COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CENTER
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING DIRECTORY

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What are Community Residential Centers?

- A transitional housing initiative, formerly identified as independent housing, launched by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction in January 2004.

- The Bureau of Community Sanctions (BCS) has licensed contractors in the following cities: Akron, Canton, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Greenville, Hamilton, Lima, Mansfield, Sidney and Toledo. The facilities provide temporary, transitional housing and some limited case management for offenders under Adult Parole Authority and Common Pleas Court supervision.

- The Department will pay for residence in these facilities for up to 90 days for eligible offenders
  - If the agency and parole/probation officer request an extension of the 90-days due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. applying for SSI, etc. the BCS Assistant Chief or designee will review that request and may grant an extension as appropriate.

Which offenders are eligible for Community Residential Centers?

- TC offenders eligible for step-down to electronic monitoring and Adult Parole Authority and Common Pleas Court supervised offenders with no viable home placement that are at risk of being homeless. This includes offenders residing in homeless shelters.

- Moderate to low risk/lower need offenders with little or no programming needs other than housing.

- Higher risk/higher need offenders who have successfully completed adequate programming in prison, a halfway house, or through a community agency (or are currently involved in programming in the community) and are stabilized, but would still benefit from housing assistance due to not having a home placement. TC offenders must be continuously monitored via GPS.

Then how does a Community Residential Center help?

- Transitional housing frees up valuable, limited, and more costly halfway house beds for higher risk/higher need offenders in immediate need of residential programming.

- Recent evaluations conducted by the University of Cincinnati clearly demonstrate that halfway houses reduce recidivism for high risk/high need offenders and increase recidivism for moderate to low risk/low need offenders.
What is the difference between a Community Residential Center and a Halfway House?

- The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction contracts with the **Community Residential Center** to provide housing, some limited monitoring and basic case management services.
  - Agencies are not expected to provide meals, but a facility for food preparation and storage.
  - The supervising authority is responsible for linking offenders with any additional programming they may require, however, if informed of the supervising officer’s requirements, the staff at the Community Residential Center may assist in monitoring the offender’s demeanor and attendance at required appointments, meetings, etc.
  - Residence is voluntary. If the offender walks away, he or she is subject to a sanction for failing to notify the supervising officer of a change of address. TC offenders are still subject to escape charges.
  - A referral is **not** a sanction or treatment alternative.
  - No additional certification or licensure, beyond being licensed by the Division of Parole and Community Services is required.

- The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction contracts with **Halfway House** agencies to provide housing, food, case management services, residential programming and in some cases, intensive treatment services.
  - Halfway houses are required to provide and prepare meals for offenders.
  - Halfway houses are required to more closely monitor the movements of offenders through itineraries, sign-out sheets, visitor records, search logs, etc.
  - While the supervising authority may sometimes need to assist halfway houses in locating services for offenders that are outside the agency’s contracted requirements, halfway houses are generally required by contract to provide residential programming or community referrals for offenders placed within their agency.
  - Residence in and successful completion of a halfway house is mandatory. If the offender walks away, he or she may be charged with Escape under the Ohio Revised Code.
  - Halfway house placement **is** a sanction, condition, or treatment alternative.
  - Halfway houses are required to obtain and continuously maintain American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation.
How does an offender get referred to a Community Residential Center?

- **Institution referral**
  
  - Parent institution staff shall list, as a placement plan, a Community Residential Center.
  
  - BCS Parole Program Specialists will review the packet and assist in placing the offender in the most appropriate Community Residential Center by area and admission criteria.

- **Field Referral**

  - **APA Supervised Sex Offenders**
    
    - APA supervising officer shall complete a referral form and forward it to the APA Region’s Sex Offender Specialist where the Community Residential Center is located. The APA Sex Offender Specialist shall determine if the offender is appropriate for referral, and if so, make the referral to the Community Residential Center.

  - **All Other APA Supervised Offenders**
    
    - Supervising officer shall complete a referral form and forward it to the BCS, who shall determine if the offender is appropriate for referral, and if so, make the referral to the Community Residential Center.

  - **Court Supervised Offenders**
    
    - Probation Officer shall complete a referral form and forward it to the Community Residential Center Intake Coordinator to determine if the offender is appropriate for admission. If so, the Intake Coordinator will establish a date of admission.

- **Referral Requirements**

  - In order to complete appropriate intake on field referrals, Community Residential Centers will require completion of the Community Residential Center referral form and attach a copy of a current investigation report (i.e., pre-sentence investigation).

Who do I contact for assistance?

- Bureau of Community Sanctions
  
  DRCBCS.Placement@odrc.state.oh.us
  
  Ph:  (614) 752-1188
  
  Fax:  (614) 728-9946

Links:

Agency /Contacts

Alvis House
40 West Long Street (20 male beds)  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Denise Robinson, President/CEO

Intake:

Jeff Barga

2100 Stella Court
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Ph: (614) 252-0295
Fax: (614) 252-6527
Email: Jeffery.barga@alvishouse.org
Corrine.Pugh@alvishouse.org

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Admission/Rejection Criteria:

- Male offenders
- No sex offenders or arsonists
Agency/Contacts

*Community Treatment and Correction Center*
1413 Second Street SE (5 male beds)  
Canton, Ohio 44707  
Chandra Bryant – Executive Director

Intake:  
George Long  
1432 Tuscarawas Street E.  
Canton, Ohio 44707  
Ph: (330) 453-8401  
Fax: (330) 453-8430  
Email: ctccintake@rr.biznet.com

Admission/Rejection Criteria:

- Male offenders
- No sex offenders or arsonists
Agency/Contacts

**Good Samaritan Home**

LOCATIONS IN DARKE, MONTGOMERY AND SHELBY COUNTIES

449 E. Third Street (4 male beds)
451 E. Third Street (5 male beds)
615 E. 4th Street (4 male beds)
116 Ludlow Street (6 female beds)
Greenville, OH 45331

**John Graham - Director**

**Kathleen Graham – Admin. Assistant**

2916 Main Street (55 male beds)
2654 N. Main Street
231 E. Hillcrest Ave.
22 & 24 Woodcrest Ave.
329 Ernst St. (8 male beds)
610 & 612 Fairview (9 male beds)
Dayton, OH 45405

Intake:
PO Box 382
Greenville, OH 45331
Ph: (937) 547-6337
Fax: (937) 548-5415
Email: jgraham19@woh.rr.com

**Admission/Rejection Criteria for Darke County (Greenville) facilities:**

- Male offenders
- No restrictions regarding criminal offense history
- OFFENDERS ARE TO REPORT TO 442 E. THIRD STREET, GREENVILLE FOR INTAKE, PRIOR TO ADMISSION

**SPECIAL NOTE:**
If offenders are traveling to the facility via public transportation, provide the offender the above listed phone number to call the Good Samaritan Home staff. Staff will ensure the offender is transported from the bus stop to the facility.

**Admission/Rejection Criteria for Montgomery County (Dayton) facility:**

- Male offenders
- No restrictions regarding criminal offense history

**Admission/Rejection Criteria for Shelby County (Sidney) facility:**

- Male offenders
- No restrictions regarding criminal offense history
Agency/Contacts

*Mary Alice’s House*  
Andrea Guice – Director  
Eric Rossin – Office Manager

524 W. Elm Street (5 female beds)  
Lima, OH 45801

543 W. Elm Street (5 male beds)  
Lima, OH 45801

549 W. Elm Street (5 male beds)  
Lima, OH 45801

Intake:  
543 W. Elm Street  
Lima, OH 45801  
Ph: (419) 225-9830  
Fax: (419) 227-9830  
Email: maryaliceshouse@woh.rr.com

**Admission/Rejection Criteria:**

- Male and female offenders  
- No restrictions regarding criminal offense history  
- Preferred Catchment Area for CRC Sex Offenders  
  - Allen County  
  - Auglaize County  
  - Hancock County  
  - Harding County  
  - Mercer County  
  - Paulding County  
  - Putnam County  
  - Shelby County  
  - Van Wert County
Agency/Contacts

NISRE, Inc. – The EXIT Program

LOCATIONS IN FRANKLIN, HAMILTON, RICHLAND, ROSS and SUMMIT COUNTIES

EXIT Columbus (24 male / 8 female beds)

Michele Johnson – Director

984/984 ½ Oakwood Avenue (8 male beds)
897 Oakwood (4 male beds)
1049 Forest (4 male beds)
1249-1251 S. Ohio Street (8 female beds)
Columbus, OH 43206

Report to 897 Oakwood for intake

EXIT Cincinnati (20 male beds)

Cincinnati Intake Reporting Facility
Cincinnati, Ohio 45205

EXIT Mansfield (15 male beds)

Mansfield Intake Reporting Facility
Mansfield, Ohio 44903

EXIT Chillicothe (20 male beds)

Report to Terry Collins ReEntry Center for intake

EXIT Akron (18 male beds)

Report to 923 Delia Avenue for intake

Intake (Main Office):

Charles McLemore – VP of Operations

897 Oakwood Avenue
Columbus, OH 43206
Ph: (614) 253-8969
Fax: (614) 824-1143
Email: charles.mcllemore@theexitprogram.com
michele.johnson@theexitprogram.com
Admission/Rejection Criteria:
- Sex offenders permitted at all locations with the exception of Mansfield
- No other restrictions regarding criminal offense history
Agency/Contacts

**Oriana House**
25 Frederick Ave (16 M/F beds avail)
Akron, Ohio 44310

65 E. Glenwood Ave
Akron, OH 44304

**LOCATIONS IN CUYAHOGA AND SUMMIT COUNTIES**

*(indicate which county on referral)*

James Lawrence, President & CEO

Intake:

Julie Howe
P. O. Box 1501
Akron, Ohio 44309
Ph: (330) 996-2222 x 2670
Fax: (330) 761-9021
Email: Admissions@orianahouse.org or Juliehowe@orianahouse.org

Admission/Rejection Criteria:

- Male offenders
- No Tier III sex offenders (Cuyahoga and Summit)
- No Tier I and II that require community notification (Cuyahoga only)
- No convictions for Murder, Rape or a felony against a minor (Cuyahoga only)
- Arsonists reviewed on a case-by-case basis
Agency/Contacts

**Salvation Army – Harbor Light**

1710 Prospect Avenue (12 male beds)
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Beau Hill, Executive Director**

Intake:

**Deb Jones**

1710 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Ph: 216-619-4668
Fax: 216-781-2265
Email: deb.jones@use.salvationarmy.org

**Admission/Rejection Criteria:**

- Male offenders
- No sex offenders
- Arson convictions reviewed on a case-by-case basis
Agency/Contacts

Talbert House
538 Front Street (7 male beds) (SH)
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

LOCATIONS IN BUTLER AND HAMILTON COUNTY

Neil Tilow – President/CEO

960 Grand Ave. (4 male beds)
Building A
Cincinnati, OH 45205
{Units 8 and 10 (4 beds in each unit)}

1609 Pelham Place (4 female beds)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

** Contract for 15 beds – 7 at Front Street and 8 at Grand **

Intake:
5234 State Route 63
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
Ph: (513) 933-9304
Fax: (513) 933-9305
Email: hwhintake@talberthouse.org

Admission/Rejection Criteria:

- Serves counties in southwest Ohio
- If discharged previously for a medical condition, offender must be stable medically
- If discharged previously for violation of program rules, must agree to behavioral contract
- No sex offenders, arsonists or offenders with a serious pattern of violence
Agency/Contacts

*Ro-Ellen Sinkewich, Vice President of Program Operations – Southwest Region*

*Email: Roellen.sinkewich@voago.org*

*Web Site: www.voago.org*

Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio

1201 Champlain St. (8 male beds)
Toledo, Ohio 43604

115 W. McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45202

**Intake:**

1201 Champlain Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Ph: (419) 241-7191 x1010
Fax: (419) 248-1488
Email: mary.herkert@voago.org

**VOAGO-Contact Information:**

(Accepts SO @ both their CRC/HWH)

Mary Herkert
Central Intake Manager
Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio
Residential Reentry Programs
700 W. Pete Rose Way
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
Office: 513-381-1954 x3009
FAX: 513-381-2171
Email: mary.herkert@voago.org

**Admission/Rejection Criteria:**

- Male offenders
- No sex offenders, arsonists and offenders with a serious or long history of violence
- No severe medical needs (psychological or physical disorders)
- No criminal history which indicates a potential threat to the local community
- No history of poor institution adjustment