



# **Re-entry Task Force**

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# CCJJ Re-entry Task Force

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# CCJJ Re-entry Task Force

## Two Working Groups Established

Collateral Consequences Working Group

Housing Capacity Working Group



# Collateral Consequences Working Group

## Members:

- Erin Crites – Division of Probation Services
- Christie Donner – Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
- Mark Evans – Public Defender’s Office
- Jessica Jones – Private Defense Attorney
- Jack Regenbogen – Colorado Center on Law and Policy
- Melissa Roberts – DOC/Parole



# Collateral Consequences Working Group

## Guiding Principles:

1. Involvement in the justice system should not result in collateral consequences that needlessly undermine individuals' future success, are counterproductive to the safety and welfare of society, or exacerbate racial inequalities.
2. Public policy should reflect emerging research indicating the predictive value of a past offense declines over time.
3. The public's access to criminal history information must be better balanced with individuals' right to privacy and the safety and welfare of society.



# Collateral Consequences Working Group

## Process:

1. Identify how collateral consequences are most critically impacting the reentry and reintegration prospects of people with a conviction.
  - a. Piton Foundation 2007 study regarding barriers to reentry.
  - b. Richard Morales presentation, with data from Latino Coalition organizations.
  - c. Hassan Latif presentation, with information from the Second Chance Center.
  - d. Maureen Cain presentation, with information from the Colorado Relief Project.
  - e. Anecdotal information from practice.
2. Develop a set of principles to guide efforts to achieve meaningful reform.
3. Brainstorm various ideas for reform.
4. Further investigate those ideas.



# Collateral Consequences Working Group

## Potential Areas for Reform:

1. Employment.
  - a. State licensure and employment.
  - b. Private employment
2. Housing.
  - a. Public housing providers.
  - b. Private landlords.
3. Other liberties.
  - a. Firearms.
  - b. Driver's license access.
4. Criminal records availability.
  - a. Through CBI.
  - b. Through private background check providers.



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## Potential Areas for Reform:

5. Orders of collateral relief.
6. Diversion program expansion.
7. Excessive fines, fees, surcharges.
8. Other ideas?





# Housing Capacity Working Group

## Members:

- Adam Zarrin – Governor’s Office
- Melissa Roberts – DOC/Parole
- Gary Darling – Larimer County Criminal Justice Services
- TBD – Representative from DOLA
- TBD – Representative Governor’s Homeless Initiative

\*More members to be included once potential reform areas are solidified

# Housing Capacity Working Group

## Work to date:

1. The Capacity Working Group was created in September and held its initial meeting October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
2. The group has identified some initial key areas to include:
  1. Establishing specific measures and desired outcomes, and
  2. Defining key terms



# Housing Capacity Working Group

## Initial goals include:

- Increase the number of permanent supportive and transitional housing units for justice involved individuals, especially those leaving prison
- Explore the use of possible pilots to address specific populations and issues
- Educate housing authorities and others regarding issues around HUD restrictions and housing needs of justice involved populations
- Explore the use of possible pilots to address specific populations and issues





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Questions?