

Research Spotlight

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Topic

Impact and Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Maryland Reentry Partnership Initiative

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Findings:

- A four-year study using a treatment group and a comparison control group found that Maryland's Reentry Partnership Initiative was successful in reducing crime. The Reentry Partnership Initiative is a coalition of service providers who coordinate efforts to provide comprehensive reentry services to inmates being discharged to specific Baltimore neighborhoods. It addresses reentry needs at three levels: individual, community, and systems.
- As one example of the program's success, there were 11 attempted murder charges and two murder charges in the control (nonprogram) group. There were no attempted murder or murder charges in the treatment group.
- The treatment group returned about \$3 in benefits for every dollar in new costs. The total net benefit to the citizens of Baltimore (and therefore, Maryland) was \$7.2 million—approximately \$21,500 per participant.
- The costs examined include costs to victims, prison costs, probation costs, and "supervision costs." Given the savings in both public and private realms, the overall saving from the treatment group compared with the control group was \$31,824.
- The study covered reentry participants over a three-year period.

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