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

Interview LOP providers
Find existing resources
Create beta website

{Impact}

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:
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