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<u>Q & A</u>

- Is there information available at no cost to help re-entry when coming out of prison?
 Yes, Eagles' Nest Ministries is constantly updating these lists of Resources and Services.
- 2. <u>What are the Resources and Services categories provided by Eagles' Nest Ministries?</u> Employment, Housing, Food, Health/Medical/Treatment, Legal, Helpful Phone #'s, Women/Children/Families, and Driving Schools. This list is expanding.
- 3. <u>Does Eagles' Nest Ministries have housing referrals for sex offenders?</u> Yes, we have referral lists which include all felons.
- 4. Does Eagles' Nest house people coming out of prison?

Yes. To see if you qualify, please contact us, and let us know who you are, and that you are interested in coming here. Each individual must personally contact us by mail indicating they have an interest in applying to Eagles' Nest.

- 5. <u>Does Eagles' Nest Ministries have any Resources and Services referrals for current inmates?</u> Yes, Eagles' Nest Ministries is expanding and developing this area on a daily basis.
- 6. <u>Is there any way an inmate can help with Eagles' Nest Ministries as it expands to help others?</u> Yes, contact us and let us know your willingness to volunteer and help.
- 7. Is Eagles' Nest looking for volunteers who are not incarcerated?

Yes, Eagles' Nest has need of volunteers to help the ministry in many different ways. Please contact us for more information.

8. Where does Eagles' Nest Ministries serve?

Eagles' Nest Ministries is located in the heart of downtown Phoenix. At present, the majority of the referrals for Resources and Services are in Maricopa County. However, we are presently engaged in an expansion program with a goal of covering every county in the entire state of Arizona with referrals for Resources and Services.

9. <u>Is Eagles' Nest Ministries interested in ideas and suggestions regarding its expansion and the needs of people</u> <u>coming out of prison?</u>

Absolutely! The Bible states, "He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.". Prov. 12:15

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10. Do you believe it is becoming easier for someone to successfully re-enter into society?

Yes, if a person is willing to commit to doing what is right. It is completely up to the individual. There will be bumps along the way, but that is true in life for anyone. Things are changing for the better. There are companies, housing and people in general who are second-chance friendly. It is not up to the state, probation, or parole; it is up to the individual coming out.

"Your attitude will determine your altitude."

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11. I've heard horror stories on the yard about what happens when you get out of prison. Are those stories true?

Most of the stories you have heard on the yard are started by people who have come back for another go around. It is interesting that it is never their fault, it is always someone else to blame! Many say it's being in Arizona, or it's probation/parole, or it's the people with whom they associated. Some even say it's the general public that won't accept you. Well, none of these entities committed the crime; the individual did! So, accept responsibility for the crime and the consequences that come along with it and move on. Someone once said, "10% of the people will hate you and 10% will love and help you, while 80% of the people don't care and are just going about their lives." By the way, I believe these figures are true for everyone, not just people coming out of prison.

12. What can I do to assure my success when I get out?

There are no guarantees as it is all up to you. Here are a few things to help in the process: Participate in SOETP (Sex Offender Education & Treatment Program) programs you have available. Participate in all classes offered such as Anger Management, Domestic Violence, Cultural Diversity, etc., even if you feel you don't need them.

Associate with people who build you up, not lead you astray.

Seek communication with people on the outside who care about your personal success.

Do not communicate with anyone on the inside or outside who is headed in the wrong direction with their life.

Get rid of negative attitudes about treatment or probation/parole including probation/parole officers, surveillance officers, police or other officials, rules, etc. Remember, they did not commit your crime, you did.

Develop positive attitudes regarding your successful re-entry regardless of whatever comes your way.

13. Do you have a checklist of things to get done when I first get out?

Yes, contact us and request it.

14. Do you have a Pen-Pal or Mentors program to help me navigate prison, re-entry and life in general?

Not at present, but we are looking into this area for the future. We are seeking referrals in this area.

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- 15. Can the 12-18-month initial application/relationship building process be started post-release, if someone has an interest in becoming a part of Eagle's Nest sometime after their release? Not at this time.
- 16. Can the pre-release application process be started with the intention of using Eagles' Nest as a backup plan, in case an initial plan falls through? Yes.

17. How can I receive the monthly Eagles' Nest newsletter?

If you are an inmate, send us a letter with your mailing information, requesting to be sent the newsletter.

If you are on the outside, email or text your email address to us, and you will be added to our list.