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Statewide Reentry Conference Tries to Stop the Revolving Door to Prison

DA's Office to Highlight San Diego Prisoner Reentry Programs

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie Dumanis](#) announced today that her office will be one of several presenters at a statewide conference aimed at reducing recidivism and helping prisoners successfully reenter their communities upon release. The "[Out4Life Reentry Conference](#)" is being held in San Diego from May 23 to May 25. The conference is sponsored by Prison Fellowship, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the San Diego Reentry Roundtable. Workshops will address practical barriers to reintegration, cultivate collaborative relationships, and begin to develop fitting strategies to reduce recidivism and restore prisoners to their families and communities.

"We continue to work together in San Diego County to stop the revolving door to prison," said DA Dumanis. "With an anticipated increase in prisoners being housed and released in San Diego County, addressing these issues is more important than ever. Our office is working with our community partners to maintain public safety by helping inmates become clean, sober and productive citizens."

Each year, about 8,000 prison inmates are released and returned to San Diego County. Because of changes in the law and early release of prisoners, the number of parolees returning to San Diego County is increasing. At the same time, prison substance abuse treatment and job training programs have been cut.

About 70% of parolees who return to our community re-offend within three years and return to prison, the majority with substance abuse and mental health issues. [San Diego County's Prison Reentry Program](#), known as SB618, has shown a reduction in that recidivism to about 20%. Recently, the County also received a grant to begin a [Reentry Court](#) calendar.

EDITORS: The conference is being held in San Diego at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. **Media interested in covering conference workshops or interviewing conference organizers or participants should contact Jon Lowry at 760-587-3210.** More information can be found at www.Out4Life.com

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