



Offender Reentry in Ohio

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Reentry Initiatives within the District:

Hamilton County Reentry Commission

The Hamilton County Reentry Commission has recently developed a comprehensive countywide reentry strategic plan. The plan focuses on offender employment, resource linkages, assessments, program referrals and housing. The Commission includes an interdisciplinary membership comprised of local agencies, groups, and individuals.

Reentry Support Group Referral Partnership

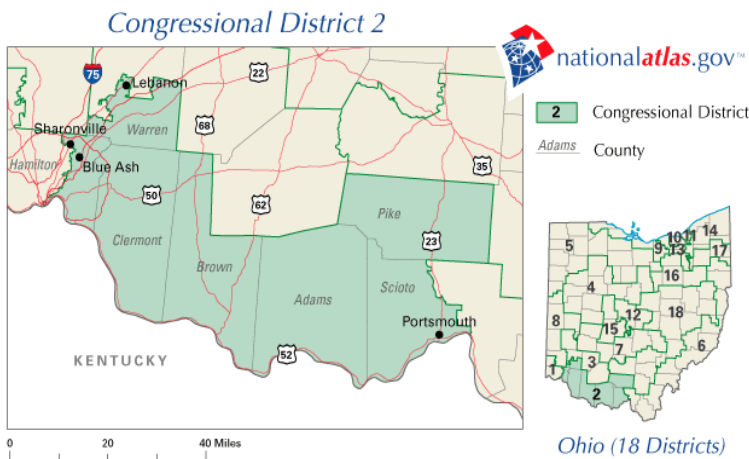
The Reentry Support Group (RSG) is a peer led support group hosted by Inspirational Speaking LLC. RSG offers a variety of training programs covering topics such as Becoming the Most Effective Parent, Building Strong Healthy Families, Enhancing Self-Esteem, Employment Assistance, Employment Readiness, Budgeting, Resolving Conflict, Effective Communication and Planning, and Peer Support Assistance.

Hard 2 Hire Network

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) enjoys a partnership with the *Hard 2 Hire Network Team* sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network. The network consists of various Hamilton County offender service providers who strive to improve and coordinate services and opportunities that assist individuals with a criminal record prepare to reenter, advance, and succeed in the workforce.

Second Chance Legal Clinic

DRC partners with the Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OJPC) to help Hamilton County offenders address legal issues. Each month staff from the OJPC assists individuals by responding to legal matters regarding record expungement, voter registration, barriers to employment/career education/housing options, child support modification, and an array of other issues.



Ohio Prisons Snapshot

(as of April 2009)

- Incarcerated — 50,889
- Institutions— 32
- Capacity— 38,665
- Male— 92.45%
- Female— 7.55%
- Annual Admissions — 28,178
- Annual Releases — 29,014
- Average Cost Per Inmate
 - Daily = \$67.77
 - Annual = \$24,736.50

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Citizen Circles

Citizen Circles create partnerships that promote positive interaction and accountability for offenders upon release. Membership provides an opportunity for citizens to communicate expectations to the offenders for successful reentry. Offenders are able demonstrate their personal strengths, begin the process of rebuilding social capital, be provided with the opportunity to perform community service, and begin repairing the harm their past behavior has caused others. There are twenty-nine (29) active Circles across Ohio which includes one in Hamilton County.

Adult Parole Authority (APA) Employment Enhancement Training

The Adult Parole Authority's Employment Enhancement Training initiative involves structured group interaction with offenders focusing on conducting a job search, practicing interviewing skills, the importance of developing a good work habit, and the nurturing of a positive work ethic. The group which meets for several sessions emphasizes the importance of training and education, job preparedness, finding a job and strategies for maintaining long-term employment. This program is tailored to meet the needs of the offenders and resources in the region.

Adult Parle Authority (APA) Sex Offenders Intervention Program

The Adult Parole Authority's is designed as an intermediate intervention for medium high to high risk sex offenders who have not completed comprehensive sex offender programming in prison. In addition, it is utilized for sex offenders who previously completed sex offender programming but are now demonstrating some high risk behaviors while under supervision.

By the Numbers							
	Adams	Brown	Clermont	Hamilton	Pike	Scioto	Warren
Number of Commitments by County to ODRC Reception Centers Source: FY 2008 Commitment Report							
Male	34	108	285	2,629	34	302	250
Female	2	14	57	244	2	73	51
Total:	36	122	342	2,873	36	375	301
Number of Offenders Under Supervision with ODRC Source: Adult Parole Authority January 2009 Monthly Report							
Total:	90	89	274	2,447	181	189	244