



## Alliance Newsletter 11/21/18

### Prison Fellowship: A Resource for Prison Culture and How To Support Clients with Reentry

Many of the clients you work with have spent time in prison. One resource that can help with learning about the specific culture of life in prison is [Prison Fellowship](#).

For example, Prison Fellowship explains that:

“Sometimes borrowing something from another prisoner can become an issue. If the debt is not repaid quickly, it is considered disrespectful and can lead to violence. This is a part of prison culture that doesn’t always make sense. However, the reality is that most prisoners believe respect must be maintained at all costs.”

Read more general facts about prison culture [here](#).

Prison Fellowship also offers a list of restorative justice programs by state - the number and type of programs vary but can include vocational opportunities, training on restorative justice programs, and some agencies offer a wide range of supportive programs. **Check out what’s available in your state.**

If you are looking for a deeper look into this culture, Prison Fellowship has a list of [recommended readings](#).

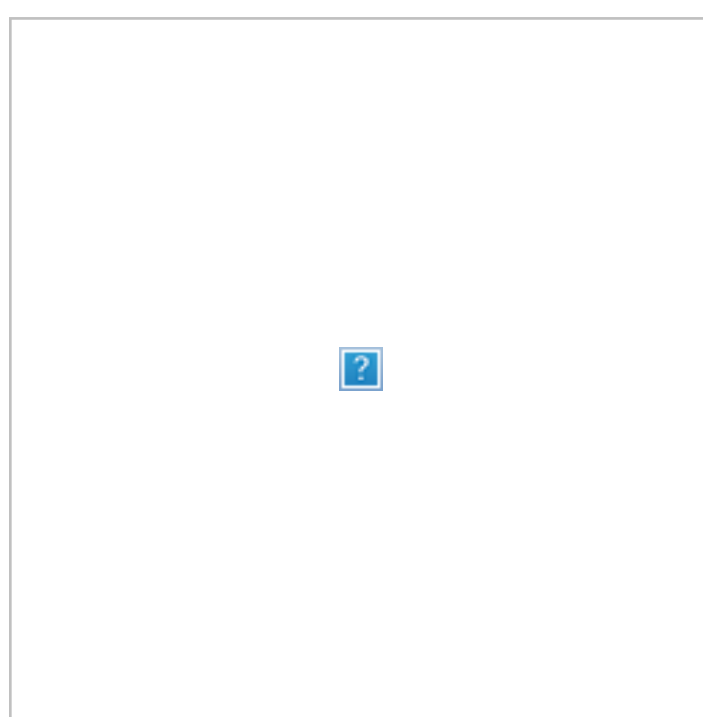
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### Meeting the Minimum Standards

As a General Member, it is important to ensure your agency is meeting the [Minimum Standards](#). We recently added another Minimum Standards resource discussing how to create a safety evacuation plan.

If your agency has already completed this Minimum Standard and is practicing your safety plan twice a year, then we would love to receive your input! Leave a comment outlining some of your experiences and offer any advice to other agencies.

[Read the Article](#)



**Have you signed up for the Sheltered 2019 Conference yet?**

The 2019 Sheltered Conference is great way to build relationships with other agencies and learn from each other’s successes and failures. Whether your agency is established or still working on getting the doors open, we have a variety of sessions that you can choose from to best fit your needs.

**And as a member you receive a 25% discount on registration!** Right now we are still offering our early bird pricing, so make sure to register **before December 18**.

[Register for Sheltered 2019](#)

### Don’t forget to join the News, Events, and Opportunities Board!

When the Alliance finds relevant webinars or news, we will post the information [here](#). Plus, the Institute of Shelter Care will be posting a list of interns who are available to support your work.