Reentry Resources

The following on-line sources provide important data, at national, state and often county levels, that can be used to further your understanding of the differential effects of incarceration and re-entry in the United States. The research and statistical data, and especially the interactive tools, can help you develop realistic scenarios in adapting the re-entry simulation for your local or regional context.

Presenter's materials for the Reentry Simulation can be downloaded at www.nctacoma.org

Prison Policy Initiative at https://www.prisonpolicy.org

The non-profit, non-partisan Prison Policy Initiative, founded in 2001, seeks to empower activists, journalists, and policymakers to shape effective criminal justice policy, and aims to create a database of virtually all the empirical criminal justice research available online. With funding from charitable foundations and individual donors, PPI provides up-to-date reports, visuals, videos, fact sheets, and the research database documenting the multiple effects of imprisonment—from arrest and pre-trial, to confinement, and after release. Those working with youth will be especially interested in the February 2018 report titled *Youth Confinement: The Whole Pie,* which offers a powerful picture of what happens to justice-involved youth who are confined by state authority in the U.S. (approximately 53,000 on any one day). Also, see Bruce Western's August 2018 report on the crisis of homelessness for formerly incarcerated persons at https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html. (For a deeper understanding of the experience of re-entry, see *Homeward: Life in the Year after Prison* [May, 2018], also by Bruce Western).

The Vera Institute of Justice. https://www.vera.org. Founded in 1961, and active in more than 40 states, the Vera Institute is an independent nonprofit national research and policy organization that "works in partnership with local, state, and national government officials to create change from within." Funded primarily by federal, state, and local government sources, Vera emphasizes research and collaboration with visionary policy makers through specific Centers and Projects. The Vera Institute offers an on-line library that includes publications, data tools, videos, and websites. This is an especially strong source for finding context-specific information. The interactive tool at https://www.vera.org/projects/incarceration-trends presents specific statistics over time by race and gender regarding prison and jail admissions, as well as jail pretrial incarceration by individual states and counties -- see http://trends.vera.org/incarceration-rates?data=pretrial.

The Marshall Project at https://www.themarshallproject.org , founded following the 2012 publication of Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*, is a "nonpartisan, nonprofit news organization that seeks to create and sustain a sense of national urgency about the U.S. criminal justice system." The project is funded by a wide variety of charitable foundations and individuals, providing analyses of current criminal justice policies and reporting on current events. Inspired by the courageous work of civil rights leader and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the project pays special attention to the disproportionate impacts of the criminal justice system on communities of color. The website provides many excellent resources, such as the following study of differential housing barriers faced by returning citizens (over 600,000 released from prison or jail each year) https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/06/19/the-long-way-home.

The National Reentry Resource Center at https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc. Funded by the federal Second Chance Act of 2008, and launched by the Council of State Governments Justice Center in 2009, the National Reentry Resource Center provides education, training, and technical assistance to states, tribes, territories, local governments, service providers, non-profit organizations. Administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the National Reentry Resource Center is the nation's primary governmental source of information and guidance in reentry. The online resource provides research reports such as: *Getting to Zero: A 50 State Study of Strategies to Remove Youth from Adult Jails* https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/publications/getting-to-zero-a-50-state-study-of-strategies-to-remove-youth-from-adult-jails/

The Pretrial Justice Institute at https://www.pretrial.org. Founded in the late 1970s, the Pretrial Justice Institute's "core purpose is to advance safe, fair, and effective juvenile and adult pretrial justice practices and policies that honor and protect all people." Funded primarily by charitable foundations, the Institute sponsors important initiatives such as Smart Pretrial, the National 3-Days Count Campaign, and the free online library and community learning space University of Pretrial https://university.pretrial.org/home. This resource helps make the connection between pre-trial processes and resources, and the potential for diversion or successful re-entry after incarceration.