Navigating the Road to Reintegration

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How this Project began

• Initial collaboration between the John Howard Society of Ontario, Stephen Gaetz, and Bill O’Grady.

• The end result was the *Missing Link: Discharge Planning, Incarceration and Homelessness* report (2006).

• Key Finding: incarceration affects homelessness, and conversely, homelessness affects incarceration.
The SSHRC Partnership Development Grant

- Navigating the Road to Reintegration.
- What is the purpose of this grant?
  1. To address the complex challenges releasees confront in the community.
  2. Knowledge mobilization to improve reintegration outcomes.
The Association for Effective Reintegration in Ontario (AERO)

- Why was AERO established?
- What does the organizational structure look like?
- What are the desired outcomes of this initiative?
- Overall Goal: To collaboratively research and devise the most effective reintegration strategies, programs, and services to better serve returning inmates in Ontario.
What has AERO accomplished?

• Currently, AERO members have narrowed in on four key priority areas and are involved in one or more of the following “working groups”:

  1. Housing.
  2. Discharge Planning.
  4. Employment and Education.
What has AERO accomplished?

  
  - This is an annotated bibliography of reintegration literature/practices from Canada, the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, and the U.K.

- A literature review of the Aboriginal reintegration literature (Lafleur and O’Grady 2014).
What are the next steps for this project?

- Deliver current AERO work plan tasks and continue to develop new work plans for each working group.
- Develop a best practice handbook for reintegration.
- Launch our website.
- Host a symposium for members.
How does my doctoral research align with this Project and AERO’s overall mission?

- My thesis aims to link theory and practice surrounding inmate reintegration.

- Research questions:
  1. Does self-control predict recidivism over time?
  2. Does social control predict recidivism over time?
  3. To what extent, if at all, do factors such as stable housing, employment, education, parenthood, marriage, cohabitation, religiosity, and civic participation function as social capital and reduce crime in the re-entry process?
Reports

- The Missing Link:

- Help Wanted*:

- On The Record:

- www.johnhoward.on.ca
Thank You!

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