

Overview:

The Center for Health + Justice Transformation (CHJT) at Lifespan is a non-partisan organization whose mission is to advance health equity in the criminal legal system. As a part of our education and training efforts to transform RI's justice system, we host and facilitate Reentry Simulations as hands-on opportunities for stakeholders to learn about the prisoner reentry process in RI. The main objective of this simulation is for participants to gain a better understanding of the challenges faced by individuals returning to their communities upon release from prison or jail.

How it works:

- The first 4 weeks of post-release life are simulated in a 1.5-hour experience, during which participants are given a fictional identity of a person reentering the community from prison. Each participant is required to comply with post-release requirements as they navigate the first month of reentry throughout the simulation.
- The simulation takes place in a large room with 16 stations, each representing a place
 participants must visit to comply with post-release requirements, such as Treatment,
 Probation, Social Services, Court, etc. The simulation team staff the various stations,
 providing obstacles and assistance for the participants to navigate.
- The CHJT facilitator concludes the event with a group discussion to help participants reflect on changes they can make in personal behavior, professional approaches, and/or policies, that are more inclusive of individuals who have criminal records.

How to get involved:

CHJT is hosting two Reentry Simulations specifically for employers, businesses and human resource professionals to learn more about fair chance hiring. Please click the appropriate date/link below to register.

Wednesday, April 24
8:30-11:30AM
Community College of RI
(Knight Campus)
400 East Avenue
Warwick, RI

Thursday, May 2
8:30-11:30AM
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