

Appendix B. Reentry Practices Capacity Assessment

The Reentry Practice Capacity Assessment (RPCA) is an online tool designed to assess your juvenile or adult reentry coalition's readiness to implement reentry evidence-based practices, identify strengths and needs areas for improvement, and guide planning and further implementation. The following provides an overview of the RPCA.

RPCA Overview

1. Your reentry coalition can access the RPCA at www.reentrytoolkit.org.
2. Create an account for your reentry coalition. Once an account has been created, your reentry coalition will be able to access the online RPCA, download the full assessment, and use the planning templates provided.
3. Ideally, the reentry coalition coordinator and other members of the coalition should complete the RPCA to ensure that diverse perspectives can be captured. If this is not possible, the reentry coalition coordinator should complete the tool and share the results with the other members for discussion and consensus. Please note: If you currently do not have a developed reentry coalition, the RPCA can be used as a planning checklist to ensure your coalition is developed with an evidence-based foundation.
4. Because the RPCA is comprehensive, please ensure that your reentry coalition has sufficient time to collaboratively complete the assessment. Information entered into the RPCA should be based on the reentry coalition's current understanding, not on data review or progress reports from others on individual items.
5. The RPCA identifies capacity levels (High-, Medium, and Low- Capacity), strengths, and areas that may need to be strengthened to improve implementation of reentry best practices.
6. The RPCA will automatically calculate the total ratings for each section of the assessment. The reentry coalition can use the capacity levels provided in your results report to help prioritize your reentry coalition's areas of focus for implementation of reentry best practices and strategic planning. Re-rating the reentry coalition periodically (annually, for example) will highlight changes and accomplishments achieved throughout the implementation process.

