

PINELLAS PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

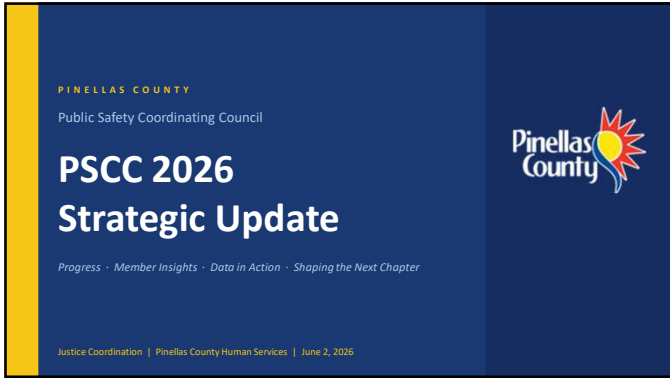
Date & Time: Monday, 6/1/2026, 2:00 PM
Location: Pinellas County Justice Center
 3rd Floor Conference Room (Judicial Reception)
 14250 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762

AGENDA

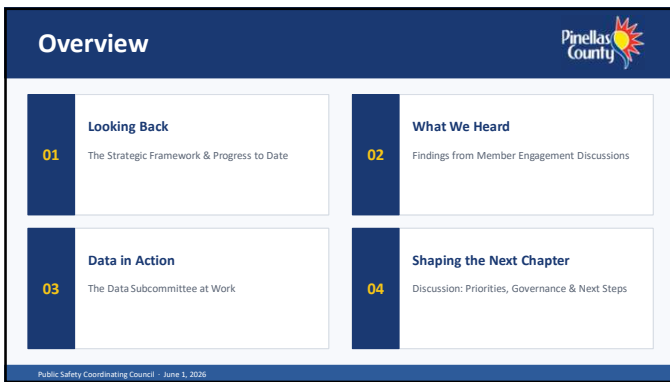
Welcome	Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair
Introduction of PSCC Members	
Approval of Minutes from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 01.29.2026 – Special Meeting ○ 03.09.2026 – Regular Meeting 	
Public Comments	
Old Business	
a. PSCC Membership Review	Tim Burns, Justice Coordination
b. Bylaws Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Vice-Chair Follow-up ii. If approved, Nomination will follow 	Cody Ward, Pinellas County Attorney
c. 2026 PSCC Strategic Update – Progress – Next Steps	Yashira Gonzalez/Tim Burns, Justice Coordination
d. 2025 DCF CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant Status Update	Michael Jalazo, PERC
e. Open Discussion / Q&A on Old Business	Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair
Reports	
a. Indicators Report	Yashira Gonzalez/Tim Burns, Justice Coordination
b. DCF – State Facility Data Report-out & Update	Chauneva V. Garlington/LaKeisha Randolph, DCF
c. Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH) 	Rahim Samji, Boley Center / TIEH Program Rep.
d. Open Discussion / Q&A on Reports	Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair
Presentation	
a. Operation New Hope Presentation	Natasha Goodley, Operation New Hope
b. Open Discussion / Q&A	Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair
New Business	
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Roundtable/Updates	Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair
Adjournment	

Remaining 2026 PSCC Meeting Dates:

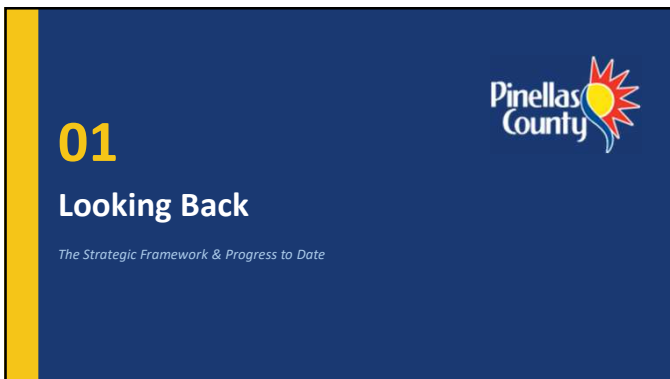
- September 14th (2nd Monday)
- December 7th



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The Honest Picture




WHAT'S WORKING	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	WHAT WE NEED
<p>Cross-system relationships are strong We have strong partnerships across systems.</p> <p>Member engagement increased More voices are at the table and staying engaged.</p> <p>SIM work is happening We are making progress on System of Care Integration Mapping.</p> <p>Data Subcommittee gaining momentum The foundation for stronger data use is in place.</p>	<p>Meetings still feel like report-outs We spend time sharing information, not advancing solutions.</p> <p>No clear ownership of action items Action items are discussed but not owned or consistently followed through.</p> <p>Data not driving decisions Data is shared, but it doesn't inform priorities or decisions.</p>	<p>Governance model with accountability Clear roles, responsibilities, and follow-through.</p> <p>Indicators tied to real decisions Focus on data that informs priorities and drives action.</p> <p>Proactive grant readiness Stay ahead of opportunities with year-round planning and data.</p> <p>A strategic plan that reflects 2026 realities Forward-looking, responsive, and aligned with community needs.</p>

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The Grant Connection: Why This Work Matters



CURRENT STATE	THE VISION
<p>RFP drops We find out at the last minute.</p> <p>Scramble to identify programs Limited time. Limited clarity.</p> <p>Reactive recommendation Decisions made under time pressure.</p>	<p>PSCC tracks gaps year-round Ongoing monitoring. Stronger awareness.</p> <p>Data supports clear picture We understand needs, trends, and impact.</p> <p>Recommendation is ready when RFP drops Timely. Strategic. Data-informed.</p>
<p>CJMHSIA REINVESTMENT GRANT</p> <p>This is why this matters.</p> <p>The council makes the recommendation.</p>	
<p>CJMHSIA REINVESTMENT GRANT IS WHY THIS MATTERS – THE COUNCIL MAKES THE RECOMMENDATION.</p>	

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Data in Action

The Data Subcommittee at Work




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Thank You

The work reflected here happened because of relationships, persistence, and a commitment to doing this right — together.



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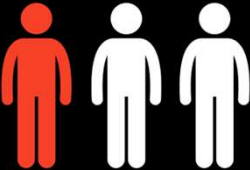


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Question -
What fraction of the U.S. adult working age population has a criminal record?

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1 in 3
As many Americans have criminal records as college diplomas.



Source: <http://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/ask-facts-many-americans-have-criminal-records-college-diplomas>

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The Problem

People returning from incarceration face a multitude of barriers. Employment, transportation, and housing are three of the greatest obstacles. Without adequate access to any one of these three essentials, people are less connected to their communities and therefore, far more likely to re-offend and return to incarceration.

Mission
Operation New Hope provides support and training to people impacted by the justice system, connecting them to the workforce, their families, and communities.

Vision
Operation New Hope strengthens our community by empowering people to break the cycle of poverty and incarceration.

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Mass Incarceration in America

- Of those currently serving time in state prisons, more than 95% will be released one day, with about 600,000 people returning home from jail and prison every year.

AT LEAST

95%

OF ALL STATE PRISONERS
WILL BE RELEASED



- Of those returning home from incarceration, one in every three will likely return within the first 3 years of their release.

[Brennan Center for Justice](#)

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Why We Do What We Do

Upon release from a state prison, a returning citizen has minimal support and a lot of barriers.

- Fines and fees** are due in a very short amount of time which causes pressure to immediately find employment. We work with groups like Reform that are striving to end the use of unfair fines and fees in Florida.
- Transitional housing** is scarce and expensive.
- Transportation** support is critical to get to appointments or job interviews
- Returning citizens are often relegated to the most Undesirable Jobs! We work with employers, government licensing authorities and elected officials to advocate for our clients.

The Ready4Work® Program is designed to address many of these barriers within a centralized, supportive process.

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Barriers for Returning Citizens Housing First is Critical

- **Housing First:** Access to safe and stable housing has shown to increase access to healthcare services (including addiction and mental health treatment), likelihood of securing a job, and access to educational programs. Severe homelessness and housing insecurity destabilizes the entire reentry process.
- **ONH** works in 50 Florida prisons. During pre-release interviews, 75% of our clients stated "having a place to live would be a key factor in staying out of trouble with the law." 70% of our clients need help with housing when leaving prison or jail.
- "Research shows that stable housing is the foundation that makes a person's transition from incarceration back into the community successful; they are more likely to find and keep employment, rebuild support and relationships within their community, and reestablish healthy bonds."

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The Solution...

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READY4RELEASE READY4WORK READY4SUCCESS READY4CHANGE

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HOPE Starts Here.

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Operation New Hope's Nationally-Recognized Programs

READY4RELEASE - Working in collaboration with the Department of Corrections, we successfully deliver our program at over 40 jails and prisons throughout Florida. Our dedicated pre-release team helps people successfully transition back into their communities with individualized plans that ensure adequate housing, transportation, and job training for returning citizens. We provide behind-the-wall skills training at select facilities. Our long-term goal is to create a blueprint for successful reentry for every person released in Florida.

READY4WORK - Implementing a comprehensive approach (case management, mental health counseling, supportive services, skills training, and job placement assistance), our **Ready4Work** program is built to ensure that each client succeeds. Participants are required to remain drug-free and attend a comprehensive job training program featuring personal and professional development. Each client is paired with a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case Manager, and Job Coach to provide guidance and support, leading to job placement with targeted employment partners. We also offer Career and Technical Training courses that provide our clients with a competitive edge that leads to living-wage employment in our competitive job market.

READY4SUCCESS - Our **Ready4Success** program delivers first-class case management, career development, and essential program services in a blended service model that is primarily virtual. This program is designed to meet the needs of people affected by the criminal justice system that are unable to attend in-person programming due to transportation or employment restrictions.

READY4CHANGE - A **Community Violence Intervention (CVI)** initiative, that uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored, community-centered initiatives. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation and establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence.

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We enjoy bipartisan support. Our work has been praised by President Clinton, Bush, Obama, and the Trump administration, as well as, federal, state and local representatives, law enforcement and business leaders.

"There are millions of Americans who share a similar view of their faith and feel they have an obligation to help others and are making a difference in communities all across this country – through initiatives like Ready4Work, which is helping ensure that ex-offenders don't return to a life of crime."



• **Barack Obama**, from his speech on Faith in America delivered in Zaneville, Ohio while campaigning in July 2008



"Ready4Work is a model program not only in Florida but for the United States."

• **V.P. Mike Pence**, during a roundtable discussion at Operation New Hope regarding jobs, the economy, and reentry in July 2019

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So why did we expand to Tampa Bay?



- 1,500 Returning Citizens are released to Hillsborough County annually.
- Over 3,500 Returning Citizens are released to Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk Counties annually from state prisons. So, the need is great!

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Statewide Reentry Network

Florida has the 3rd largest incarcerated population in the U.S. and 95% of all state prisoners will be released. To meet the critical needs of the thousands of people who return home every month from Florida's jails and prisons, Operation New Hope is expanding our Ready4Release and Ready4Work programs to additional locations to create a Statewide Reentry Network.

Our programs present a significant return on investment. We improve the tax base by connecting people with employment allowing them to contribute rather than drain and interrupting the cycle of incarceration which costs millions annually in local, state, and federal dollars.

Our recidivism rate illustrates the success and cost-savings of our programs. The Florida Department of Corrections reports a 3-year recidivism rate of 25.7%. Our Ready4Work program reports a 3-year recidivism rate for the same cohort of 8.64%. We are saving taxpayers millions of dollars by avoiding repeated cost of incarceration and lost tax revenue.



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Our long-term Goal: Continue Build a Statewide Reentry Network

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1. Jacksonville, HQ
2. Central Florida
3. Space Coast
4. Tampa
5. St. Petersburg
6. Broward/Palm Beach
7. Miami/Dade
8. Ft. Myers/SW FL
9. Tallahassee
10. Pensacola

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Returning Citizens by County FL Dept. of Corrections
Data - 2020

27,000+
people are released from Florida's prisons every year

600,000+
People are released from County prisons each year in Florida

County & Rank	Monthly Avg. Returning Citizen	Yearly Average
1. Hillsborough	321	1,452
2. Duval	110	1,320
3. Pinellas	91.29	1,095.48
4. Polk	91.34	1,096
5. Miami-Dade	89.57	1,075
6. Broward	84.14	1,010
7. Orange	80.43	965
8. Palm Beach	73.86	886.32
9. Volusia	62.00	744
10. Brevard	58.43	701
11. Escambia	48	576
12. Bay	46.71	560.52
13. Marion	43	516
14. Leon	40.43	485
15. Lee	39.43	473.16

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Our Impact
What We Do Works!

\$28,298
annual cost to house one inmate

600,000+
people are released from Florida's jails and prisons every year

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Recidivism Rates

Florida's Department of Corrections' Recidivism Rate

Operation New Hope's Recidivism Rate

Source: FL Department of Corrections Recidivism Report, 2020
https://fla-media.cqlltd.com/user/content/download/42097/166/Quantity%20Recidivism%20Report%202020-21.pdf

20,000 people impacted by the criminal justice system since 1999.

Operation New Hope has provided life-changing services to more than

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Partnerships are key!

20+ Transitional Housing Providers

The slide features several logos of partner organizations. On the left, there are logos for the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Florida Department of Health, and the Florida Department of Transportation. In the center, there are logos for the Florida Department of Corrections and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. On the right, there are logos for the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and Metro Ministries.

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"I had never had a job, a bank account, a driver's license. I was only 17 when I went away and I didn't know how to be an adult. While enrolled in the Ready4Work program, I was able to learn the skills I needed." - Crystal

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NEW! We Believe Second Chances Matter

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Our Impact so far...

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<p>2025 Full Year Enrollments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tampa = 265 St. Pete = 207 Average Hourly Wage: \$16.38 	<p>Enrollments Jan. 2026 – Apr. 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tampa = 127 St. Pete = 96 Average Hourly Wage: \$16.64
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Top Industries: Restaurant, Construction, Warehousing, Housekeeping, & Grounds Maintenance

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Questions?

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