

Barriers to Reentry for Formerly Incarcerated People

Formerly incarcerated people encounter a wide range of legal (and illegal) barriers to reentry when they return home, including:

- Lack of **basic identification documents** (e.g., birth certificate, SSN, driver license)
- Crippling **debt** resulting from involvement in criminal justice system (e.g., restitution, court-ordered fines and fees, interest)
- Lack of **housing**, resulting from public housing restrictions, private discrimination, and dearth of options
- **Employment** discrimination
- Limited **educational** and training opportunities
- Chronic **health** problems, high rates of **mental illness**, and **substance dependency**
- Restrictive **parole/probation** conditions
- Restrictions on when and how they can reunify with **family**
- Lack of access to **social services**, **legal assistance**, and other **support resources**

These barriers can create additional challenges to accessing CalFresh (and other public) benefits.

*For more information and assistance in addressing clients' reentry-related needs, please contact **Root & Rebound** at (510) 279-4662 or info@rootandrebound.org.*