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I just want to spend a couple of minutes talking to you about why the foundation really does care very deeply about this agenda and about this work. And I think one of the important things is to understand what the basic belief and philosophy is at the foundation. And it's really the simple belief that guides all of our interest as well as our investments at the foundation. And that belief is that children do well when families do well and families do well when they live in supportive communities. And it does sound like a really simply principal, but it really does help shape and guide all the direction for our work. We believe that you really can't change the lives of disadvantaged children unless their families and the communities they live in actually improve. And so we're paying a lot of attention to improving the conditions that promote family success, both economically as well as socially. We know that more than 1/2 of the incarcerated adults are parents of minor children and that losing a parent to prison can have a significant impact on a child's emotional, psychological and financial well being. Therefore, we're really concerned about this at the foundation and the work that we're doing. We also see that there are lots of patterns about the incarceration that are really not random and that upon release those formally incarcerated are returning to a relatively small number of home communities. So the communities that are most affected by reentry, that are urban, that are minority, that are particularly African American. Many of these receiving communities are the same poor depressed places that the Casey foundation is investing in with our work around neighborhood development, family development and neighborhood transformation. We think that the influx of ex-offenders, or those formerly incarcerated as we talk about them, really do pose some serious challenges for our work. So the reentry phenomena is actually pretty significant in our mind. We think that left unattended, it will strain local energies, resources, dampen the progress of family strengthening and community building efforts. So really the challenge is, not only how do we reintegrate formerly incarcerated people into the home communities, so that we can improve public safety, reduce public health risk, but we also need to think about ways to help them positively reconnect with and make contributions to the communities that they came from. We enter this discussion with you today, armed with a lot of data from our multi-year Making Connections Initiative. We've learned that unless communities openly and aggressively deal with disconnections between those returning from prison and their families and communities, the lack of employment, housing opportunities, inadequate education, employment opportunities and serious challenges brought about by inadequate health care, that even with the most comprehensive and best intended efforts, we really do have some significant obstacles to overcome. So that's why we're partnering with the Urban Institute in these discussions, why we've spent more than a year researching, talking to other colleagues in philanthropy, talking to practitioners who are engaged in this work on a day to day basis, and decided to focus on four specific areas. And those areas are actually bringing light to the existing data that exists so that we can actually ground our conversations and research real data. Looking at how reentry of formerly incarcerated men and women impact their families, specifically how it impacts their children. Talk about what can be done around employment initiatives to help those who are returning from prison back into communities and into the workplace. And then look at ways that substance abuse hinders the entry process and what can be effectively done

to change that dynamic. We also think we've learned some things about building public awareness and public support for issues like these. And so, therefore the Making Connections Media Outreach that's managed by our long time partner Outreach Extensions, have developed a strategic pipeline of TV and Radio documentaries and worked with the Urban Institute to lift up and give visibility and voice to a lot of these issue.