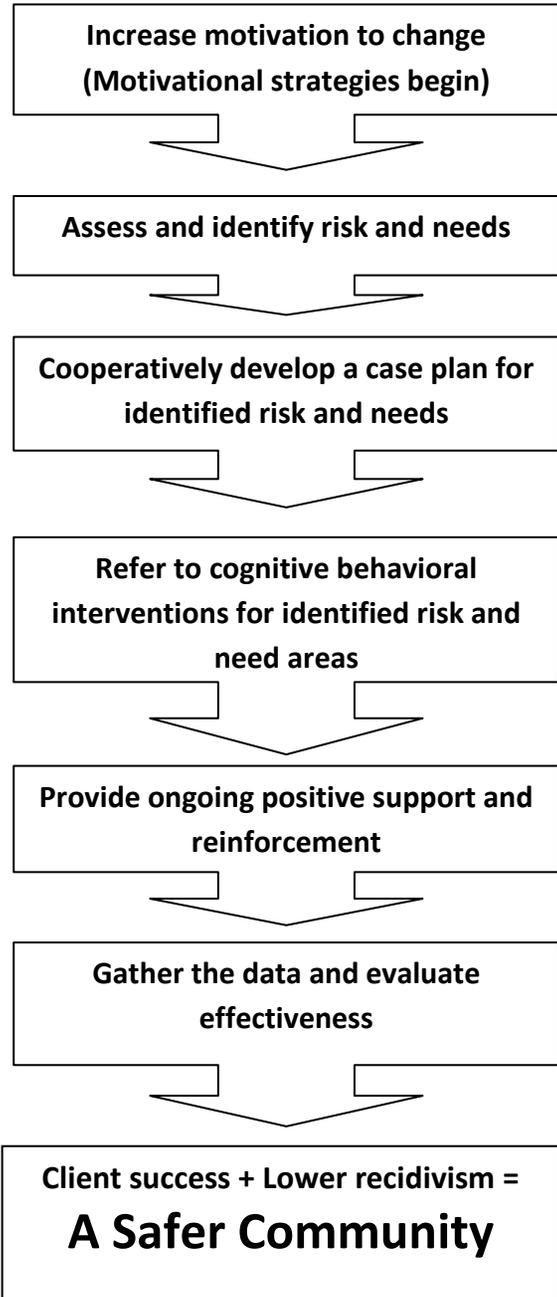


EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES AT Offender Aid & Restoration



A City of Second Chances: Charlottesville proclaimed itself a City of Second Chances in December, 2010, adopting several resolutions 'in the cause of social and economic justice for ex-offenders and their families.'

Charlottesville/Albemarle Prisoner Reentry Council: The priority of the Reentry Support for Ex-Offenders Action Team is to examine and increase awareness around the barriers that prevent ex-offenders from re-entering society in a productive manner.

VAWC Interagency Partnership: Our local Virginia Workforce Center - your doorway to employment and labor market information - joined in partnership with local service agencies in a mission to help individuals achieve self-sufficiency and independence through employment.

SNAPET- Department of Social Services Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training: OAR provides employment services and training to Albemarle & Charlottesville SNAP recipients assisting them in gaining employment and becoming self-sufficient.

Albemarle Career Center: Your career door. Everything you need to start and advance your career in a quiet professional environment. Open the door to your future. Be prepared for the challenge. Provided by & located adjacent to the Albemarle Dept of Social Services.

Charlottesville Downtown Job Center: Find job opportunities. Learn job search skills. Determine the best job for you. The new Job Center is conveniently located very close to our office and a bus ride or walk away from many locations in Charlottesville.

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OAR/JEFFERSON AREA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Assisting individuals arrested, imprisoned, or released from incarceration gain and retain self-respecting, self-sustaining, and crime-free lifestyles.

REENTRY PROGRAM

The Reentry Program was the first program offered at OAR when it opened in 1971. The program focuses on the re-integration of incarcerated adults into the community. The program provides services yearly to an average of 700 incarcerated persons and 400 new clients in the community. Our Reentry Program implements evidence based practices to reach our ultimate goal: ensuring our clients have the opportunity for success. We provide both pre and post incarceration services. We support and encourage a positive transition from incarceration back to the community.

OUR CLIENTS

If you have ever been involved in the criminal justice system in any way (arrest, pending charges, misdemeanor or felony convictions &/or pre-convictions, jail/prison sentences, community corrections, or probation/parole), then you are eligible for our services. We serve the Jefferson Area focusing on the city of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle, but including the counties of Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange.

PRE-RELEASE SERVICES

We facilitate "Thinking for a Change" and "Understanding your Risk Factors" in the Men's Reentry Program at the Albemarle, Charlottesville, & Nelson Regional Jail. We also provide information on reentry trends and reentry services to returning citizens at several nearby DOC correctional centers (Augusta, Coffeewood, Cold Springs, Deep Meadow, & Dillwyn men's facilities; and also the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, and the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland).

POST RELEASE SERVICES

OAR post-release reentry services helps ex-offenders overcome challenges they may face when returning home and joining their families and the community. Our goal is to help them achieve a successful reentry back into society.

Identification Services includes funding for identifying documents such as school transcripts and photo identification. We assist clients in securing additional documents, as needed, such as diplomas, certificates, military records, and social security cards.

Referrals and assistance is provided as needed to include shelters, public assistance applications, treatment programs, housing leads, rental assistance, & medical assistance. We also encourage & recommend peer support groups.

Transportation Assistance can be provided in the form of bus passes to get to and from scheduled interviews. We also assist with transportation to work.

Emergency Food referrals are available depending on individual circumstances.

Emergency Clothing referrals are available to several local agencies.

GED scholarships are available to assist with the cost of classes and required books.

Employment Services include assistance creating resumes and filling out job applications. We have an **employment specialist** on staff to assist clients with job readiness, job searches, and referrals. Also available is a Workplace Essentials/Employment Skills Workshop designed to sharpen skills needed to find and maintain successful employment.

Case Management specializes in dealing with current issues facing ex-offenders and supporting their reentry efforts. Case management is based on risk assessment and utilizes evidence-based interactions to motivate, reinforce, and support positive change.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Coming Home to Work is a work program funded by the City of Charlottesville designed to assist individuals disadvantaged by criminal records. Participants must have a felony conviction. This program matches clients with private employers. Participants gain valuable experience, develop solid work habits, and demonstrate a willingness to have a second chance at steady, stable employment. All participants work with an OAR case manager to identify problems and work toward solutions. Participants attend a workplace essentials class if they are not working. They are also eligible for incentives and rewards.

Reentry Community Case Review is a project of the Steering Committee of our local Reentry Council that identifies gaps & barriers that may exist for persons returning home from our regional jail and state facilities. All clients are assessed to be at moderate to high risk for recidivating. The project focuses on intensive case management and a coordinated service delivery amongst participating agencies with frequent communication and regularly scheduled meetings. Participating agencies include the Albemarle & Charlottesville Depts. of Social Services, Virginia DOC Resources for Human Development, The Albemarle/Charlottesville/Nelson Regional Jail, the Dept. of Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Region Ten, our local community services board, and The Haven, a local day shelter providing services to combat homelessness here in the Jefferson Area.

Incentive Program provides case management to clients at medium or high risk for recidivating. The program screens individuals for eligibility and willingness to participate, and enrolls 25 participants annually. It offers incentives and rewards, such as a gift card for every 90 days of job retention. We provide and coordinate training in job skills, financial literacy, and cognitive behavior with an ultimate goal of long term self-sufficiency. We also facilitate payment of financial obligations (court costs, restitution, and child support). Funding is available to open low cost bank accounts, and advice is given to first-time bankers. This program is funded by the United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area in an effort to reduce the rate of recidivism for these individuals.