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# IMPACT REPORT

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# Impact Report Summary

Armand King and Jonas Royster, both lived-experience experts who have successfully completed probation and parole, developed The Cheat Code—a guide rooted in real-world insight and years of field-tested reentry strategies. Their journey, and the methods they refined over a decade, now form a structured resource to help others navigate and complete probation and parole.

Since 2010, The Cheat Code has been built upon the experiences of approximately 550 individuals across various U.S. states, including California, Florida, Nevada, and Arizona, all engaged in probation or parole at the federal or state levels.

Armand and Jonas have monitored and mentored these individuals through a range of reentry strategies—one-on-one mentorship, distance guidance, case management, court support, and collaborations with community and government organizations.

This ten-year process of mentorship and data collection provides a valuable perspective on the measurable impact of The Cheat Code in guiding individuals toward successful reentry. Grounded in both evidence-based practices and lived experiences, The Cheat Code combines proven reentry strategies with insights from mentors who have successfully navigated the parole and probation process themselves. The data in this report focuses on key outcomes such as recidivism reduction, avoidance of technical violations, positive behavioral shifts, employment post-release, and community reintegration. Survey responses also reflect participants' self-assessed growth in areas such as self-esteem, emotional resilience, and community support engagement.

The Cheat Code is both evidence based and experiential based helping to transform lives, reduce recidivism, and support individuals build a positive future.



# Recidivism Reduction



Since completing probation or parole, have you been incarcerated again?

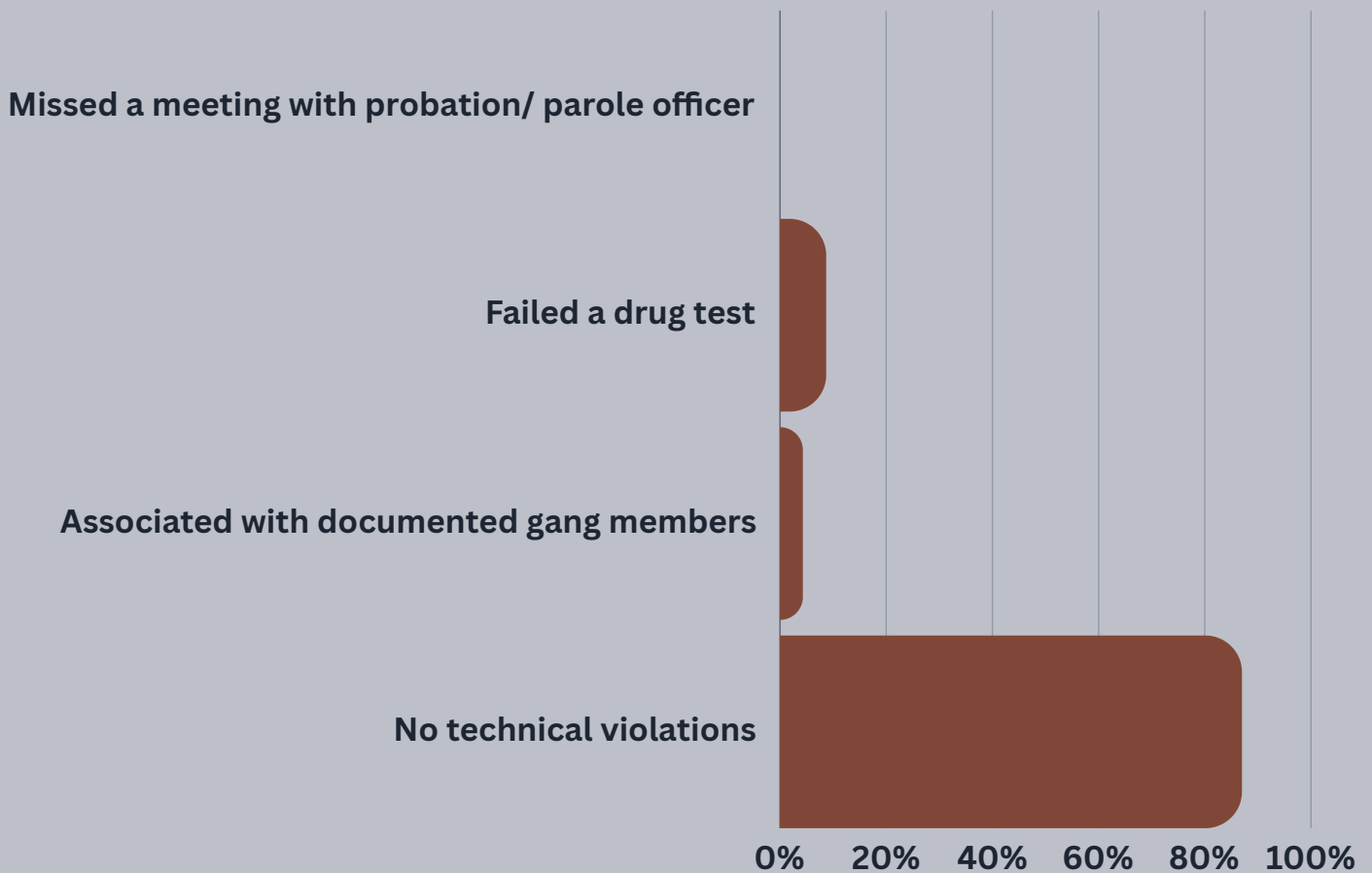


An impressive 91.3% of individuals who applied the guidance from The Cheat Code successfully avoided re-incarceration after completing probation or parole, highlighting the guide's effectiveness in reducing recidivism. With only 8.7% of participants re-offending, these findings reinforce the value of lived experience mentorship and practical tools in promoting sustainable reentry and long-term success.



# Technical Violations

In the first six months after receiving The Cheat Code guidance, did you experience any of the following technical violations?

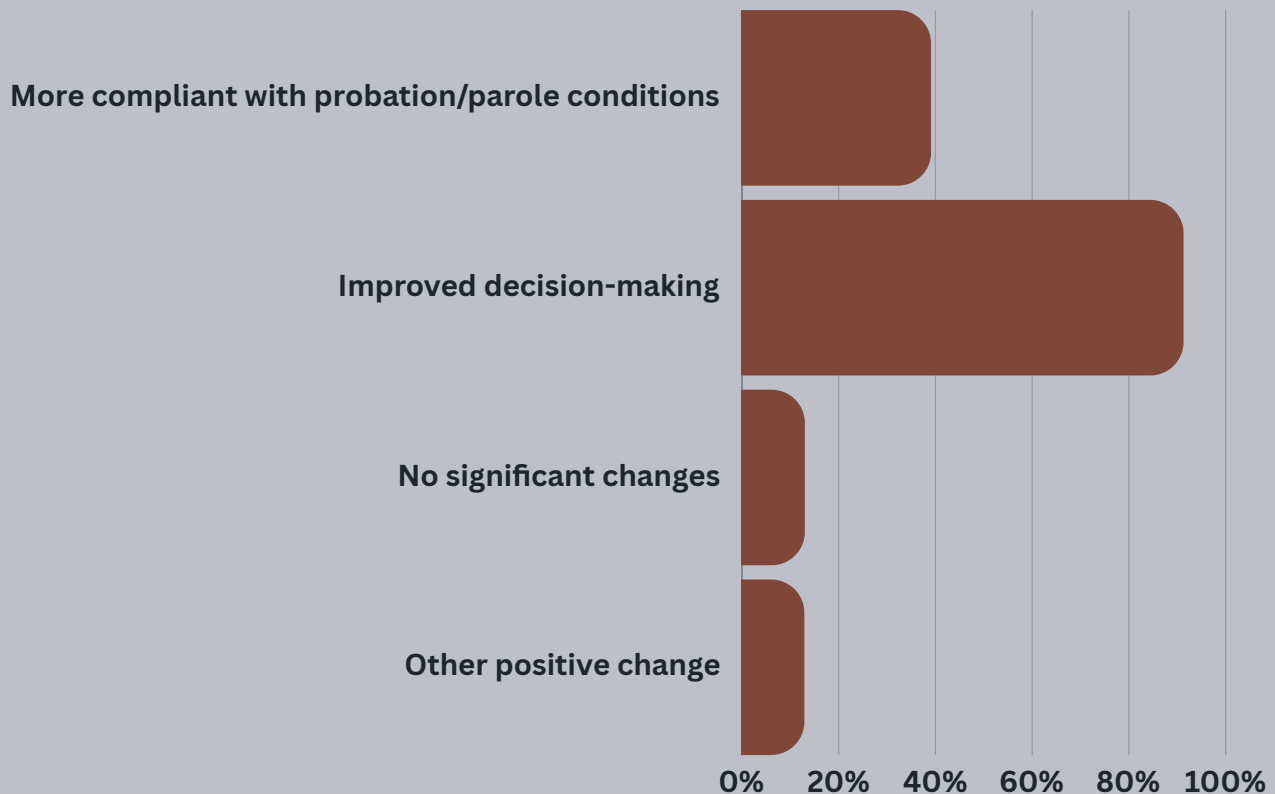


In the critical first six months after receiving guidance through The Cheat Code, 87% of participants reported no technical violations, demonstrating strong adherence to probation and parole requirements. Only 8.7% encountered drug test failures, and 4.3% reported associations with documented gang members, while no one missed a meeting with their probation or parole officer. These outcomes underscore the guide's impact in promoting compliance and stability during reentry.



# Behavioral Changes

How would you describe any changes in your mindset, behavior, or decision-making since receiving The Cheat Code guidance?



Following mentorship through The Cheat Code, 39.1% of participants reported increased compliance with probation or parole conditions, and 91.7% noted improved decision-making. While 13% indicated no significant changes, individual responses revealed powerful shifts: one participant shared a transformed outlook on life, another described a profound positive change impacting job success, communication, and adherence to principles. Another highlighted increased self-accountability, underscoring the guide's influence on fostering personal responsibility and a proactive mindset. These findings show that The Cheat Code mentorship encourages meaningful, lasting changes in behavior and mindset for successful reentry.

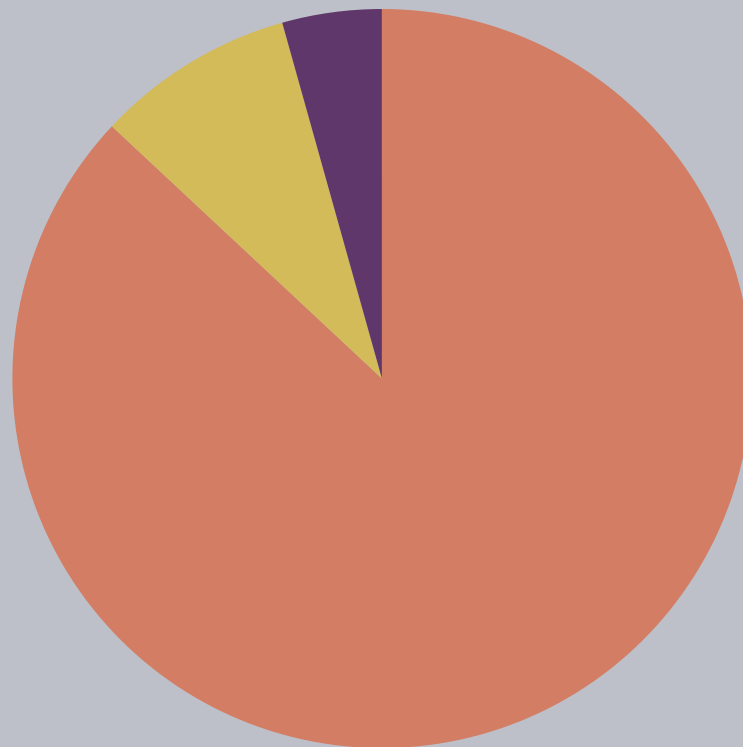


# Employment Post-Release



Since completing probation or parole, have you been incarcerated again?

Yes, but I struggled to keep the job  
8.7%



Yes, I found and maintained a job  
87%

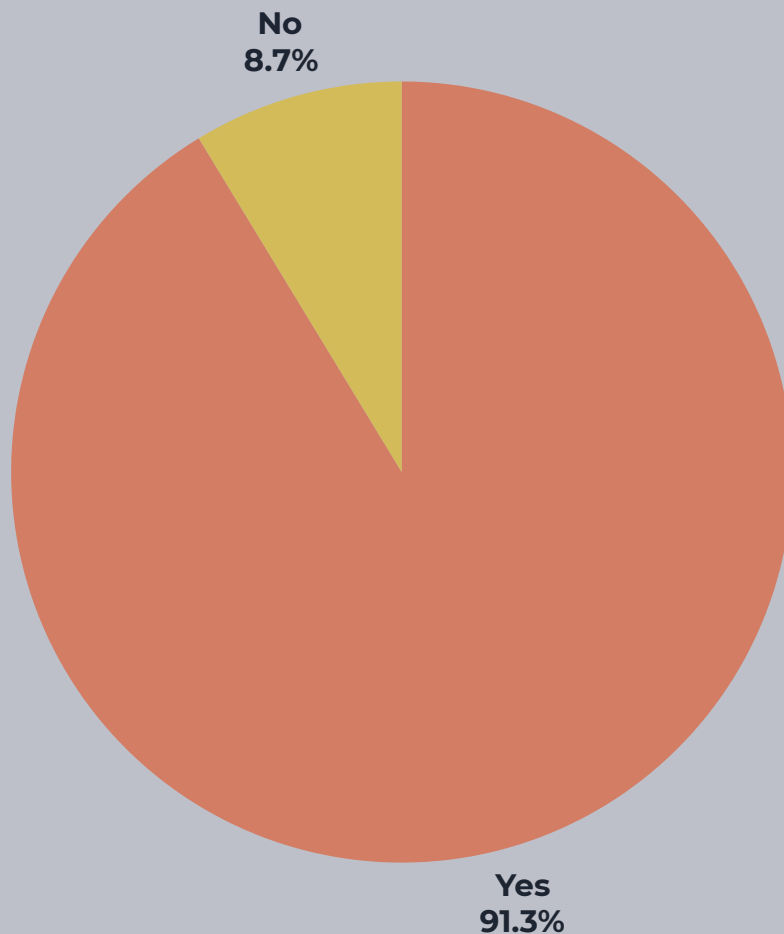
After applying the mentorship and guidance from The Cheat Code, 87% of participants successfully secured and maintained employment, demonstrating the guide's effectiveness in supporting stable job outcomes post-release. A smaller 8.7% faced challenges in job retention, while 4.3% were unable to find employment. These results highlight The Cheat Code as a valuable tool for enhancing job readiness and long-term employment success, key factors in successful reentry and personal stability.



# Community Reintegration



Since receiving The Cheat Code guidance, have you been involved in any positive community activities or support groups?



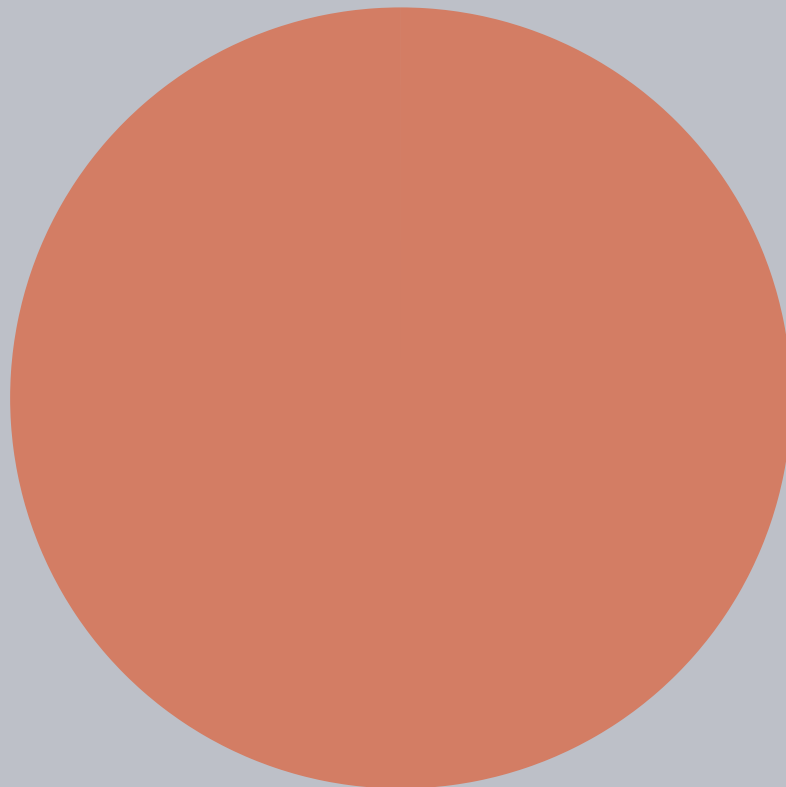
A remarkable 91.3% of participants engaged in positive community activities or support groups following mentorship through The Cheat Code, underscoring its impact in encouraging active community reintegration. Only 8.7% had not yet participated. These findings demonstrate the guide's effectiveness in fostering meaningful community connections, which are crucial for long-term success and reentry stability.



# Self-Esteem and Emotional Growth



**After receiving The Cheat Code guidance, do you feel that your self-esteem or ability to manage emotions and stress has improved?**



**Yes, significantly  
100%**

After mentorship through The Cheat Code, an inspiring 100% of participants reported significant improvements in self-esteem and their ability to manage emotions and stress. This unanimous response highlights the guide's profound impact on emotional resilience and personal growth, equipping individuals with the confidence and emotional tools essential for navigating life after probation or parole.

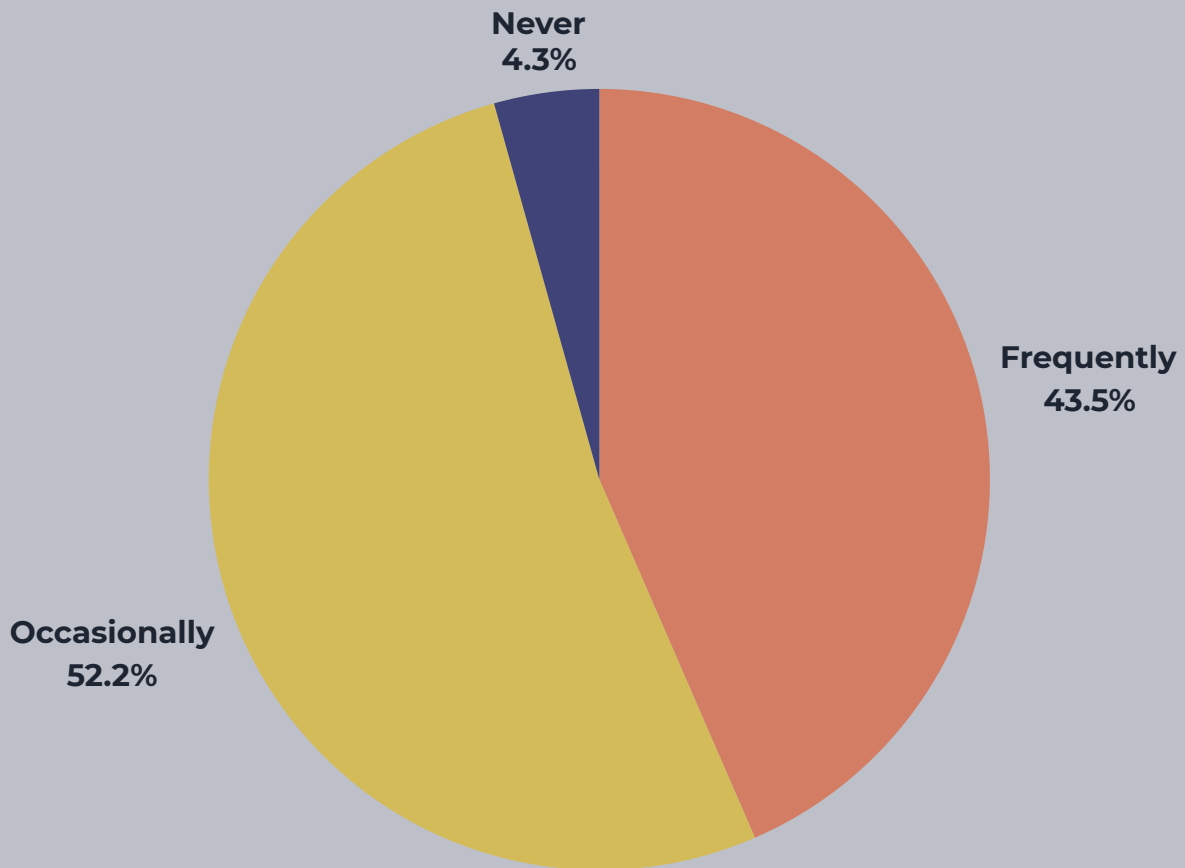




# Social-Emotional Learning and Community Support



**How often have you engaged in support groups, community service projects, or reentry programs since completing probation or parole?**

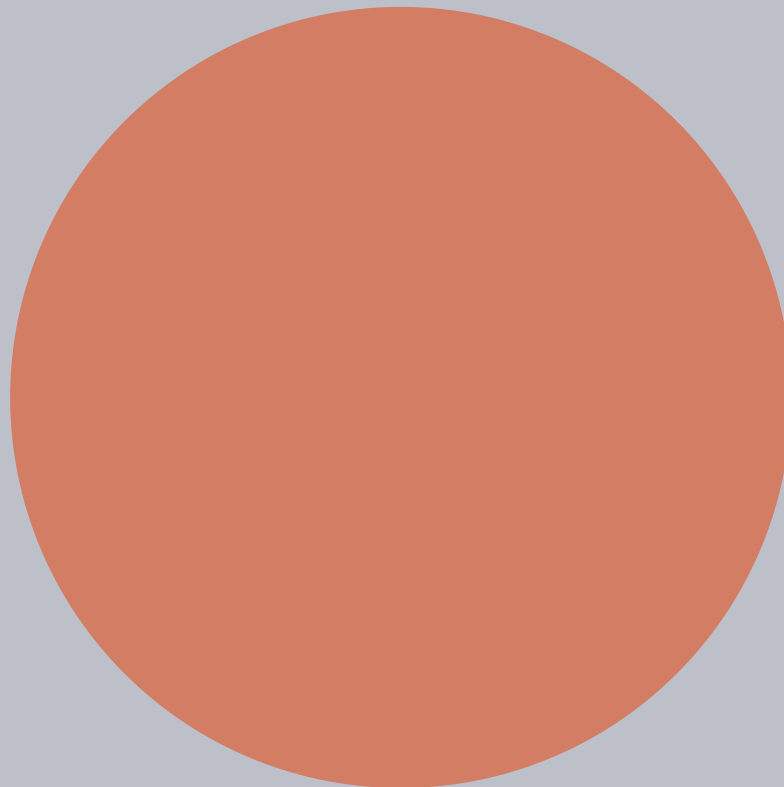


Following completion and during The Cheat Code guidance, 43.5% of participants engaged in support groups, community service, or reentry programs frequently, with an additional 52.2% participating occasionally. Only 4.3% reported rare involvement. These findings underscore The Cheat Code's effectiveness in promoting ongoing social-emotional learning and active community support, crucial components for lasting reintegration and positive social engagement.



# Help Received

**Do you believe receiving the Cheat Code guidance helped you from committing new criminal offenses?**



**Yes  
100%**

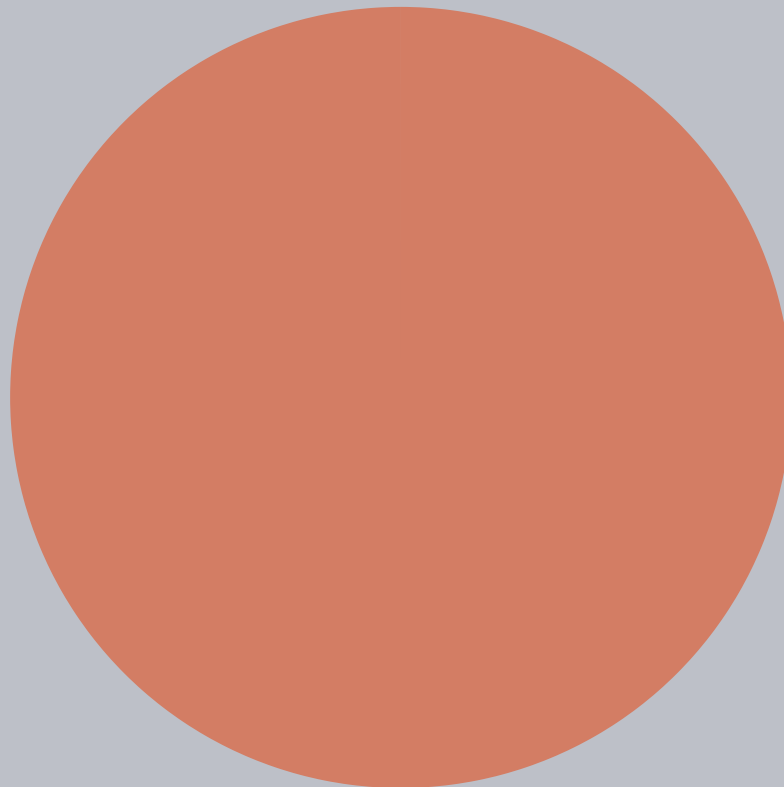
A powerful 100% of participants indicated that the guidance provided by The Cheat Code helped them avoid committing new criminal offenses. This unanimous result highlights the guide's effectiveness in empowering individuals to make positive choices, demonstrating its crucial role in supporting successful reentry and reducing recidivism.



# Help for Others



**Do you believe receiving The Cheat Code guidance will help others successfully complete probation and parole?**



**Yes  
100%**

An overwhelming 100% of participants believe that The Cheat Code guidance will help others successfully complete probation and parole. This strong endorsement reflects the guide's proven effectiveness and the participants' confidence in its ability to support others on their path to reentry, stability, and personal growth.



# Testimonies



The impact of The Cheat Code on individuals navigating the challenging path of reentry is profound. Participants speak to the guide's unique blend of lived-experience mentorship and practical guidance, which fills a critical gap for those reintegrating into society after probation or parole. By offering consistent support, role modeling, and a structured framework for making positive life choices, The Cheat Code has helped participants find stability, purpose, and a renewed sense of hope.

The testimonies reveal a common theme: The Cheat Code provides what many participants felt was missing in their lives—positive role models who genuinely understand their struggles. One participant reflected, “Before The Cheat Code mentorship, all my male role models were criminals.” The guide's influence goes beyond tips and advice; it provides a powerful example of resilience and possibility, showing individuals that they can forge a path to a fulfilling life. Many participants describe the mentorship as life-saving, with one stating, “If it wasn't for The Cheat Code, I would more than likely be in jail right now!”

For those who have walked the difficult journey of reentry, The Cheat Code mentorship is not only supportive but transformative. The program's guidance has inspired many to make significant behavioral shifts, fostering emotional growth, self-discipline, and accountability. One testimonial emphasized this, saying, “My mindset has actually changed more than I'm able to describe...I hold myself more accountable than ever. One thing I have been instilled with during and after mentorship is accountability!”

Participants highlight the necessity of having mentors who speak from experience. As one person shared, “Lived experience mentorship is one of the few cornerstones helping to lower recidivism rates.” Another noted, “Connecting with those who have successfully completed probation and parole and are thriving as returning citizens builds self-esteem and puts folks on the road to success.” This personal connection not only motivates individuals to stay out of trouble but also helps them to envision a future beyond survival, where they can thrive and contribute positively to their communities.

The Cheat Code has proven especially valuable for young and at-risk populations. Many recognize that youth in inner-city communities need strong guidance to help them make better choices in a world that often lacks supportive networks. One participant emphasized, “The Cheat Code mentorship is needed in inner-city communities, especially for the youth.” Another added, “It’s a necessity for growth and rehabilitation; it’s a big part of transitioning back into the community.” These voices underscore how the program helps individuals realize they are not alone, and that support is available to guide them through each step.

The testimonies also highlight The Cheat Code’s flexibility in supporting individuals from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. “The Cheat Code is very accepting of all kinds of walks of life, and they are very attentive to the needs and goals of the people,” one participant noted. This inclusivity allows individuals to feel valued and understood, regardless of their past experiences, and encourages them to believe in their ability to succeed.

In summary, The Cheat Code has proven to be more than just a guide—it’s a lifeline for individuals seeking a fresh start and a brighter future. As one participant powerfully concluded, “The Cheat Code program has saved my entire life.” Through mentorship, accountability, and compassionate support, The Cheat Code empowers individuals to rewrite their stories and make meaningful reentry into their communities.