

From Immigration Detention to Unfamiliar Territory:

Surviving Post-Release

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{Background}



Immigration
Detention
Today

**350+ detention centers
in the U.S.**¹

**409,849 people
deported in 2012.**²

What
Happens
After
Detention?

Uncertain future
Unfamiliar city or country
No ID
No shelter
NO RESOURCES



The
Gap



After being deported
or released, people
don't know where to get help
with immediate basic needs.³

Who Could
Bridge the
Gap?



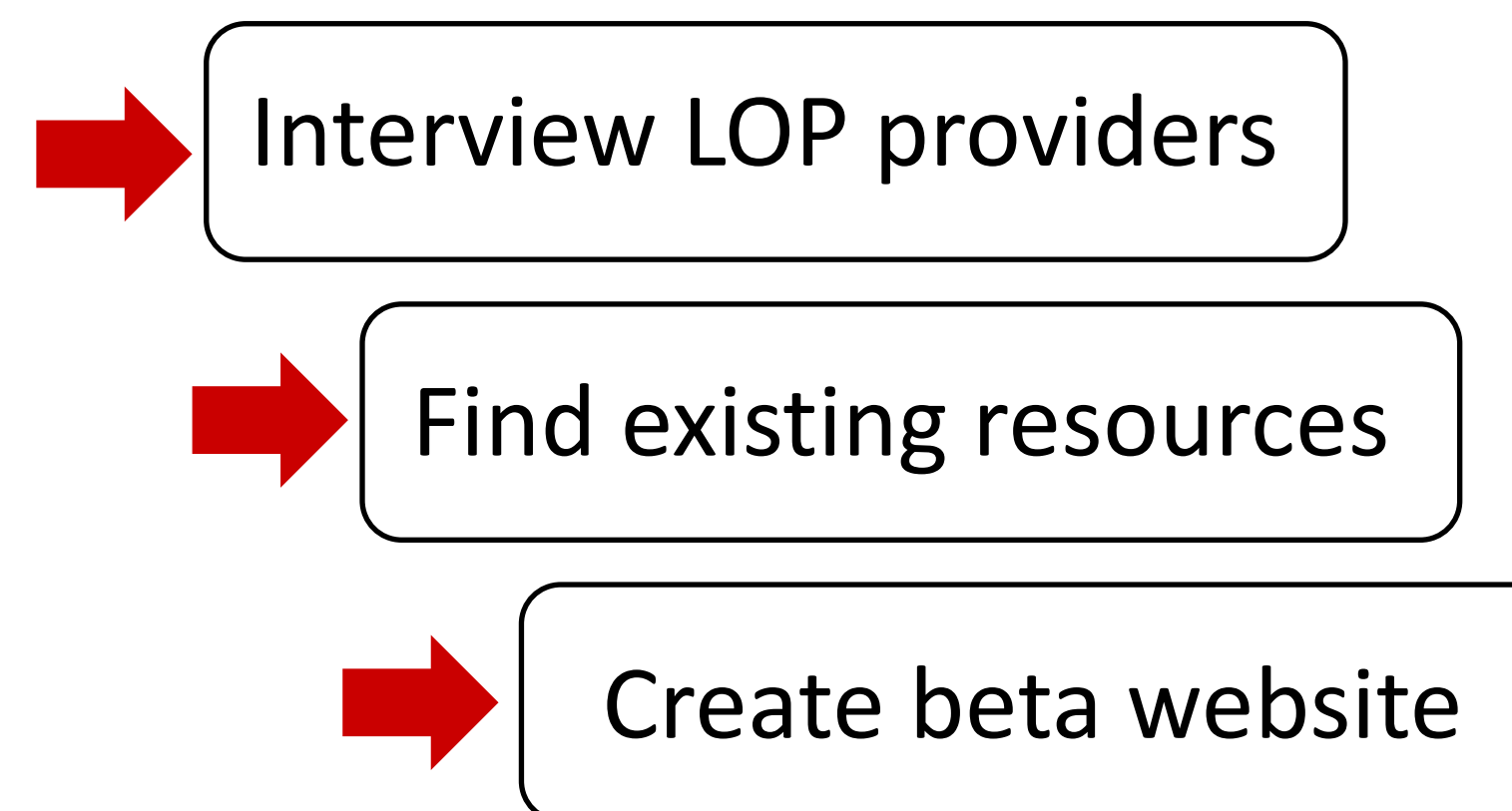
Legal Orientation Program (LOP)
providers work with people
in immigration detention.

{Strategy}

Goal:

Connect Legal Orientation Program (LOP)
providers nationwide to a resource
they can share with people
who are leaving immigration detention.

Process



Initial Geographic Range:
U.S./Mexico Border⁴

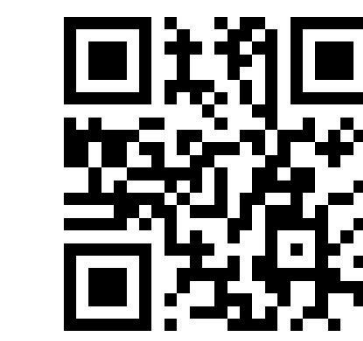


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Beta
Website

www.SurvivingPostRelease.org



Critical
Services



System
Outcomes

- Raise awareness about immigration detention
- Enable cross-organization collaboration

What
Next?

- Improve & disseminate website
- Add geographic regions
- Advocate for policy change

References: ¹ Chin, Stephanie Lan. (2010). *Library Services in U.S. Immigration Detention Facilities*. Master's Theses. Paper 3755. http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/etd_theses/3755

² U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. <http://www.ice.gov/removal-statistics/>.

³ Silhouette photo courtesy of Fovea Centralis via Flickr.

⁴ Base layer map source: National Geographic, Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, UNEF-WCMC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, NPCAN, GEBCC, NCA, IFC