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# Empowering Justice-Impacted Youth

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# Presentation Description

- Justice-involved youth encounter significant challenges upon reentering society, including barriers to education, employment, and social integration, often leading to a cycle of recidivism. This presentation explores strategies to empower these youth and foster their success. We'll showcase innovative programs and community-based solutions to inspire action and collaboration.

## Key Takeaways:

- 1. Understanding Challenges:** Gain insights into reentry challenges such as limited education and job opportunities.
  - 2. Empowerment Approaches:** Learn about effective strategies like mentorship and vocational training, education support, and sexual risk avoidance education.
  - 3. Community Engagement:** Explore the impact of community support in reducing recidivism.
  - 4. Call to Action:** Receive actionable steps to support justice-impacted youth within your organization or community, emphasizing the importance of empathy, education, and opportunity in promoting sexual risk avoidance education.
- This presentation is relevant for professionals working in or with juvenile justice, community organizations, and schools. Attendees will leave with practical steps to engage in advocacy and program development. Let's break the cycle and empower justice-impacted youth for a brighter future.

# Activity



# Label Activity- Discussion

- How did you feel as a person with a label?
- How did it feel to interact with a person with a label?
- Could someone with your label overcome that label?
- What does a youth with a negative label need to succeed

# Discussion Cont.

- In life youth often don't realize that if they ask for help, they will receive help.
  - We live in a "I'll figure it out on my own society"
  - Youth don't know who to ask for help
  - Youth feel invalidated, like their problems are not as "big" as adult problems.
  - Youth often need to participate in activities that help support their households
  - Any other suggestions?

# How Does This Relate to Breaking Barriers?

- What do youth need to be successful
  - (will ask for participant input here to build a list)
- How do we get youth to realize their barriers
  - (will ask for participant input here to build a list)
- Who is responsible for breaking youth barriers?
  - Ultimately equipping youth to break their own barriers is the goal, however, that equipping takes work and collaboration



Breaking Barriers  
+  
Building Youth Assets  
=  
Successful youth



# Success Sequence

- According to the Brookings study, 97% of millennials who followed the Success Sequence (completed education, worked full-time, and delayed parenthood until after marriage) avoided poverty by the time they reached their late 20s. This statistic underscores the importance of sequential life choices in promoting economic stability and well-being (Source: "The Millennial Success Sequence: Marriage, Kids, and the 'Success Sequence' Among Young Adults" by the Brookings Institution, December 2017).
- This approach promotes a shift towards intergenerational resilience, breaking cycles of poverty, incarceration, and social disadvantage. By equipping justice-impacted youth with the tools and mindset to follow the Success Sequence, we can pave the way for transformative change within families and communities, fostering long-term stability and well-being.



# Success Sequence/A-F Topics AND Justice-Involved youth

- Implementing the Success Sequence is particularly relevant for justice-impacted youth due to the unique challenges they face post-incarceration. By emphasizing education, employment, marriage, and then starting a family, as well as, positive attitudes, goal-setting, and responsible decision-making, these frameworks provide a roadmap for personal growth, rehabilitation, and successful reintegration into society.
- Addressing the A-F topics helps justice-involved youth build resilience, self-esteem, and social capital, which are crucial for overcoming stigma, accessing resources, and achieving long term success. By integrating these concepts into reentry programs, we can empower justice-impacted youth to rewrite their narratives, pursue meaningful opportunities/relationships, and contribute positively to their communities

# Innovative Approach

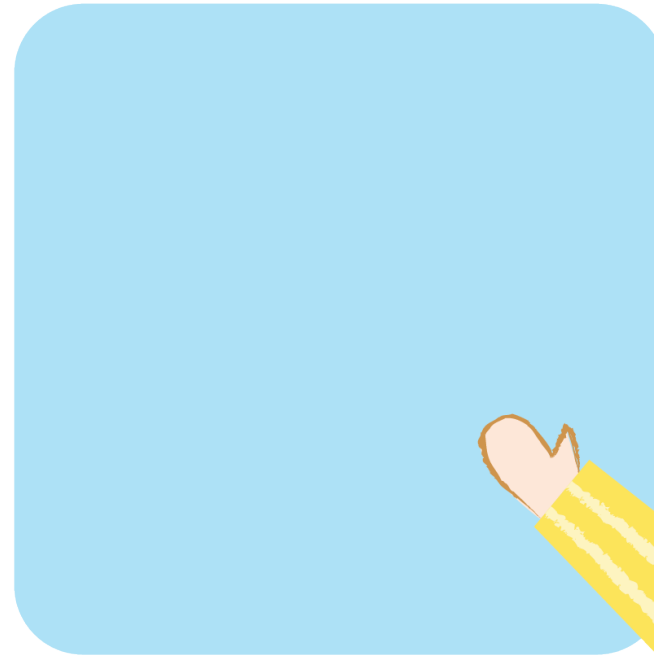
- Camps in the facilities
  - We host film camp each year inside juvenile detention facilities. The goal is to allow youth the opportunity to gain film skills and develop their leadership skills as well as teach Sexual Risk Avoidance Curriculum.
    - Allows for hands on experience with professional equipment and instructors so that they have a skill when they leave the facility
    - Teaches collaboration: youth have to work in a group setting towards a common goal, something they are not used to doing.
    - They learn to celebrate a job well done, even if they do not win the competition, they learn to cheer on their peers all while learning how to win or how to lose.

# Collaboration; It takes a Community

- We all want to have the programs or be the best answer to youth success, but it takes a community.
- Know what services/organizations are in your community and build relationships.
- The overarching goal should not be to promote your program, but to promote youth success. We are all in this together, and together we are able to best serve youth.
- Build relationships that are committed to helping youth break barriers. Vocational training, education opportunities, social skills building
  - You can provide youth with opportunities to break barriers, sometimes your organization may not be the best fit.

# Collaboration Continued

- **Foster collaboration** among community organizations, schools, law enforcement, and social services to create a comprehensive support network for justice-impacted youth.
- **Encourage community** members to volunteer their time and skills to support youth reentry programs/mentoring/tutoring/counseling/etc.
- **Strengthen family support systems** by providing resources and service that promote stability, communication, and positive relationships.



# Community Connections Reduce Recidivism

- Youth who participate in structured community-based programs have shown significantly reduced rates of reoffending. For example, research has found that youth engaged in mentorship programs or community-based interventions are up to 35% less likely to reoffend, compared to those who do not receive such support (Source: “Youth Reentry Task Force Report” by the Council of State Governments Justice Center). This underscores the crucial role of community support in breaking the cycle of recidivism and promoting successful reintegration for justice-impacted youth.

# Community Supports

- List some community supports available in your area, don't be afraid to list the obscure supports as well.
  - Mentorship Programs
  - Job Training/Employment Programs
  - Education/Academic Support
  - Substance Abuse Treatment/Counseling
  - Restorative justice Programs
  - Community Reintegration Services
  - Family/Social Support Networks

# Empathy and Opportunity

- Developing Empathy: We must encourage individual and organizations to cultivate empathy towards justice-involved youth by promoting the understanding of their unique experience and challenges
  - Provide opportunities for education and awareness to increase empathy and reduce stigma.
  - Creating opportunities: Establish programs that may be void in your communities: Mentorship programs specifically for justice-involved youth with supportive adults
  - Collaborate with local businesses/employers to create job training/employment opportunities
  - Advocate for educational access and support services that empower youth to pursue academic goals and acquire essential skills for future success.
  - Promote community-based programs that provide recreational, artistic, and skill building activities to engage youth positively build self-confidence.



# Youth Recidivism Rates by Intervention Program

Intervention Program	Reduction in Recidivism Rate (%)	Source
Mentorship Program	Up to 35%	"Youth Reentry Task Force Report" (Council of State Governments)
Job Training & Employment	Approximately 25%	"Reducing Recidivism for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System" (National Institute of Justice)
Education Support	15-20%	"Educational Interventions for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System" (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)
Substance Abuse Treatment	20-25%	"Substance Abuse Treatment for Juvenile Offenders" (National Institute on Drug Abuse)
Restorative Justice Practices	Varies based on program	"Restorative Justice and Juvenile Offenders" (Journal of Experimental Criminology)
Community Reintegration Services	Up to 30%	"Community-Based Reintegration Programs" (Annie E. Casey Foundation)

# Call to Action

- By focusing on empathy and opportunity, individuals and organizations can play a pivotal role in transforming the lives of justice-impacted youth. These actions not only contribute to reducing recidivism but also promote a more inclusive, compassionate, and supportive community for all. Together, we can empower youth to overcome obstacles, realize their potential, and contribute positively to society.



# Key Sources

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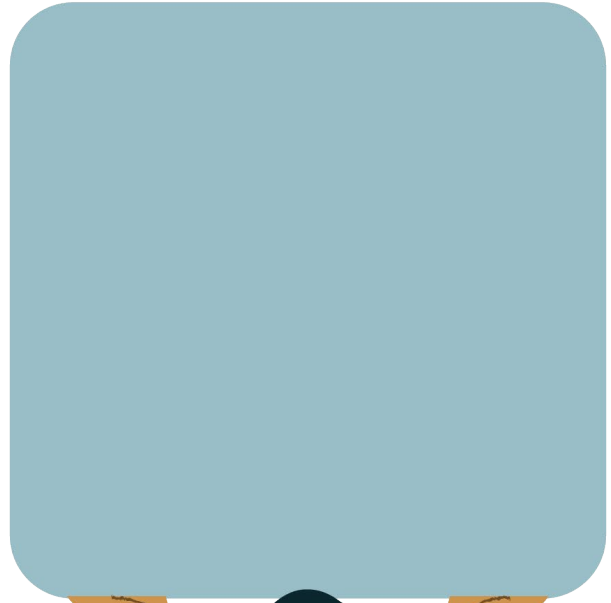
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# Questions?

