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**Media Opportunity - "In Their Shoes" Reentry Simulation**

Pima County Criminal Justice Reform Unit, in collaboration with the [U.S. Department of Justice](#), Pima Reentry Coordinators Collaborative, [Pima County Safety and Justice Challenge Community Collaborative](#), and [Pima County Superior Court Administrator's Office](#), will hold a training activity designed to approximate formerly incarcerated individuals' first month of post-release life. The news media are invited to attend. The session is not open to the public.

Participants in the reentry simulation will take the identity of a person with a specified criminal background, living situation, and job situation, then, over the course of an hour, they will face the same challenges many ex-offenders endure as they try to meet their court-ordered obligations while attempting to maintain their day-to-day lives.

"Previous exercises suggest, ultimately, the ability to navigate 'the system' factors heavily in whether someone stays in the community or returns to incarceration," Pima County Director of Justice Reform Initiatives Terrance Cheung said. "We hope this is an eye-opener."

The Reentry Simulation will take place as part of the Safety and Justice Challenge Community Collaborative's regular quarterly meeting. It is intended to help members better understand returning citizens' journey to self-sufficiency and the barriers that may contribute to feelings of helplessness and decreased self-efficacy.

**Event Information**

**What:** "In Their Shoes" Reentry Simulation

**When:** Monday, May 6, 2019 • 2 to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. Country Club Rd.

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