



New York State Should Invest \$16 Million, Plus \$200,000 For a Comprehensive Study of Needs, to Begin the Process of Becoming the 1st State in the Nation to Bring ATI and Reentry Services to Scale.

Bringing ATI and Reentry services to scale will improve individuals' lives and their families and communities; improve health and public safety; save taxpayers money; reverse mass reduce incarceration; and dismantle structural racism in the criminal legal system.

This modest investment would enable NYS to:

- Increase the number of appropriate individuals who can be diverted from arrest, prosecution, and incarceration by expanding ATI services in the many underserved areas outside of New York City, including replication of successful programs and technical assistance from expert providers, and for populations in NYC that are not being sufficiently diverted.
- Increase Reentry services throughout the State to help returning citizens successfully reenter their communities by obtaining:
 - Needed Employment Skills and Jobs
 - Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery Supports for Addiction and Mental Illness
 - Housing
 - Higher Education

Benefits of bringing ATI and Reentry to Scale include:

Public Safety

- The two-year recidivism rate of graduates from ATI/Reentry Coalition programs is less than 20%, far lower than the 42% rate of those released from incarceration without access to programming.¹
- According to the Council of Economic Advisors, substance use disorder and mental health programs reduce the cost of crime by between \$1.4 and \$5.3 for every \$1 spent and reduce recidivism by 17% and 21%, respectively.²

¹ <https://www.lac.org/news/the-ati-reentry-coalition-calls-for-increased-funds-to-support-life-changing-programs-for-the-thousands-of-people-across-nyc-involved-in-the-cj-system>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/05>Returns-on-Investments-in-Recidivism-Reducing-Programs.pdf>

- Diversion to treatment as an alternative to incarceration following reforms of the Rockefeller Drug Laws in 2009 was associated with an 18% drop in recidivism within two years of treatment and a 50% drop in re-arrests for violent crime.³
- There is a 43% reduction in recidivism rates for those people released from prison who participate in prison education programs. Indeed, the higher the degree, the lower the recidivism rate is: 14% for those who obtain an associate degree, 5.6% for those who obtain a bachelor's degree, and 0% for those who obtain a master's degree.⁴

Improved Health

- 60-80% of incarcerated individuals need substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment.⁵
- Mental health programs reduce recidivism by 21%, substance use disorder programs reduce recidivism by 17% and cognitive behavioral therapy reduces recidivism by 20-30%.⁶

Cost Savings

- ATI and Reentry Programs help New York City and State Correctional Systems save more than \$100 million every year.⁷
- Alternatives to Incarceration/Reentry Coalition programs cost approximately \$18,250 per participant annually, far less than the cost for adult incarceration which can cost over \$96,000 per person annually as well as juvenile detention which can cost over \$200,000 per person annually.⁸
- New York State spends over 100 times more on jails and prisons than on ATI/Reentry programming.⁹
- Programs that address mental health and/or substance abuse can reduce the cost of crime by total returns of approximately \$1.47 to \$5.27 per taxpayer dollar.¹⁰

³ https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/drug-law-reform-new-york-city-technical-report_03.pdf

⁴ <https://sites.northwestern.edu/npep/benefits-of-prison-education/>

⁵ <https://www.lac.org/assets/files/2018.9.15LACBridgesHealthJusticeweb.pdf>

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⁸ 2014 final report of the NYS Governor's Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice.

⁹ <https://www.lac.org/major-project/ny-ati-reentry-coalition>

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