



Residential Reentry Programs

Helping 2,600 neighbors each year

We believe in helping all people reach their full potential. For over 120 years, our work continues to touch the mind, body, heart – and ultimately the spirit – of those we serve. As a national, non-profit, faith-based organization, Volunteers of America helps nearly 2 million people across the country – more than 20,000 in Ohio alone.

About the Program

Our residential reentry programs provide programming and treatment to help male and female felony offenders become contributing members of the community. We currently operate community corrections in Cincinnati, Dayton, Mansfield and Toledo.

Who We Serve

We serve formerly incarcerated individuals, some of whom are eligible for early release from prison due to judicial release, and/or have substance abuse issues. All clients admitted to our program are referred by the Bureau of Community Sanctions, county probation offices, the Adult Parole Authority, and local courts.

We decide whether or not we accept referrals to our program. Potential residents are evaluated based on:

- The type and severity of their offenses. Each case is considered individually.
- Treatment needs as identified through standardized assessments.
- Compliance with treatment while incarcerated.
- Mental health and level of functioning.

Treatment Program

A treatment team made up of clinical professionals work with each resident alongside a residential case manager and an Adult Parole Authority or County Probation representative. The treatment team assists each resident in developing an individual program plan with realistic, achievable goals. Residents must remain drug and alcohol free and complete all objectives within their individualized treatment plans, which are targeted to reducing future offenses. Programming is guided by evidence-based curricula provided by the National Institute of Corrections, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the University of Cincinnati.

Program Options

Case managers and residents negotiate an individualized program plan to address any criminogenic need such as antisocial attitudes and beliefs, alcohol or drug use, peer associate matters, anger management, education, employment, and housing. Client progress is routinely assessed by a case manager and shared with assigned supervisory authority.

Program Service Components

The following is an example of service components available at our facilities or upon referral to other service providers:

- Full range of assessment services including the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS)
- Alcohol and Drug Dependency Treatment using *University of Cincinnati's Cognitively-Based* curriculum
- Cognitive Behavioral programming utilizing the National Institute for Corrections (NIC) *Thinking for a Change*
- Sex Offender Treatment using *University of Cincinnati's Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Sexual Offending (Cincinnati, Dayton, Mansfield)*
- Anger Management utilizing the Aggression Replacement Training curriculum
- Employment Readiness Training
- Mental Health treatment through referral
- Adult Basic Education programming through referral

External Review and Certification

- Our reentry programs are audited annually by the ODRC.
- Every two years, the program is certified by the ODMHAS.
- Every three years, the program is audited by the American Correctional Association.

Security

The safety of our community is a top priority. Our facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art video surveillance technology, and we utilize technology to electronically monitor select clients in partnership with local police.

Volunteers of America: A History of Corrections

Maud Booth, co-founder of Volunteers of America, was a national leader and pioneer in the prison reform movement. Maud and Volunteers of America opened and operated the first halfway houses in the country in the late 1800s.