



# Poverty is Multifaceted: Creating equitable and inclusive prosperity for formerly incarcerated individuals in Gainesville, Florida

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## INTRODUCTION

The drastic consequences of incarceration in Alachua County have had detrimental effects on the lives of individuals in terms of their ability to move upward out of poverty.

This has accelerated social injustice, poverty, crime, and economic exclusion challenges in communities today.

Collaborative action of various stakeholders is required to address these issues. The success of this coalition is facilitated by systems thinking to resolve both economic and non-economic barriers in this context.

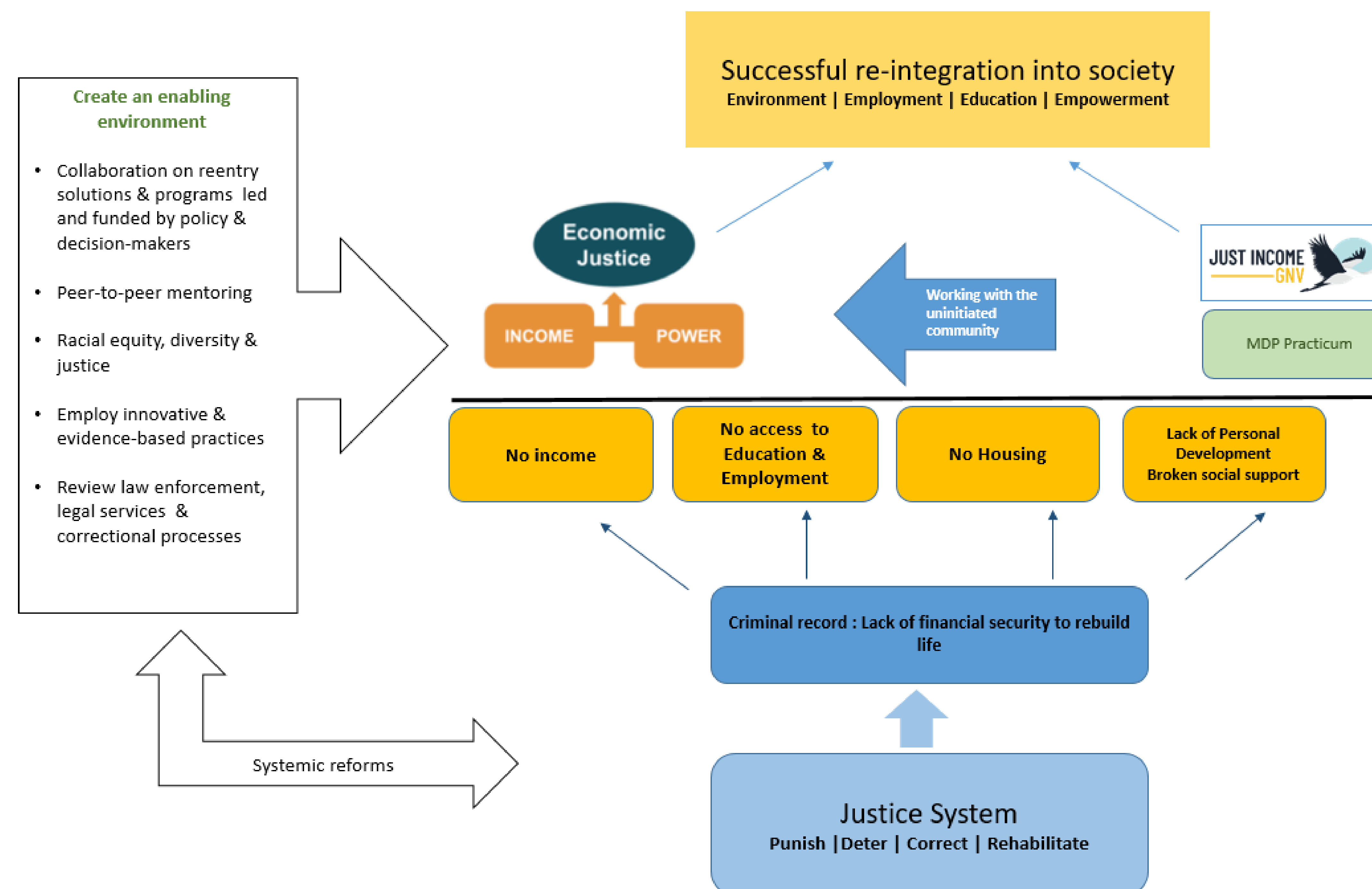
**Host Org :** Community Spring is a non-profit in Gainesville, Florida, offering services to grassroots communities in Alachua County. Just Income GNV- a 12-month guaranteed income paid to formerly incarcerated individuals.

## AIMS & OBJECTIVES

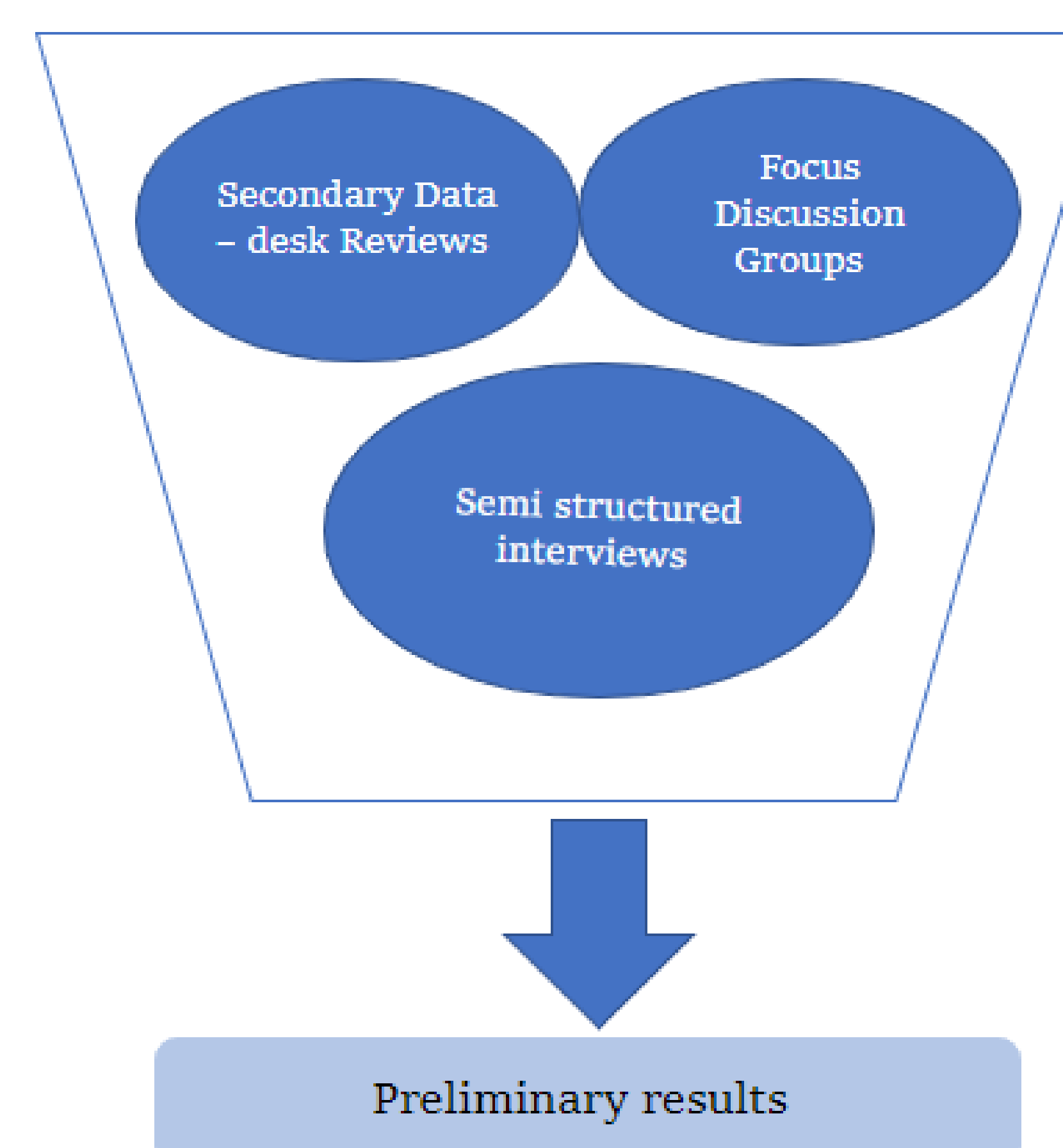
To investigate what the community understands about the criminal justice system and those affected by the system.

1. To better understand the perception of those uninitiated in the justice system and shift the current narrative.
2. To understand the challenges and barriers that exist in society to help former inmates transition from prison to the community.
3. To determine the outcomes and impact of Just Income GNV and areas of this project that might be modified to provide services that promote successful reintegration in an effective manner.

## CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



## METHODS



## FINDINGS

- ❖ One's incarceration status causes poverty and exacerbates existing issues of privilege and access to opportunities.

Racial inequalities are also apparent within the administration of education, healthcare & economic systems, opportunities are not equally availed for all .

Education and employment are key drivers of successful integration into society post-prison.

There is a need for systemic reforms within the criminal justice system. The promotion of best practices helps examine the current barriers within the system and recommend effective changes.

Trauma is one primary barrier faced by formerly incarcerated individuals, yet they do not have the money to pay for mental health services.

## CONCLUSIONS

- ❖ Incarceration is a chronic problem emanating from historic issues of oppression and socio-economic inequities.
- ❖ Creation of an enabling environment to support the efforts of a coalition of individuals, stakeholders & the community.
- ❖ Access to education & employment facilitate successful reintegration.

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