

Researcher Wants to Interview Former Michigan Prisoners

Former Michigan prisoners may know the answer to staying out of prison and this researcher wants to interview them about their reintegration experiences.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES, March 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Capella University Doctoral Candidate, Linda F. Williams, MSW says that, "Recidivism is an equal opportunity phenomenon" affecting individuals across racial and socioeconomic boundaries. Many exoffenders face the same reentry odds. Williams is studying the question of why some prevail in reintegration while others do not. "It will take more than thinking outside the proverbial box to achieve sustainable reductions in recidivism. Asking the people who have experienced this, may result in a whole new perspective on the matter."

Williams is currently conducting research that she describes as asking, "What is the box and is the box, as defined, accurately described?" She wants to know the stories of those who have successfully reintegrated despite systemic challenges. "I can think of no better person to define that 'box' than those who have successfully navigated reintegration challenges."



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Williams is no stranger to the topic. During her undergraduate work at Calvin College, Williams completed an applied research project on recidivism that was instrumental in a Prison Fellowship and Hope Network partnership in a prisoner reentry program in Grand Rapids. Herb Start, who was then the Hope Network CEO, asked Williams to co-write the Prison Fellowship New Initiatives Grant proposal. The program was modeled after recommendations in her thesis. Williams went on to earn a Masters of Social Work from Western Michigan University.

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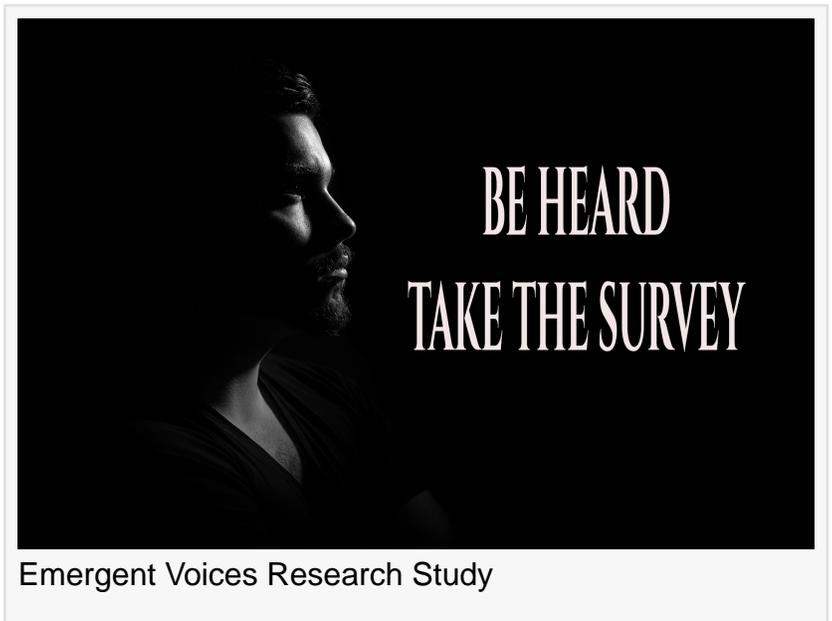
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Individuals who have served time in the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), with a most-recent-release date of

January 1, 2009 or before can take the survey at [Emergent Voices Research Survey](#) they will then be contacted to conduct a phone interview.

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