

# Housing Returning Citizens: Addressing Stigma, Promoting Support, Ensuring System Collaboration

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# Project Background

- **Team:** Center for Justice Innovation; Housing Solutions Lab
- **Methods:** 2 national networks, 32 practitioners interviews, 1 national survey

# Housing Is Justice

Exploring State and Local Innovations



# Key Takeaway: Solutions exist.



Prevent Criminal Justice Involvement



Connect People to Resources and Support



Expand Access to Housing



Increase Housing Supply



# Prevent Criminal Justice Involvement

## Law-Enforcement Assisted Diversion (WA)



## Project Hope (KS)





# Connect People to Resources and Support

## Housing Stability for Youth in Courts (WA)



*Photo: Jovenes Inc.*

## Diversion Hub (OK)



*Photo: Diversion Hub*



# Expand Access to Housing

## Fair Chance Legislation (multiple states)



*Photo: Kampus Productions*

## Frequent User Services Enhancement (NY)



*Photo: RDNE Stock Project*





# Increase Housing Supply

## Just Home (CA, OK, SC, SD)



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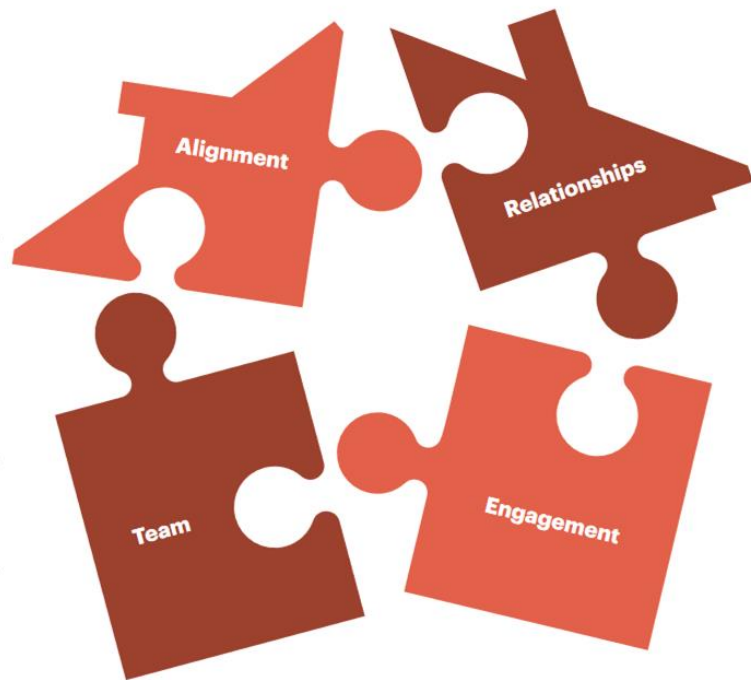
## Homecoming Project (CA)



*Photo: Impact Justice*

# Key Takeaway: Cross-sector collaborations are hard.

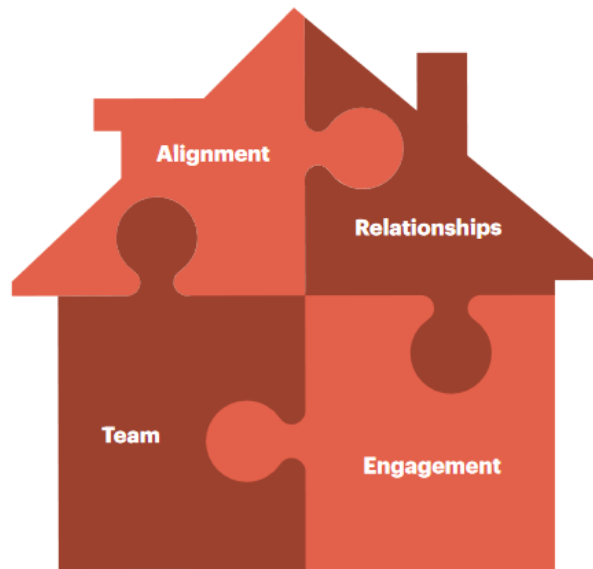
- Insufficient political will
- Misaligned incentives
- Data sharing barriers
- Lack of a common language





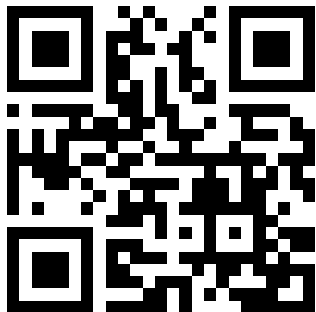
# Key Takeaway: Cross-sector collaborations can succeed.

- Goals are aligned
- Stakeholders are engaged
- Relationships are fostered
- The right team is in the right roles



# More Resources

See the full paper for  
more program examples:



<https://shorturl.at/bDGJL>

Track funding from the Bureau  
of Justice Assistance:

- Smart Reentry Housing  
Demonstration Program (closes  
July 25 2024)
- Emergency and Transitional Pet  
Shelter and Housing Assistance  
Grant Program (closes July 22  
2024)

# Thank you!



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