

REENTRY INITIATIVE

OUR WORK

The UnidosUS Workforce Development team seeks to ensure the Latino community's ability to contribute to and share in the nation's economic opportunities.

Addressing a Critical Need to Engage and Support Justice-Involved Latino Young Adults



Latino youth are **65% more likely** to be detained or committed than their White peers



One in six Latino males born in 2001 can expect to be imprisoned during his lifetime



Gainful employment reduces recidivism by **65%**

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The Reentry Initiative, launched in 2017, focuses on supporting Affiliates that work with justice-involved young adults (18-24) so they can help them access education and training that leads to gainful employment and reintegration into their community.

In addition to education and training, Affiliates provide young adults with case management, mentoring, health services, substance abuse counseling, legal support, transportation, housing, and other needs based assistance. Each participant also receives job readiness services where they learn how to create a compelling resume, discuss their past objectively, and strengthen their interviewing skills.

PROGRAM SITES

Through funding received from the U.S. Department of Labor, three UnidosUS Affiliates are implementing holistic programs in partnership with the juvenile justice system, employers, and other community organizations.

- [ConXión to Community](#) (San Jose, California)
- [One Stop Career Center](#) (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- [Youth Policy Institute](#) (Los Angeles, California)

UnidosUS Reentry Initiative Projected Impact 2017-2020



500

Will strengthen skills through job training



375

Will receive an industry-recognized credential



350

Will acquire employment with \$10/hour median wage



30% or lower

Participant recidivism rate

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UnidosUS, previously known as NCLR (National Council of La Raza), is the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization. Through its unique combination of expert research, advocacy, programs, and an Affiliate Network of nearly 300 community-based organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico, UnidosUS simultaneously challenges the social, economic, and political barriers that affect Latinos at the national and local levels.

For 50 years, UnidosUS has united communities and different groups seeking common ground through collaboration, and that share a desire to make our country stronger. For more information on UnidosUS, visit www.unidosus.org or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).