

## Reentry Resource Mapping Tip Sheet

### Purpose

Because funds for education programs serving the corrections population are limited, partnerships are essential for program success. Partners can provide additional services, such as employment services (e.g., career counseling and job readiness training) and social support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, and addiction treatment). A resource map can help link incarcerated students — pre- and post-release — to partners offering these needed services.

This tool is designed to support reentry education providers implementing the strategic partnerships component of the Reentry Education Framework. For more information about each component of the Framework, see the Reentry Education Framework website (<http://lincs.ed.gov/reentryed>) or report ([http://lincs.ed.gov/reentryed/files/tools\\_pdf/framework\\_report.pdf](http://lincs.ed.gov/reentryed/files/tools_pdf/framework_report.pdf)).

### Target Users

Reentry education providers will populate and manage the resource map, which will be used to identify new partners, community resources, and support for their students.

### When to Use

Reentry education providers adopting the Reentry Education Framework should start by conducting a needs assessment, which includes identifying existing partners. The resource map should be populated with the partners identified during that process and then managed and updated regularly.

### How to Use

In its most basic form, a resource map can be as simple as a comprehensive list of partners, managed in a spread-sheet or database. Resource maps also can be created with more advanced software, including features such as geographical information system maps, text messages, and interactivity. Reentry education providers should determine if their community has an existing reentry resource mapping tool (e.g., developed by a local reentry council) and, if so, request access to the tool. Otherwise, providers needing to develop their own resource map-ping tool should use available open source tools, such as Resource Map and Story Map Shortlist.

Regardless of the level of sophistication of the resource map, the tool should include the following fields:

- Agency name
- Program name
- Services provided
- Contact person
- Address
- City, state, zip code
- County or geographical zone
- Phone number, email address, and fax
- Days and hours
- Appointment required?
- Referral required?
- Language(s) spoken
- Eligibility requirements
- Program exclusions
- Space availability
- Documents required
- Fee structure
- Website address
- Weekend days and hours
- Comments