

State Appellate Defender Office

Reentry Workshops presented by SADO's Project Reentry

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SADO's Project Reentry facilitates the "Your Best Life Reentry Workshop Series" aimed at assisting returning citizens with essential life skills necessary for a successful transition home. In 2017, we hosted 6 workshops focused on technology, employment, finances, and general support. We have several additional workshops scheduled for 2018. While these workshops are primarily geared toward reentering juvenile lifers, all returning citizens are welcome.

Technology Part 1 June 28, 2017

SADO partnered with the Detroit Public Library for the first workshop. The library employees presented on internet safety and online job searches. After the workshop, the attendees had an opportunity to gather and discuss their experiences while sharing a meal.



Support Group Roundtable August 16, 2017

This workshop was facilitated by SADO staff. Attendees shared their experiences since release, which included stories of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders. The group discussed the need for a strong support network of and for returning citizens.



Technology Part 2 September 6, 2017

SADO staff presented on various technology issues, including internet safety, security, and privacy, and social network services.



Career Readiness October 25, 2017

A professor from University of Michigan School of Social Work spoke to attendees about interviewing and job readiness. Attendees practiced job interviewing through a virtual interviewing simulation program. Attendees also worked on job applications.



Budgeting and Financing November 7, 2017

A Project Reentry team member spoke to attendees about creating and managing a budget, cutting expenses, opening a bank account, writing checks, and credit vs. debit. Attendees had the opportunity to share their own money management experiences and shared useful tips with each other.



Life Mapping, December 13, 2017

A local small business owner talked to attendees about goal setting, life mapping, follow through, strategic planning, and long and short term vision setting. Attendees learned techniques and strategies for achieving success in personal, social, and professional settings.



Upcoming Workshops

Workshops are held at SADO'S Detroit office located at 645 Griswold, Suite 3300, Detroit, MI 48226, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

- Thu Feb 1, 2018 "Building Your Credit"
- Wed Feb 21, 2018 "Relationships After Release"

Who Can Attend?

Anyone who is a reentering citizen, especially returning juvenile lifers. Email reentry@sado.org or call 313-256-9833 to RSVP.

How You Can Help:

If you're interested in facilitating a workshop, assisting with transportation, donating refreshments, or helping out in any way, please contact us at reentry@sado.org.

SADO's Project Reentry is a volunteer-based group of citizens, students, and interns, including graduate students from the University of Michigan School of Social Work.