Recidivism is a critical measure of whether parole is advancing public safety and supporting successful reentry. But by itself, it does not explain why some people succeed after prison while others struggle. A new analysis from the Council on Criminal Justice Women's Justice Commission examined the housing, substance use, mental health, and household circumstances of women on parole—factors that can shape compliance, stability, family well-being, and future justice-system involvement.

The Council on Criminal Justice Women's Justice Commission hosted a conversation with a panel of experts about what the findings revealed, how parole and reentry systems can better respond to women's needs and responsibilities, and what it will take to improve outcomes for women, families, and communities.

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Panelists

- Tira Hubbard, Adult Services Director, Department of Community Justice, Multnomah County
- Melanie Robledo, Senior Program Manager, Impact Justice
- Whitney Westerfield, Director of Legal and Government Affairs, LifeSkills; Former State Senator, Kentucky
- Stephanie Kennedy (Moderator), Policy Director, Council on Criminal Justice