



RISE

OUR MISSION

To break the generational cycles of incarceration.

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ABOUT RISE

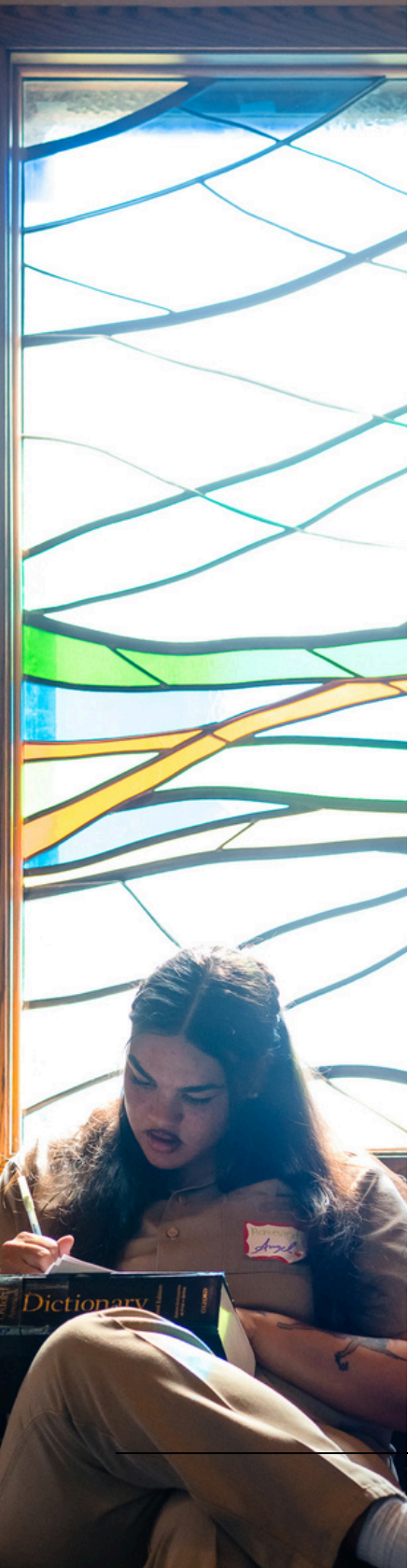
RISE is the largest nonprofit organization in Nebraska focused solely on rehabilitative programming in prisons and reentry support. At RISE, transformation starts pre-release and continues post-release.

Our inside/out model bridges incarceration to the community and considers all the critical steps in that journey. We prepare and train people for each phase of reentry through intensive character development, employment readiness, job creation via entrepreneurship, family programming and case management.

We transform people in the community by building awareness and empathy that leads to support, opportunity, and action.

These connections heal families, create employment pathways and lower recidivism.





IN-PRISON PROGRAM

The RISE In-Prison Program is an intensive character development and job readiness program.

Open to anyone incarcerated within a Nebraska-state prison facility, RISE empowers participants to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset by taking ownership of their lives, developing positive relationships, and building meaningful life trajectories.

The first half of this program focuses on the internal work of ones self while the second half is all about entrepreneurship and developing the entrepreneurial mindset.

To graduate from this program, all participants must pitch a mock business to a panel of community volunteer judges. We also celebrate their graduation with a cap and gown ceremony.

IN-PRISON PROGRAM LOCATIONS:

Omaha, Nebraska

Omaha Correctional Center

Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska State Penitentiary
Reception and Treatment Center

Tecumseh, Nebraska

Tecumseh State Correctional Institution

York, Nebraska

Nebraska Correctional Center for Women

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Apply to be an NDCS-approved RISE in-prison volunteer at one of our Milestone Events!

Provide business research online for our cohorts.

IN-PRISON PROGRAM

MILESTONE EVENT VOLUNTEERING COACHING DAYS

In-Prison Program Coaching Days are held at the halfway mark of RISE curriculum completion. RISE staff and NDCS-approved community volunteers typically spend 3-4 hours inside the prison facility with program participants facilitating 1:1 mock interviews, providing coaching and feedback related to their personal statements, and brainstorming business ideas.

- **Time Commitment:**

3-4 Hours

All events take place during the standard Monday-Friday work week.

- **Requirements:**

Security clearance approval through NDCS (Nebraska Department of Correctional Services). This approval process can take 45-60 days.

- **Qualifications:**

If you care, you're qualified...it really is that simple. Experience in interviewing, hiring, coaching, entrepreneurship or running a business is helpful but not necessary. Heart is the only prerequisite.

- **Event Registration:**

All volunteers must register 60 days prior to the upcoming event.

- **Contact:**

Caroline Nobsch, RISE Volunteer Manager: cnobsch@seeurise.org

IN-PRISON PROGRAM

MILESTONE EVENT VOLUNTEERING

BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION + GRADUATIONS

Volunteers serve as judges, scoring business pitches and selecting top participants to advance to a final round. Peers, volunteers, and guests then vote to determine the winners, who receive IOU funding to support their reentry. The day wraps up with a cap and gown ceremony, certificate awards, and heartfelt testimonies from participants, staff, volunteers, and family members. Lunch is provided.

- **Time Commitment:**

8 Hours

All events take place during the standard Monday-Friday work week.

- **Requirements:**

Security clearance approval through NDCS (Nebraska Department of Correctional Services). This approval process can take 45-60 days.

- **Qualifications:**

If you care, you're qualified...it really is that simple. Experience in consuming a product or service, entrepreneurship, or running a business can be helpful, but not required to volunteer.

- **Event Registration:**

All volunteers must register 60 days prior to the upcoming event.

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REENTRY SERVICES

RISE Reentry Services are available to all graduates of the RISE In-Prison Program. The RISE Reentry Team uses a Strengths Based Case Management model that encourages program graduates to work towards their personalized goals of self-sufficiency.

Each program graduate is assigned a RISE Community Navigator one year prior to their parole eligibility to prepare for their release. Graduates are encouraged to identify their needs associated with housing, transportation, documents (State Identification, birth certificate), clothing, mental and physical healthcare, substance abuse support, and other considerations critical to the success of their reentry.

Upon release, graduates continue to work with their Community Navigator on their journey towards self-sufficiency. Progress is tracked toward goals such as income, employment status, housing stability, food security, legal system interaction, life skills, mental and physical health, substance use, relationships, and community involvement.

WHO QUALIFIES?

RISE In-Prison Program Graduates

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Present safe and affordable housing opportunities to RISE for consideration on behalf of graduates.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

RISE Employment Services provide employment assistance to graduates of RISE's In-Prison Program prior to release and continues while transitioning through facilities and back into the community.

Throughout this time graduates are empowered to strengthen their interview and soft skills, resumes, cover letters, and overall job readiness.

This program creates relationships with employers and community members who believe in second chance hiring while providing education on what it means to hire not only RISE graduates, but all people with criminal backgrounds. We do this while ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion isn't lost in the interviewing and hiring of people with criminal backgrounds.

WHO QUALIFIES?

RISE In-Prison Program Graduates

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Present second-chance employment opportunities to RISE for connection to graduates.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM

The RISE Youth & Family Program offers access to support groups, workshops, community referrals, one-on-one coaching, and individualized assistance to all system-impacted families.

This is a 10-month program, offered in six-week themes, to improve individual and family wellness.

The program is delivered over family-style meals and discussion-based learning. A creative project accompanies each theme.

The six overarching themes are:

- Healthy Relationships
- Effective Communication
- Trauma, Grief & Resiliency
- Self Actualization
- Positive Parenting
- Building Resources & Community.

WHO QUALIFIES?

RISE In-Prison Program graduates and all people impacted by incarceration.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Provide a meal for our class.

RISE BUSINESS ACADEMY

The RISE Business Academy is a 12-week program focused on developing a prosperous business in the community for those with lived experience in the criminal justice system and/or their family members.

Participants develop a structured business plan while completing coursework tailored around entrepreneurial mindsets, marketing and sales methods, accounting, taxes, how to finance one's business and how to protect it.

Upon completion, program participants must pitch their business to a panel of judges made up of community leaders, local business experts, and entrepreneurs. Winners of the pitch competition have the chance at receiving cash prizes to be put forth towards the launch and development of their businesses.

Ideal candidates are 18 years of age or older, stable in their reentry journey, have secure housing, employment and support system.

WHO QUALIFIES?

All people directly or indirectly impacted by incarceration.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Become a business mentor, be a guest speaker, or be a business pitch competition judge.



PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY

RISE's public policy creates opportunities for system impacted people to have their concerns and ideas voiced and heard during the legislative process.

We bring together people impacted by the system, organizations, and other individuals to create a coalition working in solidarity to advocate for changes in the Nebraska criminal justice landscape and the economic and social empowerment of people impacted by the system.

RISE'S PUBLIC POLICY GOALS ARE:

- Decreased incarcerated population in Nebraska's correctional facilities at the state and county levels with limited entry points into the system and more effective and efficient systems for post-release supervision, parole, community corrections/work-release and reentry efforts.
- Improved conditions while incarcerated that include living situations, increased access to needed programming and mental and behavioral healthcare.
- Equitable economic and social progress for people directly impacted by the system and their families to ensure access to basic needs, opportunities, and resources that will reduce barriers to reach their full potential and increase the quality of their lives.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Lobby, have face-to-face meetings, contact your elected officials, write letters to the editor.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO VOLUNTEER WITH RISE! WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

- Join us inside prison for an In-Prison Program Milestone event facilitating mock interviews and/or being a business pitch competition judge!*
- Provide online business research from the comfort of their own home.
- Volunteer as a guest speaker for the RISE Business Academy.
- Mentor a RISE Business Academy program participant.
- Judge a RISE Business Academy Business Pitch Competition.
- Sponsor a family-style meal for the RISE Youth & Family Program.
- Volunteer your creative expertise with the RISE Youth & Family Program's Family Wellness Collective.

EMAIL INFO@SEEUSRISE.ORG TO BEGIN VOLUNTEERING!

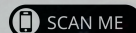
*Volunteer clearance with the Nebraska Department of Corrections requires a background check, one hour training course, and a 90-120 day approval process. Once approved, you're approved to volunteer for one year before having to get re-approved. Do not let this process intimidate you or stop you from applying! It's SO worth it!

** Milestone events take place around the 3, 5, and 6 month marks of the In-Prison Program.

DONATE TODAY

Your gift to RISE provides desperately needed reentry support both pre and post-release to people who need a fighting chance to rebuild a new life.

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