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## **ABSTRACT**

Being released from jail affects a person's ability to secure basic needs such as health, housing, and employment. Compounding these barriers are issues related to returning to impoverished communities, complicated relationships with families and support systems, and minimal reentry opportunities within jails and upon release. This study explores how the Opportunity Network's reentry workbook is working to address the social determinants of health and improve perceptions of successful reentry outcomes.

**KEYWORDS:** Reentry, Substance use, Jail, Social determinants

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