



NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL SERVICES POLICY JAMAICA

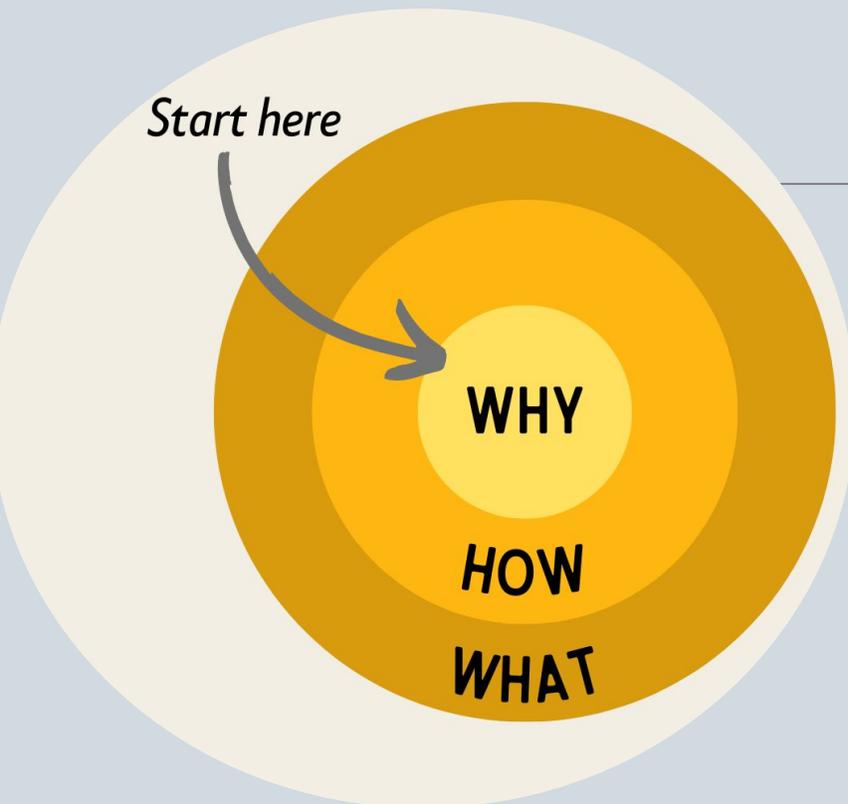
Improved citizen security, one offender client at a time



REINTEGRATION OF PERSONS FORMERLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

**10TH ANNUAL BEST PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM FOR SOCIAL AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Vision 2030 Goal is for a Jamaica society that is secure, cohesive and just.

Goal 2, is the strengthening of the management, rehabilitation and reintegration of the clients of the Correctional Services

MTF target: Reduce the recidivism rate to 10% by 2030

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**2020 - Cabinet
Approved the
Development of a
Comprehensive
Offender Management
Policy**



**Green Paper tabled
in Parliament in
January 2024**



**Public Consultations
& Development of
White Paper**



**White Paper tabled
in Parliament- May
2025
(National Policy)**



Recidivism

Three factors that measures recidivism:

- Re-conviction
- Re-incarceration
- Re-arrest

Rate (2016-2021): 41%



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



**STRENGTHEN HUMAN
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

1

2

**STRENGTHEN CORRECTIONAL
SERVICES MANAGEMENT**

**IMPROVE REHABILITATION
SERVICES**

3

4

SUPPORT REINTEGRATION

STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 3

STRENGTHENED REHABILITATION SERVICES OFFERED TO OFFENDER CLIENTS

❖ Enhance Rehabilitation and Treatment Programmes

- ❖ Improved capacity of the Correctional Services to more effectively respond to offender clients' risks and needs
- ❖ Promote targeted interventions and treatment programmes for the rehabilitation of offender clients
- ❖ Optimize the provision of resources for effective rehabilitation and treatment of offender clients



GOAL 3

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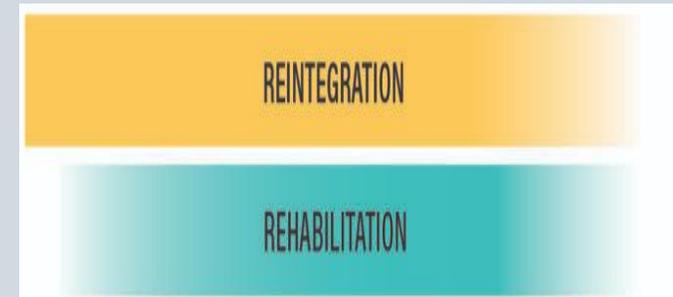
❖ Enhance Correctional Centre Work Programmes

- ❖ Vocational Training
- ❖ Academic Programmes (inclusive of University Programmes)

❖ Strengthen Family Ties

- ❖ Case Management (Family focused)
- ❖ Improved lines of communication

❖ Enhance Early Release Programmes



GOAL 4

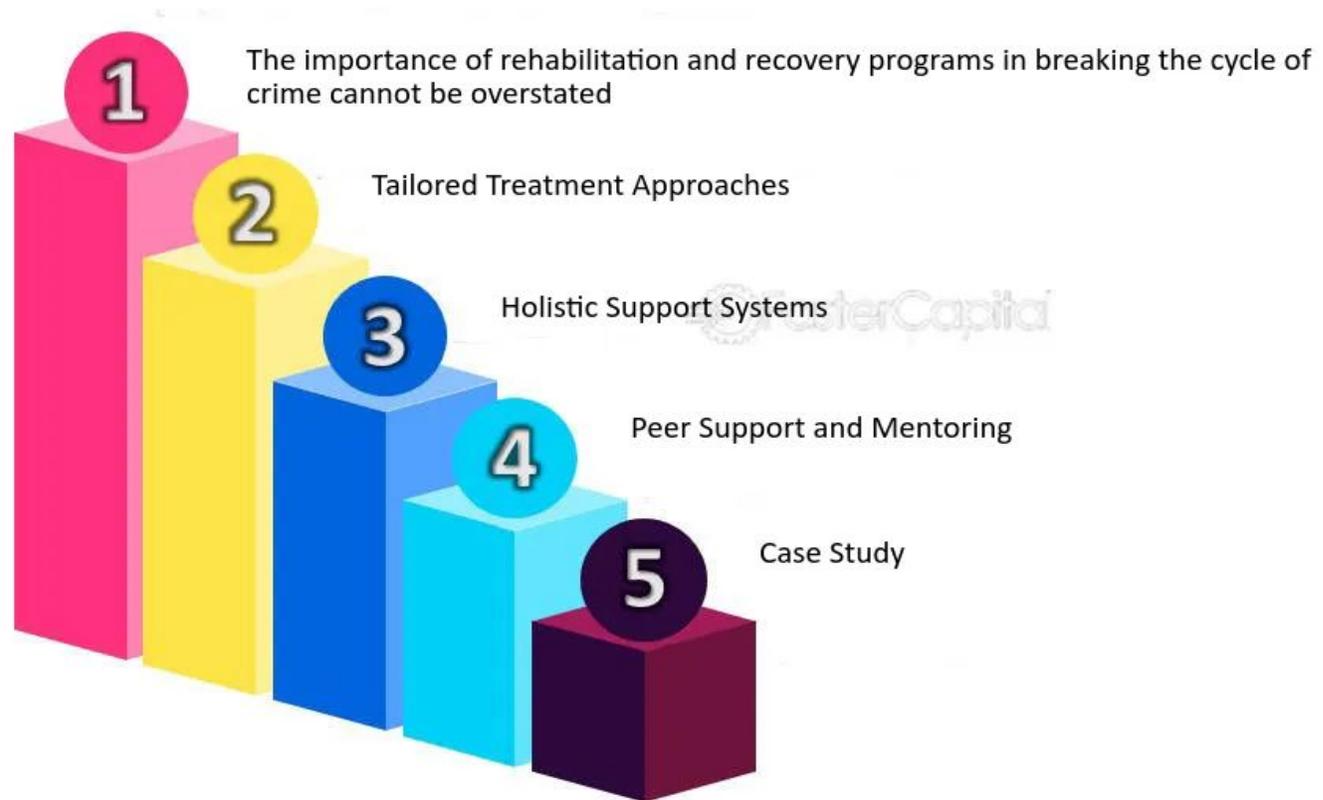
STRENGTHENED MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION OF OFFENDER CLIENTS

❖ Enhance Re-Entry and Aftercare Support

- ❖ Resettlement Programmes
- ❖ Provision of Transitional home options
- ❖ Increased resources for after care services
- ❖ Improvement in public perception and reduction of stigma.



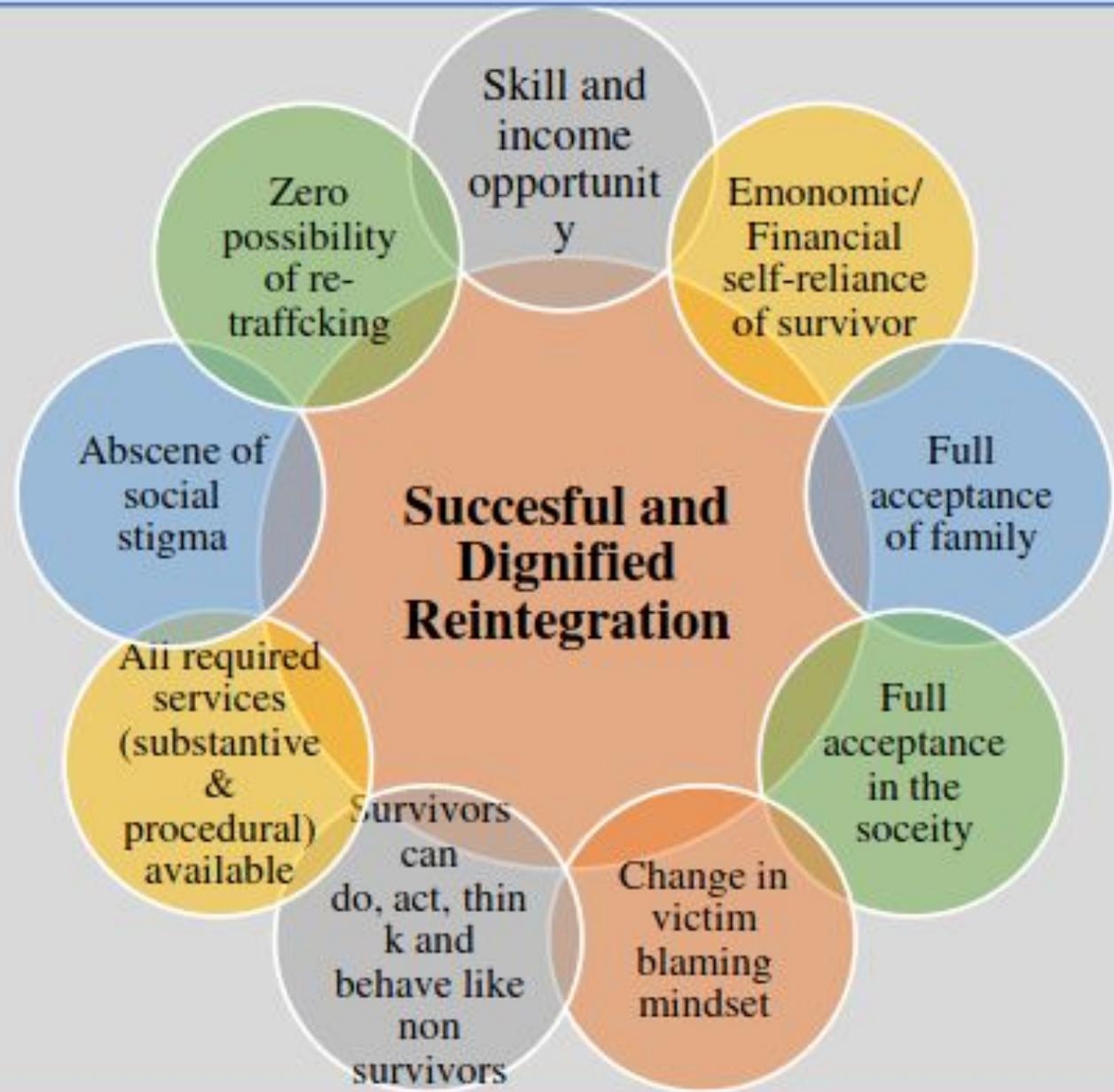
Rehabilitation and Recovery Programs



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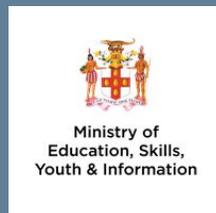
Success of the policy and ultimately reintegration will depend on:-

- ❑ Whole of society approach to support efforts for the successful re-integration of offenders as law abiding citizens.
- ❑ Improvements in the management of the correctional services;
- ❑ Adequate Funding
- ❑ Greater reliance on evidence-based rehabilitation and reintegration strategies;



Adopted from <https://www.researchgate.net/>

Lead and Supporting Agencies Roles and Responsibilities



Stakeholders	Roles and responsibilities
Cabinet	Principal policy and decision-making body of government
Ministry of National Security & Peace	Coordination, funding, legislative framework, M&E
Department of Correctional Services	Responsible for implementation of policy
Ministry of Finance and Public Service	Partners in finding funding for policy implementation
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Partners in improving the health systems of the DCS
Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information	Partners in improving education within the DCS
Ministry of Justice	Partners in improving sentencing options
Ministry of Labour and Social Security	Assisting with reintegration of Offender clients

Lead and Supporting Agencies Roles and Responsibilities



Ministry of Local Government and Community Development



Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining



Stakeholders	Roles and Responsibilities
<p>Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development</p>	<p>Providing suitable housing solution to offender client in need</p>
<p>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</p>	<p>Collaborate with the DCS to provide training, mentorship and monitoring</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Planning Institute of Jamaica, □ Social Development Commission □ Jamaica Social Investment Fund 	<p>Collaboration in providing for community based programmes to foster reintegration.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The Office of the Children Advocate □ Child Protection & Family Services Agency 	<p>Building capacity and awareness to protect children's rights</p>
<p>NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, Civic Society</p>	<p>Helping to prevent human rights abuse</p>
<p>Private Sector</p>	<p>Expected to invest in the DCS</p>
<p>Academia,/Research/Institutions/Think-Tanks</p>	<p>Research to improve correctional systems</p>

thank you!

