



Community Reentry Champion Award 2025

Expanded Description of Award Criteria

Link to nomination form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSday2DUleXr2TAZWw4WGX9-CLuiKoC2gPh9du3cwow6ANng1w/viewform?usp=header>

Nominations should include a comprehensive description of the nominee's contributions to the reentry community and HIV prevention efforts, testimonials or letters of support, and relevant data or evidence of impact. **Please limit the narrative to 150-300 words.**

This award aims to honor those who work tirelessly not only towards a more equitable and supportive reentry process but also towards the eradication of HIV/AIDS among returning citizens in Illinois.

A combination of the below criteria will be considered in the selection process:

Impact on Reentry Community:

- Demonstrates a significant, positive impact on the lives of formerly incarcerated individuals, including efforts in HIV prevention, treatment, and education.
- Shows evidence of success in facilitating effective reentry, such as reduced recidivism, successful employment placement, improved health outcomes, and increased access to HIV prevention and care services.

Innovation and Creativity:

- Implementation of innovative and creative strategies that address the unique challenges faced by the reentry population, including HIV prevention and care.
- Solutions for overcoming barriers to accessing HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and support services.

Advocacy and Leadership:

- Strong leadership and advocacy for reentry issues, including HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and treatment.
- Influence on policy changes or public opinion to support the health rights of formerly incarcerated individuals, particularly concerning HIV.

Community Collaboration and Inclusion:

- Effective collaboration with healthcare providers, HIV/AIDS organizations, and community groups to enhance reentry support and HIV prevention efforts.
- Promotion of inclusivity and consideration of the diverse needs of the reentry population, with specific attention to HIV/AIDS-related challenges.

Sustainability and Scalability:

- Sustainable practices and strategies ensuring long-term support for the reentry community and ongoing HIV prevention and care.
- Potential for the scalability or replication of their HIV prevention programs or strategies in other settings or communities.

Commitment and Dedication:

- Demonstrated long-term commitment to improving the reentry process and health outcomes for individuals, with a specific focus on HIV prevention and care.
- Exceptional dedication to the health and well-being of returning citizens, particularly in reducing the incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS.

Educational and Employment Opportunities:

- Provision of or facilitation of access to education and vocational training that includes HIV/AIDS education and prevention.
- Success in helping formerly incarcerated individuals obtain employment or education, thereby reducing risk factors associated with HIV transmission.

Thank you for your thoughtful nomination!