

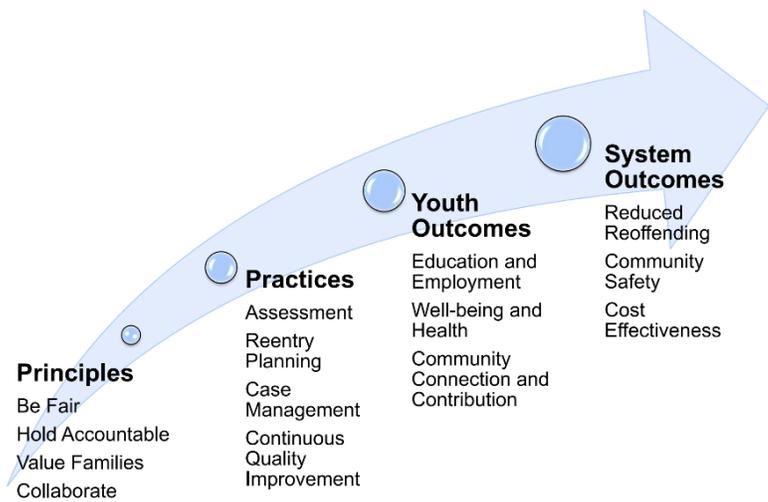


# Reentry Framework

Adolescence has shifted from being viewed as a period of life full of instability and turmoil to a time of opportunity to learn and grow. In the past, juvenile justice and other child-serving agencies focused on managing risk factors that predicted failure, with practices and policies that often placed attention on mistakes and what could go wrong. Over the last two decades, however, research has shown the opposite to be true with positive youth development, a strength-based approach focusing on providing young people with positive opportunities, experiences and relationships, as the best way to help them become successful, purposeful and law-abiding adults. The Performance-based Standards (PbS) Reentry Standards were developed to provide the field with a framework to guide implementation of research-based, adolescent development best practices.

The development of the Reentry Framework was supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice, as part of its efforts to increase public safety and reduce reoffending by promoting positive youth development. PbS was tasked with creating national standards and measures for reentry programs and services that, if followed, would result in young people leaving facilities and ending community supervision with the skills, experiences, opportunities and supports they need to be successful. Following three years of research and field testing, PbS identified 11 domains necessary to give young people their best possible chances for success:

- Fairness
- Accountability
- Family
- Collaboration
- Assessment
- Reentry Planning
- Case Management
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Education and Employment
- Well-being and Health
- Community Connection and Contribution.



**Figure 1: Reentry Framework featuring Principles, Practices, Youth Outcomes, System Outcomes**

Standards were written for each domain that set aspirational expectations for how to best provide reentry services and programs. Measures were identified to show the extent to which the practices were implemented and whether they resulted in the desired outcomes. Data collection protocols were created to gather the information, including the PbS Youth Reentry Survey.

The standards and measures are available on the [PbS website](https://pbstandards.org). To learn more about PbS' reentry work and the PbS Youth Reentry Survey, please contact us at [help@pbstandards.org](mailto:help@pbstandards.org).