# Addressing the Needs of Formerly Incarcerated People with Disabilities

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## Prisoner Reentry Webinar Series

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- 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

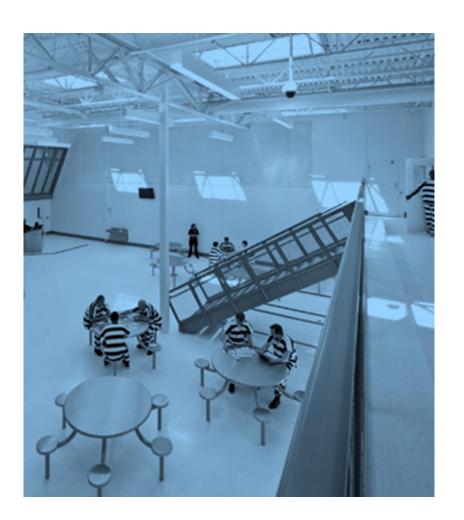
# What is AVID?

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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