Community Linkage

Partnership that promotes successful reintegration into the community

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) employs Community Linkage staff who work with returning citizens in Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction prisons and APA offices across the State. The staff provide qualifying individuals with appointments and referrals to support services that promote successful reintegration into the community.

In addition to establishing post release appointments through community linkage, OhioMHAS also funds the Community Transition Program (CTP). CTP offers adults returning home from prison a transitional benefit of mental health and substance use treatment and help with recovery support services like housing, transportation, work and education. Other areas of recovery support include peer recovery support, life skills development, relapse prevention/recovery, spiritual support, and help with gathering necessary identification documentation. Eligible clients are identified by OhioMHAS staff and referred to local providers for continued treatment and supports.

The goal of community linkage and CTP is to enhance care coordination between prisons, treatment providers, parole and managed care to ensure the most efficient and supportive reentry experience for returning citizens.