



Create a Reentry Guide for Your State or Region with Support from EJP!

Attention reentry organizations and higher education in prison programs! Apply for our Create Your Own Reentry Guide Program from Education Justice Project (EJP). You'll attend a special workshop to learn how to create a reentry guide or other similar resources for people returning home from prison in your region, receive a stipend to support your work and receive ongoing technical assistance throughout the year.

The workshop will be held online over two Saturdays this winter:

February 10, 2024 from 11 am - 1 pm CST, and February 24, 2024 from 11 am - 1 pm. Organizations will receive a stipend of \$4,000 to help with the costs of producing high-impact reentry guides or similar resources.

About us:

EJP is a college-in-prison program at Danville Correctional Facility based at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the creator of Illinois' reentry guide, [**Mapping Your Future: A Guide to Successful Reentry.**](#)

We deliver thousands of copies every year to people in Illinois prisons and even get requests from incarcerated individuals in other states who have heard of our guide. That's where the idea for this workshop came from. It seems there's a demand for reentry guides across the country. We want to help organizations interested in developing similar resources for their own communities.

Does your state, city, or region lack reentry resources for people exiting prison?

Many states lack state-wide or regional reentry guides. Or, perhaps those that exist are narrow in scope, condescending in tone, or simply out of date. If your organization is in a position to develop a reentry guide for your state or region, we can help! So far, EJP has guided organizations in three other states in developing their own reentry guides.

At this workshop, you will:

- Make a plan to develop a reentry guide or similar resource.
- Explore how to inventory existing reentry resources and identify gaps.
- Think about your team's capacity.
- Start developing content, using a template we have created.
- Decide what to include and what format to use.



- Think about how to involve formerly-incarcerated people in the creation of your guide.
- Start making a plan for printing and distribution.
- Explore ways to raise funds.

Who can apply?

We welcome participation by organizations or groups of individuals that can demonstrate interest and capacity in producing a reentry guide in the coming 12 months.

Partnerships among several organizations are also invited. Up to four people from each organization or partnership are invited to attend. Each organization or partnership that participates will receive a \$4,000 stipend to support the costs of producing your first reentry guide.

The deadline is Monday, December 18, 2023.

What support will you offer after the workshop?

We'll host regular check-ins with workshop participants to offer ongoing technical assistance to help you complete your guide.

How can I apply?

Apply by filling out a form here:

<https://form.jotform.com/233096141462048>

Questions?

Contact Lee Ragsdale, Director of the Reentry Guide Initiative at kragda2@illinois.edu.

Partnership with THEI

EJP is pleased to partner with the Tennessee Higher Education Initiative (THEI) to deliver this workshop. In Spring of 2022, THEI published ***Moving Forward***, a comprehensive reentry guide for Tennesseans transitioning from incarceration. THEI is a non-profit organization working to disrupt systems of harm, and create opportunities for autonomy and success through education, support and advocacy with and for justice-impacted individuals.



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