**WEEK 1**

Who still doesn’t have all 3 IDs?

* We emphasize the importance to individuals who are incarcerated how important it is to have their SS card and BC before they are released. SS is free. BC has a fee. Project ID and others to help.

Who ate?

Who is frustrated and why?

* 95 percent of individuals who are incarcerated nationwide are coming home. These are some of the barriers that they are facing when they return. Because of the barriers approximately 70% of those individuals will recidivate and end up incarcerated again. 30% actually recidivate within the first 6 months.

Talk about Chance Table

Evict

**Raise hands (ask for a show of hands for who is homeless, who is in the halfway house, and who is in jail. Use this option if you do not have them move chairs around the room to give an idea of how well everyone is doing.)**

**WEEK 2**

Does anyone still need all 3 IDs?

Who remembered to eat?

How many of you have jobs? How many of you actually went to work this week?

* Between 60 and 70 percent of individuals do no secure a job within the 1st year of release. Unfortunately, most of the time it is not because they are not trying. The felon box – why ban the box is so important.
  + I have started suggesting sending in a cover letter, information on federal bonding, and the tax credit with their job applications. I have some here today if you are interested in seeing that.

Did anyone commit a crime this week? Why?

Evict

**Raise Hands**

**WEEK 3**

Ask those in jail how they got there

* Probation/Parole violators account for 35% of the prison admissions, which is now the highest category of admissions. BOP has a 34% re-arrest rate.

How is transportation?

We struggle with transportation in WV. One of the largest barriers that individuals face.

Evict

**RAISE HANDS**

**WRAP UP**

Show of hands one last time.

Who felt successful and why?

Job?

Commit crime?

Who received help during the simulation – did it turn things around for you?

Who was not employed but got a job and how did that change things for you?

1 in 28 children have an incarcerated parent.

Final thoughts? Thanks!