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## **Florida Policy Project Releases Best Practices in Criminal Justice**

**TAMPA, Fla. (Oct. 18, 2023)** – Today, the Florida Policy Project announces two of its three research reports for best practices and better outcomes for Florida’s criminal justice system. Today’s reports, ***Best Practices to Limit Inmate Reentry to Florida’s Prisons and Better Outcomes to Care for Florida’s Aging Inmates***, were prepared by Dr. Thomas Baker, PhD, University of Central Florida. The third report will be released this November, focusing on best practices for veterans in Florida’s prisons.

More than 90% of the 82,000 inmates in Florida’s prisons today will return to communities. Best practices to prevent them from recidivating and returning to prison include education and employment. Today’s research report, ***Best Practices to Limit Inmate Reentry to Florida’s Prisons***, provides data for cost savings and second chance hiring.

Almost 1/3 of Florida’s inmates are age fifty and older. It costs Floridians more money to care for older inmates, who are less likely to commit additional crimes. Research in today’s report, ***Better Outcomes for Florida’s Aging Inmates***, illustrates that digital literacy and compassionate, medical, and elderly release programs align with successes in other states.

“Florida has an opportunity to do more to keep our communities safe by educating and employing released inmates. The data shows that states with robust education and job-focused reentry programs have better outcomes, which improves public safety. By offering improved education options, job training, and in many cases supervised release, Florida can improve its recidivism and improve outcomes,” said Jeff Brandes, President Florida Policy Project.

Click [here](#) to view Florida Policy Project’s Reports on ***Best Practices to Limit Inmate Reentry to Florida’s Prisons and Better Outcomes to Care for Florida’s Aging Inmates***.

### **About The Florida Policy Project**

The Florida Policy Project (FPP) is a 501c3, non-partisan research organization. Our mission is to positively influence the quality of life for Florida residents and guests. The FPP provides education and data-driven research for Florida’s citizens and elected officials. The research pillars for FPP are: housing affordability, criminal justice, property insurance, and transportation.

FPP is a destination of data-driven research resulting from networking with relevant subject matter experts and industry leaders, capturing established public policy best practices, and leveraging leading-edge technological capabilities.

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