



Location: Reid Snyder Room, CCJFS

Date: March 18th

Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM with 26 people in attendance.
 - a) Everyone was welcomed, and introductions took place. Attendees shared the agencies they represented. A survey was noted, with a request for all participants to complete and submit it by the end of the meeting.
- II. Updates
 - a) The 2024 review included an evaluation of goals, outcomes, and testimonials.
 - i) Goals and Outcomes
 - (1) Connect Justice-Impacted Citizens to Services
 - (a) Goal: Increase Fair Chance Wednesday attendance by 20%.
 - (b) 2023 Attendance: 99 people
 - (c) 2024 Goal: 120 people
 - (d) Final Count: 111 people
 - (e) Citizen's Circle: 125 participants in 9 meetings
 - (f) Additional Outcomes:
 - (i) 34 supported at Drivers License Clinic
 - (ii) 65 supported at Record Sealing Clinics
 - (iii) 80 people connected to Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Program.
 - (2) Homeless Court Initiative
 - (a) Objective: Establish Homeless Court Committee and assess need.
 - (b) Update: Became Housing Committee under SMART: Reentry Housing Initiative. Exploring support for those with prior evictions.
 - (3) Increase Community Capacity
 - (a) Objective: Enhance reentry-specific training for providers and community members.
 - (b) Training:
 - (i) 19 trained in Trauma-Informed Care
 - (ii) 58 participants in Reentry Simulation
 - (iii) 14 partners trained on Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project
 - (4) Enhance Representation on Relink.org



(a) Objective: Achieve 80% coalition agency representation.

(b) Current Status: 83% coverage (20 agencies listed).

(5) Housing Initiatives

(a) Objective: Develop housing resource guide for justice-impacted citizens.

(b) Update: Delayed due to changing dynamics, now part of Housing Committee working on 2025 goals.

ii) See attached testimonials.

b) Reentry Coalition Plans 2025

i) Committees Updates:

(1) Housing Committee: discussed the need for additional members to join.

(a) Expand: Increase stable housing access for justice-impacted individuals.

(b) Strengthen: Build partnerships with property owners and housing providers.

(c) Utilize: Leverage the SMART Reentry Housing Grant for sustainable solutions.

(d) Develop: Create a housing resource guide and connect individuals to services.

(2) Access to Services: discussed the goal to connect justice impacted citizens to services.

(a) Improve: Coordinate mental health, substance use, and employment services.

(b) Enhance: Expand outreach to support justice-impacted individuals.

(c) Increase: Strengthen collaboration with community partners for service navigation.

(d) Utilize: Use Relink.org to raise awareness of available services.

(3) Education Committee: discussed the goal to bring awareness to community members.

(a) Focus: Build community capacity and awareness.

(b) Expand: Educate the community on reentry challenges and opportunities.

(c) Host: Facilitate the Community-Based Family Forum for dialogue and support.

(d) Organize: Conduct the Reentry Simulation for experiential learning.

(4) CAP Committee: discussed how this is a committee to help us plan the future of the reentry coalition.

(a) Guide: Implement the 3–5 year Reentry Strategic Plan.

(b) Conduct: Collect data from law enforcement and justice-impacted citizens to identify service gaps and challenges.

(c) Review: Analyze and report on reentry outcomes.





(d) Strengthen: Enhance the Coalition's role in promoting systemic change.

ii) Committee Interest:

(1) Everyone was reminded to fill out the survey, including their committee interests.

c) The following legislative updates were presented to the group:

i) House Bill 315 (Effective April 3, 2025): Requires corrections agencies to provide returning citizens with key documents, including vocational and work records, birth certificates (if available), and Social Security cards.

ii) House Bill 31 (Introduced February 3, 2025): Proposes mandatory electronic recordings of all parole board hearings, with controlled access to protect privacy and improve transparency.

iii) Senate Bill 36 (Passed Senate February 26, 2025): Updates marijuana laws by banning public smoking, restricting use in vehicles, and prohibiting homegrown marijuana at in-home childcare sites. Includes strict penalties for violations.

III. New Business

a) We talked about using the CAP Survey for JIC to better understand which community resources justice-impacted individuals are utilizing.

i) Everyone was invited to look over the following three questions and determine if they want to participate in the survey:

(1) Are you familiar with this organization?

(2) Have you ever used this organization for support or services?

(3) Have you received support from this organization in the past 6 months?

b) Discussed the upcoming Fair Chance Wednesday on March 26th, 1–3 PM at 1101 E High St, with 23 vendors confirmed, including BMV.

i) Shared the following 2025 FCW dates:

(1) May 28th

(2) July 30th

(3) September 24th

(4) November 19th

c) The Reentry Month calendar was reviewed, with further details of each event listed below. It was noted that the April 27th event at Victory Lanes is open to fathers participating in the Montgomery County Fatherhood Initiative and to contact Brittany Burks for additional details. Please see the attached flyer.

i) The "Step into Stability" Donation Drive was discussed noting that it will begin in April, with donations of new, packaged socks accepted. Participants were invited to bring socks to the April Reentry Coalition meeting, host a collection at their organization (with collection boxes provided), drop them off at the Reentry office, or bring them to any April Reentry Month event.



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- ii) The group discussed the upcoming resume clinic, scheduled for April 3rd from 1–3 PM at JFS, which is intended to help participants prepare for the Clark County Job Fair.
 - iii) The Clark County Job Fair details were discussed, including that it will take place on April 15th from 1:30–4:30 PM at the Hollenbeck-Bayley Center (275 S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH). It was also noted that employers willing to hire justice-impacted citizens would display the Reentry symbol on their tables.
 - iv) The Clark County Community-Based Family Forum was discussed as a new event designed by ODRC for family members of incarcerated individuals who are expected to be released within the next year. The event is scheduled for April 15th from 6:00–7:30 PM at the Clark County Public Library (Gair Room) and is sponsored by CareSource. It will be a Q&A-style session to support families with the transition process. A warden and parole officer are expected to attend. The event has been promoted through newspaper ads and community flyers. If successful, there are plans to host it once or twice a year. A question was raised about whether a justice-impacted individual would also attend, and Brooke said she would follow up with ODRC for clarification.
 - v) The group discussed the upcoming training, “Working with Justice-Involved Veterans: Trauma, Moral Injury, Suicide Prevention, and Lethal Means Safety,” scheduled for April 15th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Reid/Snyder Room at JFS, following the April Coalition meeting. The session will be presented by Josh Nordstrom, an educator from the VA. A QR code is available on the flyer for pre-registration. The training is intended for individuals working with justice-involved persons or veterans. Free gun locks will be distributed at the event.
 - vi) The Reentry Simulation scheduled for April 29th from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM at the Hollenbeck-Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center was discussed. It was noted that 40 seats were available, and lunch would be provided. 20 volunteers are still needed, preferably individuals with lived experience or those who have previously participated in COPE. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 10:00 AM. Sponsors are being sought to help cover the cost of refreshments and gift cards for justice-impacted citizen volunteers. Those interested in volunteering were encouraged to email Brooke. It was also mentioned that Brooke would be discussing the volunteer opportunity at the upcoming Citizen Circle.

IV. Old Business

- a) The Coalition Engagement Agreement was discussed, and the importance of all members completing it was emphasized. The agreement is required for a BJA grant and is collected annually to enhance collaboration, improve resource sharing, increase community impact, strengthen commitment, build accountability, and support sustainability. Members were asked to email their completed agreement if it was not turned in at the meeting.

V. For the good of the order

- a) It was shared that the Family Youth Initiative is looking for mentors to work with children. The organization, a local nonprofit, also has an upcoming golf scramble. Anyone interested in sponsoring or participating was encouraged to contact Dorian Williams.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.





Attendees:

Abby Glaser
Andrea Carter
Andrea Masucci
Andrew Ferguson
Bonita Vangorden
Brittany Burks
Brooke Wagner
Dorian Williams
Emily Parsons
Erica Picklesimon
Gina Kicos
Jacob Clark
Jason Bond
Jessica Neuerer
Josie Kelley
Michael Carter
Molly Cruz
Scot Donley
Sheri L Haines
Debbie Gross
Thomas McGrath
Tyeshia Orr
Wendy Doolittle
Destinee Geis
Samantha Simpson
Megan Fernandez



March 6, 2023

To The Clark County Reentry Program

Brooke,

I wanted to take the time to thank you all for all of the dedication, time and effort & finances you put into helping me & my son. I learned about fair chance Wednesday early in my recovery and attended right away & still do. I couldn't have imagined how helpful they were going to be in my life.

While using your services over the past year, I have gained self-esteem self-worth, knowledge and confidence. The Reentry program has had a significant impact in my life.

I was given a lot of time, hope & encouragement throughout a number of one-on-one meetings, phone calls & texting even. The Reentry Program helped me through a plethora of assistance and sincere guidance.

Brooke built my resume from scratch literally. I've never had one before because of my history of jobs was so meaningless and short-lived .

I completed my Certified Peer Recovery Supporter training but I unemployed unable to pay the fees to obtain the license & background checks & the Reentry program seen fit that was taken care of for me as well.

I went on to obtain my CDCA & received their assistance in obtaining that license as well. Brooke continued to help me on a regular basis looking for employment. Sending me job leads, staying in constant touch with me throughout the entire job search rooting for me and encouraging me to not give up. For the prior 10 years I was employed at countless fast food restaurants. Due to my age, some health conditions that was not a possibility any longer .

Im proud to now announce want tthat I'm now gainfully employed at The Recovery Center Of Springfield as a Chemical Dependency Counselors Assistant!!! I absolutely love my job. This is the job that was waiting for me & I truly would not be where I am today without their assistance.

Thank you so much to the Clark County Reentry Program!!!!!!!

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In more ways than 1, the department of reentry has given me the ability to be able to re-enter society, become a productive member, learn how to become a respectable law abiding citizen. Now the citizen circle group has taught me that I can get along with others from different walks of life society, also shows me I can be a good person towards others, get along with a group of individuals who have the same objective, has been there done that.

Over all both programs have helped me alot, want more out of each 1 that I attend, look forward each month to attend to see what it has to offer. Great experience for all.

Thank You
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Hi Brooke! I'm doing great. I started at Clark Early Learning Center on Jan 13th and I love it! Thanks so much for all your help getting me there! I am also getting ready to submit my application to see if I can be accepted into the Expedited Pardon Program. I have been working with a Dayton law School professor on getting everything ready, I think it will be submitted this week. Thanks for letting me know about that also.

I would not be this far with everything without your help! I hope you know how appreciated you are.



I would like to thank the Clark County Re-entry Department and the Re-entry Coalition for the many ways they have helped me returning to the community after incarceration. It has been 15 years since my release from incarceration. I had no idea about the route to get my Felony and many misdemeanors sealed or expunged from my record.

I used to be a teacher before mental health and addiction destroyed my life. I just came to understand that teaching or even being in a classroom to volunteer to be a room mom for my 9-year-old daughter was out of the question with my criminal record. After attending the Re-entry Cope hosted by Clark County Re-entry I had shared my story. At the training, Brooke informed me that they were having a sealing and expungement workshop the following month. I thought it was just informational but it changed my life.

The workshop was so well put together. Attorneys were looking up my charges and seeing if they were eligible for sealing and expungement. They did all the paperwork for you for filing. There was a notary there. They made a copy of the paperwork for me to keep for my records. The municipal court was there checking fees fines and probation to see if that was a barrier. They filed paperwork on the spot. Needless to say after my court hearings I had all 14 of my misdemeanors sealed and expunged. My felony was not eligible but new law changes are happening every year. Despite that issue, they are guiding me through the pardon process. They supported me emotionally before and after going to court. I can not tell you the range of emotions going in front of a judge 15 years after your original conviction and being told you are forgiven or looking up your name and no charge showing up. IT IS LIFE-CHANGING!

I now participate in Citizens Circle every month. It is so nice to network and help other justice-impacted peers. The resources we learn about are helpful. It is nice to share a meal and build lasting friendships. The 20-dollar gas card we are given if we preregister is so helpful when you do not make a great deal of money. Bus passes are also an option.

Thank you Brooke and Clark County reentry for all that you did and do for me!