Addressing the Needs of Formerly Incarcerated People with Disabilities

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Three-part Webinar Series:

1. Addressing the Needs of Formerly Incarcerated People with Disabilities

2. Employment, Public Benefits and Managing Supervision (November 3, 2021, 2 pm EST)

3. Housing and People with Criminal Records
Reentry Issues for People with Disabilities

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Overview of Today’s Presentation

• What is Reentry?
• What is AVID?
• Common Reentry Issues for People with Disabilities
• AVID Reentry Advocacy Strategies
What is Reentry?

• Transition from life in prison or jail to life in the community
• Planning for reentry should start as soon as possible
What is AVID?

Amplifying Voices of Incarcerated Individuals with Disabilities
How AVID gets information:

• Talking to folks in prisons/jails
• Monitoring
• Investigations
Common Reentry Issues for People with Disabilities

- Serve longer sentences
- Lack access to lowest custody settings
- Lack of connection to services
- Discriminatory community supervision
- Special issues for transgender/non-binary folks
AVID Advocacy Strategies

• *On the Outs* Video
• Individual Advocacy
• Systemic Advocacy
Questions?
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