

# **Simulation Goals:**

- To enable participants to see reentry issues from the ex-offender's perspective.
- To raise awareness of the challenges and complexities ex-offenders face when returning to the community.
- To raise awareness of barriers that communities create, which lead to increases in crime.
- To provide participants additional and new perspectives to use when creating reentry strategies and policy recommendations in their communities.

**Why do  
so many  
offenders  
return to  
prison?**

**Through the R.A.W.  
Reentry Simulation,  
you will have the  
opportunity to hear  
face to face the  
answers from  
ex-offenders.**

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**R.A.W.**  
*Reentry  
Awareness  
Workshops*

## **THE REENTRY SIMULATION**

Raising awareness of the  
challenges ex-offenders  
face when returning to  
your community from  
prison

## **Walk A Mile In Their Shoes**

We have long been developing programs and implementing policy for ex-offenders. What we have not been doing is asking and *listening* to their perspectives on what the real issues and barriers to success actually are!

In order to truly begin to understand the issues, barriers, challenges and difficulties facing returning offenders, this simulation will provide you an insight to the actual experiences ex-offenders face when returning home.

During this simulation you will be faced with making hard choices and enduring some of the challenges returning ex-offenders face every day.

You will also experience barriers our communities have created that decrease our ex-offenders chances for success.

**“Because of the stigma associated with a felony conviction, ex-offenders leaving prison, still must serve a “Life Sentence” in their community.”**

**Steve Tatlow ~ Co-Chair Boone County  
Offender Transition Network**

**97% of offenders who  
spend time in Missouri prisons return home!**

### **R.A.W. Reentry Simulation participants recently said...**

*“This was one of the best experiences & really gives you a new perspective!”*

*“A morning very well spent!”*

*“I can see how we have unknowingly contributed to the rise in crime.”*

*“It was very true to life.”*

*“I believe the simulation very well simulates the real life of ex- offenders.”*

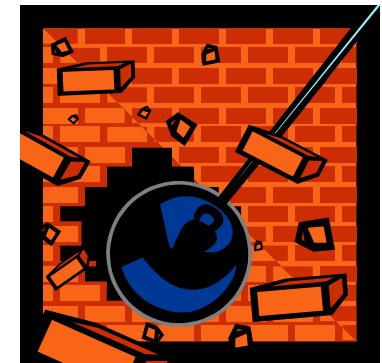
*“Really helped us see things through an ex-offender’s perspective!”*

*“Understanding the issues is key to creating the solutions!”*

*“Outstanding exercise - provided a lot of insight & perspective.”*



**How will you  
become part of  
the solution?**



**As a result of the knowledge gained through this simulated experience, you will be empowered to remove some of the barriers these men, women, parents and neighbors face daily.**