

Release and Resettlement

Criminal Justice

The transition out of custody, when risk of harm and of reoffending both peak.

Resettlement is the practical work of restoring housing, income, identity and healthcare on release.

CRITICAL WINDOW

The first weeks after release

PRACTICAL NEEDS

Housing · income · ID · healthcare

- Reoffending risk is highest soon after release
- Drug-related death risk peaks in early weeks
- Housing at release is a strong predictor
- Benefit and ID delays block employment
- Short sentences give no time to plan

LOOK FOR IT

Someone released with no address is far more likely to be recalled.

Educational reference. Post-release mortality studies consistently find elevated risk in the first weeks, especially from overdose.