

# Home for Good Fact Sheet

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## The problem:

70% of people in IDOC were unstably housed or homeless before prison. After release, they face greater barriers to find stable housing, including discrimination, stigma, & low affordable housing supply.

## The current system is expensive

- 37% of people return to Illinois prisons within 3 years of release, costing \$199,011 every time.
- Annual cost of recidivism to taxpayers & society is \$1.1 billion.

## People leaving prison need affordable housing, but cannot get it

- Discriminatory policies in the public rental market & homelessness system block people leaving prison.
- 45% of people leaving IDOC are unemployed for at least 3 years.
- Only 34 affordable homes are available for every 100 extremely low-income IL renters.

## Illinois currently has no statewide strategy to address this problem

## The solution: Home for Good

A coordinated, statewide reentry housing program. Administered by the IL Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) & the IL Housing Development Authority (IHDA), collaborating with the IL Department of Corrections (IDOC), Home for Good coordinates & funds community based organizations to support people leaving prison & improve reentry outcomes.

## Home for Good is effective

Programs that serve as the model for Home for Good reduced recidivism by up to 68%.

By pairing housing with coordinated reentry supports, people leaving prison can find and retain employment, access mental and physical health supports, & stably reintegrate into community.

## Home for Good is a smart government investment

\$1 invested in reentry rental subsidies and support services returns \$5 over 3 years, through improved reentry employment rates, increased tax revenue, and cost avoidances from reduced recidivism and reduced reliance on public benefits.

## Home for Good creates safe, strong communities

*People leaving prison have paid their debt to society. They deserve the appropriate supports for a fresh start.*

## Home for Good's Program Design

*Coordinated by an interagency ICJIA-IHDA-IDOC Division, in partnership with community entities*

Subsidize housing	Connect people with services	Establish the Home for Good Institute
Provide long-term rental subsidies to people leaving incarceration	Provide wraparound supports, including reentry navigators, to people leaving prison	Provide cohort-based training & technical assistance to teach community reentry service providers how to create and operate affordable housing.

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