



**ANDY BESHEAR**  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

**2025-253**  
**April 24, 2025**

Team Kentucky believes in the power of second chances. This ideal is embodied in the work we are doing across my administration to help Kentuckians who are incarcerated find a good job and achieve success upon reentry to the community.

During my time in office, my administration has designed and implemented a wide range of programs to advance all aspects of successful reentry services, with a focus on providing the education and training necessary to compete for good jobs.

Providing comprehensive reentry services to inmates can decrease recidivism, improve community safety, reduce costs for taxpayers, and change the course of people's lives, in some cases altering the trajectory of entire families for generations to come.

It also creates a better, more trained, and highly skilled workforce for Kentucky employers to choose from and increases the number of businesses willing to provide a second chance for Kentuckians hoping to achieve a better life for themselves and their families. Moreover, it's the right thing to do for our Kentucky families and communities.

Team Kentucky is committed to ensuring every Kentuckian has a fair shot to participate in the historic opportunities we are creating each day in the commonwealth. To continue this important work and help leverage, maximize, concentrate, and better coordinate services and resources across state government, I am taking this action.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 11.040, KRS 11.060, KRS 11.065, KRS 11.070, KRS 12.015, KRS 12.020, KRS 12.029, and KRS 12.210, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following:

- I. The Team Kentucky Office of Reentry Services is hereby created and attached to the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes.
- II. The Team Kentucky Office of Reentry Services shall be composed of:
  - a. Natalie Burikhanov, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, who shall serve as Executive Director; and
  - b. Ann Blaylock, Education and Labor Cabinet, who shall serve as General Counsel.
- III. The Executive Director of the Team Kentucky Office of Reentry Services shall coordinate reentry-related services offered by the following agencies:
  - a. The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet;
  - b. The Education and Labor Cabinet, including the Department of Workforce Development and Office of Adult Education;
  - c. The Personnel Cabinet;



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- d. The Cabinet for Economic Development, including the Community and Workforce Development Division;
  - e. The Department of Corrections; and
  - f. The Department for Medicaid Services.
- IV. The Executive Director of the Team Kentucky Office of Reentry Services shall be empowered to call on and work directly with secretaries of all executive cabinets and agency heads to continue the work and advance the mission to provide high quality reentry services to incarcerated Kentuckians.

This order shall be effective April 24, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State