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Longmont-based nonprofit [The Reentry Initiative](https://www.reentryinitiative.org) (TRI) will present the new documentary, "**Under Water: Women, Prison & Trauma**," as part of its fall benefit, Stories of TRIumph, to be held from 4:00 - 6:30 pm Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. General admission tickets cost \$35 and are available on the TRI website:

<https://www.reentryinitiative.org/about-tri/stories-of-triumph-event-10-2-22/>

The approximately 15-minute documentary film analyzes the cycles of trauma and incarceration and their particular impacts on women. Many people are aware of the problem of mass incarceration in this country but may not know about the particular impact it has upon women, their families, and their communities. The vast majority of women who are incarcerated have experienced significant adverse childhood experiences that have shaped their mental and emotional development. This can result in maladaptive coping, leading to criminal justice involvement. View the trailer at this link: <https://vimeo.com/734161542/bbdc93b110>

Immediately following the film, TRI will host a talk-back with a professional panel that includes

- **Dean Williams**, Executive Director of Colorado Department of Corrections;
- **Anjali Nandi**, Chief Probation Officer in Boulder County;
- **Dominique Vodicka**, a Boulder native who has broken free from the cycle of incarceration to become TRI's peer support specialist; and
- **Justin Bogardus**, award-winning film director and the founder of Dream Tree Films.

The Reentry Initiative's founding mission was to restore lives, reconcile families, and renew communities by filling a gap in services to women reentering society in Boulder County. In 2018, TRI became a WAGEES (Work and Gain Employment and Education Skills) program, expanding its case management and support services, while enhancing its infrastructure and financial resource development. The expansion allowed TRI to start serving men and continue serving women as they reenter society. Today, TRI provides comprehensive services inside and outside of prison walls that empower adults to achieve fulfilling and crime-free lives in their communities.

Learn more about The Reentry Initiative, purchase tickets for the Oct. 2 event, make a financial contribution, or donate needed items via www.reentryinitiative.org

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