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NMCD hires innovative recidivism reduction director

SANTA FE— The New Mexico Corrections Department recently announced the hiring of Morgen Jaco, Director of Recidivism Reduction.

Over the last several months, NMCD has conducted interviews with top tier candidates from around the country in search for new leadership to tackle recidivism reduction in our communities. Ms. Jaco received her Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia University and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Radford University. Starting her career as a probation and parole officer, most recently she oversaw reentry initiatives for the State of Alaska that focused on collaborative efforts between the department and service providers, in-reach efforts, and the continuum of care needed for a successful transition from institutions to communities. A skilled collaborator, innovator, and accomplished grant writer, Ms. Jaco also served as an adjunct faculty member at Charter College in Anchorage where she taught courses in criminal justice and facilitated internships and workforce development opportunities.

“Morgen Jaco has dedicated her career to helping previously incarcerated individuals be successful upon reentry and I am thrilled she has joined the NMCD family,” Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero said. “Recidivism reduction requires innovation and proactive leadership, and we believe Ms. Jaco has what it takes to be successful.”

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