

The Health and Reentry Project

The Health and Reentry Project (HARP) is an initiative focused on advancing policy and practice to improve lives, health, and safety as people return to communities after incarceration. HARP builds bridges across sectors and stakeholders, advances policies that promote continuity across carceral and community healthcare settings, and supports the acceleration and scaling of innovative approaches to reentry health care.

HARP was formed in 2022 as a partnership of Vikki Wachino, formerly CMS' Deputy Administrator for Medicaid and CHIP Services; Waxman Strategies, a mission-driven consulting firm founded by former Congressman Henry Waxman; and the Council on Criminal Justice. The Health and Reentry Project is led by Executive Director Vikki Wachino, who oversaw the Medicaid and CHIP programs as Deputy Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services from 2015 to 2017. She is Principal of Viaduct Consulting LLC, where she advises mission-driven healthcare organizations on policy, strategy, and implementation of groundbreaking approaches to advance the health of people and communities. <https://counciloncj.org/health-and-reentry-project/>

The Health and Reentry Project (HARP) is a cross-sector initiative to improve the health of people returning to communities after leaving jails and prisons. HARP works to achieve stronger policy and practice at the intersection of the health care and criminal justice systems by building bridges across sectors and stakeholders. Our goal is to improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of people and communities. <https://healthandreentryproject.org/learn-more/>

HARP recently posted an Issue Brief to its website:

Breaking Ground: How California is Using Medicaid to Improve the Health of People Leaving Incarceration

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<https://healthandreentryproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Breaking-Ground.pdf>