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CONVERGENCE REENTRY READY LEADERS UNVEIL BOLD, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PREPARE PEOPLE TO SUCCESSFULLY RETURN HOME FROM PRISON AND LEAD MORE PRODUCTIVE, HEALTHIER LIVES

Washington, DC – [Convergence Center for Policy Resolution](#) invites you to attend a briefing on a transformative plan designed to improve reentry success for the hundreds of thousands of individuals returning home from incarceration. The plan calls for coordination at the highest level across the multiple systems that serve incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. By focusing on what happens during incarceration and immediately afterward, it addresses a critical, yet often overlooked, aspect of criminal justice reform.

WHAT:

Each person returns home with a unique set of needs and requires support to successfully reintegrate back into the community. Speakers will describe breakthrough strategies to address the education, employability, physical and mental health, housing, and family support concerns of currently and formerly incarcerated individuals. They will call on state and local leaders and practitioners to adopt the innovative strategies and programs described in the report.

Featured Speaker

- Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)

Panelists

- Rob Fersh, President and Founder, Convergence Center for Policy Resolution
- Stephanie McGencey, Director, Reentry Ready Project, Convergence Center for Policy Resolution
- Leann Bertsch, Director, North Dakota Department of Corrections
- Marc Levin, Vice President, Criminal Justice, Texas Public Policy Foundation and Right on Crime
- Ashley McSwain, Executive Director, Community Family Life Services
- David Safavian, Deputy Director, Center for Criminal Justice Reform, American Conservative Union Foundation
- Formerly incarcerated individuals from Community Family Life Services Speakers Bureau

WHO:

The widely [diverse signatories](#) of the Reentry Ready plan include public and private prison officials, corrections officers, experts in mental and physical health, direct service providers, the faith community, education advocates, researchers, criminal justice experts, and right and left-leaning advocacy groups.

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

WHERE:

Phoenix Park Hotel
520 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

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