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**Douglas County Reentry Program Selected by National Institute of Corrections and
Urban Institute's "Transition from Jail to the Community (TJC)" project**

(Lawrence, KS)

National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the Urban Institute have selected the Douglas County Sheriff's Office as one of two agencies in the United States to implement the "Transition from Jail to the Community (TJC)" project.

This project selection will measure our reentry project's effectiveness and boost community stakeholder connections. The program will benefit not only our local correctional facility, but also the community by encouraging and engaging a bigger system change.

TJC assistance will support the facility staff, community stakeholders and government leaders to come together and build upon a foundation already laid through the reentry effort.

Sheriff Ken McGovern said, "As part of our department's mission to provide effective and efficient public safety services to our citizens, we embrace this opportunity with the Transition from Jail to the Community project. A reentry effort isn't just the jail's responsibility; it is a system of partners throughout community."

To carry out that mission, the TJC project's work with the reentry program will increase the opportunities for an inmate's success when returning to the community and lessen the likelihood of returning to our facility.

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Visit the following websites for more information: <http://www.urban.org/projects/tjc/index.cfm>

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http://www.dgso.org/web/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=109