



A SECOND CHANCE. A STRONGER COMMUNITY.

Reentry in Anchorage Alaska

From incarceration to community: support makes a difference.

THE NUMBERS TELL A STORY

7,000

Statewide releases
each year

2,500+

Anchorage releases
each year

57-64%

Re-incarcerated
within three years

1 in 3

Alaska residents
have a criminal record

WHAT HELPS PEOPLE SUCCEED?



Stable housing

A safe place to live and
help navigating resources.



Employment

Job readiness, training,
and opportunities to work.



Health & recovery

Access to health care, mental
health care, and treatment.



Community connection

Case management, food security,
and supportive relationships.

WHY REENTRY MATTERS

Public Safety

Alaska's three-year re-incarceration rates range from 57-64%. Housing, treatment, and ongoing support help people rebuild stability and can reduce repeat justice involvement, supporting fewer victims and safer communities.

Family Stability

Nearly half of people in Alaska's prisons are parents of children under 18. Successful reentry helps families reconnect and reduces the disruption, emotional stress, and financial hardship children can experience when a parent is incarcerated.

Incarceration Costs

Alaska spends about \$202 per day, or \$73,730 per year, to incarcerate one person. The 2024 corrections budget was \$450.6 million. Reducing repeat incarceration can ease pressure on public budgets and preserve resources for other community needs.

Workforce Benefits

Employment helps returning community members earn income, support their families, and fill workforce gaps. Lost productivity from incarceration was estimated at more than \$50 million in a single year. Job training and fair employment opportunities help people contribute to Alaska's economy.

Equity & Access

Alaska Native people represent about 14% of the state's population but nearly 40% of its prison population. About 30% of people entering, exiting, or living in Alaska correctional facilities in recent years were Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Accessible housing, health care, and treatment help address barriers to a stable return.

Anchorage Partnerships

More than 2,500 people are released to Anchorage each year, the highest number of any Alaska community. Partnerships among corrections, service providers, employers, and community organizations connect people with housing, food, health care, and employment support.

TURN SUPPORT INTO ACTION

Partner with the Anchorage Reentry Coalition: share resources, collaborate on projects, and support housing, employment, and recovery opportunities. Visit our website and join the mailing list to stay connected.

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THE KEY TAKEAWAY

Reentry matters to everyone.

Second chances strengthen Anchorage and Alaska.

Reentry is not just an individual transition; it is a community responsibility. Nearly everyone in Alaska is touched by the justice system, directly or through someone they know. In Anchorage, helping people return successfully means supporting neighbors, coworkers, parents, and families as they rebuild their lives.

A second chance requires more than release from incarceration. Stable housing, meaningful employment, health care, treatment, and supportive relationships help people move toward lasting stability. Coordinated services can reduce gaps in support and help people reconnect with their families and community.

High rates of repeat incarceration carry costs for all of us: public safety concerns, strained budgets, disrupted families, and lost human potential. Preventing repeat incarceration can preserve public funds for education, health care, and infrastructure while helping people earn income and contribute to Alaska's economy.

Successful reentry depends on shared action. Corrections, service providers, employers, and community organizations each have a role in creating opportunities. By working together, we can support accountability and recovery, strengthen families, and build a safer, healthier Anchorage and Alaska.

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