

Hamilton County Office Of Reentry

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Who is HCOR

TO DISRUPT THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION IN HAMILTON COUNTY

Our mission: To promote collaborative services for all returning citizens by identifying common barriers, advocating for community resources, and offering a network of support.

The Team:

- Reentry coordinators: Denyse Charles, Charles Hemphill, Vestal Simms, vacant
- One reentry transition specialist: Vacant
- Office Administrator: Starr Lucarelli

2023 Client contacts: 1330

Average age: 31-45

Predominately African-American males

Approximately 45% of clients on community control

Approximately 73% have a felony (42% non-violent; 31% violent)

Most frequent needs: Housing & Employment

Special needs:

10.3% Chronically Mentally ill

9.7% Chronically Homeless

6.8% Substance Abuse

5.5% Drug Dependent

4.2% Veterans

59% Housing Insecure

HCOR Clients

Our Approach

- Direct client engagement
 - Daily client support and reentry planning
- Programming – to identify strategies to reduce recidivism
 - Preparing Incarcerated Women for Sustainable Careers
 - Care Pods – In process
 - River City programing – In process
 - Probation Call-ins
- Judicial engagement
 - Welcome Home Reentry Docket
 - Municipal Reentry Docket
- Advocacy
 - Housing
 - One Stop Resource Center –Access to resources
 - Employment

Client Engagement – The HCOR Way

- 1. Building Rapport:**
Face-to-face interaction, learning more about the client and his/her circumstances.
- 2. Identify basic or immediate needs:**
Address food, clothing, housing, health care needs.
- 3. Set long-term goals to achieve stability:**
Develop reentry plan goals that are realistic and achievable.
- 4. Provide ongoing support:**
Routine phone or in-person engagement.

Current Programming

All programs employ evidence-based practices that have been shown to reduce recidivism.

- Preparing Incarcerated Women for Employment (2023)
 - Partnership with NKU and River City Correctional
- Hamilton County Probation Call-ins (2023)
- Care Pods – (in-process) Reentry support pre and post release
- River City Programming (in process)



Judicial Engagement

Welcome Home Reentry Docket
Common pleas Court Judge
Wende Cross
Established 2022



Municipal Reentry Program
Municipal Court Judge
Judges Janaya Trotter-
Bratton
Judge Andre Johnson
Established 2022

Advocacy – Housing

'This investment will have a profound impact': \$31.8 million available for affordable housing in Hamilton Co.

Hamilton County Commissioners and the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) are using money from the American Rescue Plan

While funding applications are open to all developers, a portion of the money will be specifically targeted towards seniors, disabled residents and returning citizens or people who were previously incarcerated, the county said.

Reentry Housing Model

- Housing as a Pathway to Justice – Enterprise Group
- Gap housing & low-income/market rate
- CDF strategic planning

Advocacy – Access to Resources

One Stop Resource Center

- Created to eliminate barriers to accessing supportive services that improve quality of life and provide essential support to families.
- Partnered with the 513Relief Bus to offer services in multiple neighborhoods:
 - Justice Center, Price Hill, Madisonville, Winton Hills, Avondale, Forest Park (Word of Deliverance), Sharonville Convention Center
 - Total participants: 1,085
 - Most frequent needs: housing, employment



Employment

- Employment partners
- ORW partnership (in-process)
- Second Chance job fair partnership with Local12

Client Testimonial



Success Story:

“Returned home, met on 513 bus, accomplished state ID then driver’s license and enrolled in a training program for CDL-waitlisted. Obtained a full time job and was promoted within two months and obtained an apartment.”

BW

Client Testimonial



Success Story:

**"I got my drivers
license, used HCOR
resources and I was
able to get the job!"**

JD



Success Story:

"I got my driver's license, the job
an assistance with housing!"

CH

Client Testimonial

Success Story:



"I used the resources provided and was able to get the job."

RM

Client Testimonial

1. Are you satisfied with the service provided today?

Client responses: 82% responded Yes.

2. Did staff members treat you with professionalism?

Client responses: 98% responded Yes.

3. Do you feel your privacy was secured?

Client responses: 91% responded Yes.

4. Did staff make you feel like you were respected and/or heard?

Client responses: 96% responded Yes.

Client Satisfaction Survey

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