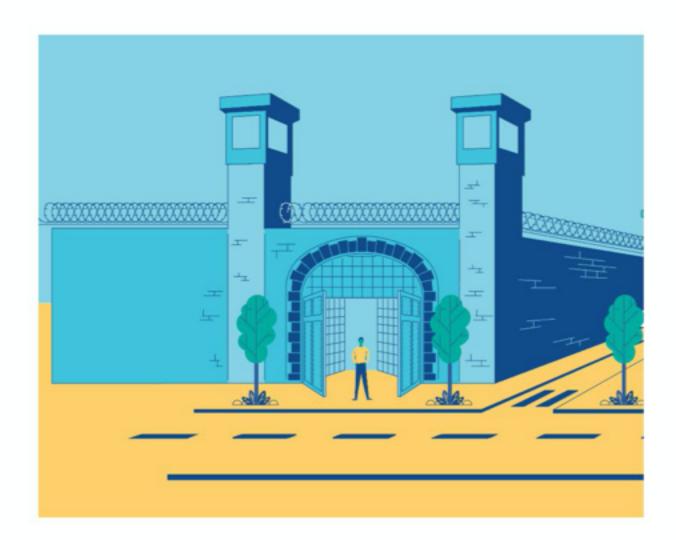


States participating in the Second Chance Pell Experimental Sites Initiative as of 1/1/2022

Pell Expansion Updates and Next Steps

Sean Addie, Director of Correctional Education, U.S. Department of Education





Recidivism and Facility Safety



Reduced recidivism- Incarcerated people who participate in postsecondary education programs in prison are 48 percent less likely to recidivate than those who do not.



Facility safety- Prisons with postsecondary education programs have fewer violent incidents than prisons without them, creating safer working conditions for staff and safer living environments for incarcerated people.

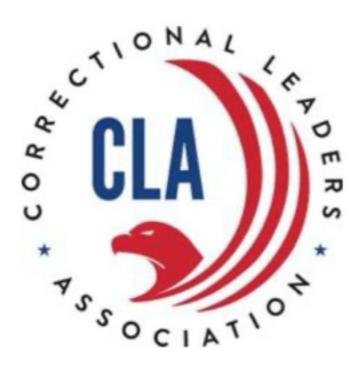


Postsecondary education is ranked "promising" among evidence-based practices on crimesolutions.gov

Correctional Partners - Excitement about Pell Reinstatement

Anne Precythe, Director, Missouri Department of Corrections & President, Correctional Leaders Assocation





Employment, Earnings, Savings



Preparing for post-release jobs and successful reentry- Seventy percent of all jobs in 2027 will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school. People who participate in postsecondary education in prison see employment rates and wages increase.



Taxpayer savings- Postsecondary education leads to less recidivism. This means that every \$1 invested in prison-based education yields \$4-5 dollars in taxpayer savings from reduced incarceration costs.

Educational Partners The Power of Working with State Educational Agencies to Create Change

Lisa S. Vosper, PhD, Associate Commissioner for Workforce, Education & Training,
Louisiana Board of Regents



Racial Equity and Social Capital



Racial equity- College is a primary avenue for upward mobility— especially among people of color, who disproportionately make up the prison population. Given this, postsecondary programs during or after prison provide people with knowledge, skills, and connections they can share with their children and families, multiplying the impact of a single college degree.

The Importance of Working with Community-Based Partners for Reentry Work

Stanley Andrisse, PhD, Executive Director, P2P



Next Steps



Pell reinstatement is coming in July 2023.

Corrections and colleges MUST act now to get ready for Pell:

- Come together with community organizations and people who are currently and/or formerly incarcerated to create a plan for delivering high-quality postsecondary education in prison
- Become familiar with the requirements of determining a college acting in students' "best interest" and start identifying partners for this process
- Work within your respective organizations to build the necessary infrastructure to support students

Audience

Q & A

Additional Resources



U.S. Department of Education

Federal Student Aid: Experimental Sites

Vera Reports

- Investing in Futures: Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Postsecondary Education in Prison
- Second Chance Pell: Four Years of Expanding Access to Education in Prison
- A Monumental Shift: Restoring Access to Pell Grants for Incarcerated Students

Community-Based Organizations

- From Prison Cells to PhD
- Formerly Incarcerated Graduate Students Network

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