

Discussion on challenges after incarceration

My Way Out (MWO) and UW-Madison Extension have partnered to raise community awareness about life after incarceration.

On April 20 from 1:00-2:30 at the Brown County STEM Innovation Center on the UW-Green Bay Campus there will be a screening of a short video “Mistakes Do Not Define Who You Are” funded by a grant from Wisconsin Humanities with the National Endowment from the Arts and the State of Wisconsin. Audience members will have a chance to reflect and provide feedback on the content with representatives from Extension, a UW-Madison program bringing education and learning opportunities to all areas of the state, and My Way Out, a nonprofit organization resolving barriers to re-entry that empower and enrich the lives of justice-impacted individuals through access to housing, job-readiness training, employment, peer support, and supportive services for up to 3 years.

“We hope this provides a unique opportunity for discussion and understanding about those involved in the justice system, unconscious biases we may hold, and how and why community support is vital for re-entry success,” said Ruben Gaona, Executive Director of My Way Out, Inc., and expands on the recidivism data: “We know that 95% of incarcerated individuals will return to their community. In 2023, over 6,600 Wisconsin area residents came home—5,900 men and 712 women. 54.3% were white; 38% were individuals of color; 80.2% male and 10.8% women.”

“This type of collaboration speaks to the power of Extension in how we can mobilize a multi-county collaboration relatively quickly while amplifying a community organization with aligned programs and values,” said Mia Ljung, Community Development Extension Educator for Outagamie and Winnebago counties.

This event is designed for community members who want to learn more about the challenges faced after incarceration; workforce development organizations or businesses interested in making their workplaces more re-entry-friendly; and justice-impacted individuals seeking further re-entry resources and programs. The event on April 20 from 1:00-2:30 at the Brown County STEM Innovation Center on the UW-Green Bay Campus will provide information about re-entry-based resources, volunteer opportunities, and training for entrepreneurs. For more information contact Patrick Nehring (920) 391-4616 / patrick.nehring@wisc.edu.



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