



Building stronger communities.

We believe in helping all people reach their full potential. For over 125 years, our work has continued to touch the mind, body, heart—and ultimately the spirit of those we serve. Volunteers of America (VOA) is a national, faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need live healthy, safe, and productive lives. Through thousands of human services programs, including housing and healthcare services, VOA helps over a million people across the country and thousands throughout Ohio and Indiana.

Ohio Residential Reentry Programs

Helping neighbors build productive paths back into their communities

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 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 individually evaluated based on:

- Type and severity of the offenses
- 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 reduce future offenses. Programming is guided by evidence-based curricula provided by the National Institute of Corrections, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration 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 are examples 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
- Alcohol and Drug Dependency Treatment using University of Cincinnati's Cognitively-Based Curriculum
- Cognitive behavioral programming using the National Institute for Corrections Thinking for a Change
- Sex Offender Treatment using University of Cincinnati's Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Sexual Offending (Cincinnati, Dayton, Mansfield)
- Anger Management using 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 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections
- Every two years, the program is certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- 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 use technology to electronically monitor select clients in partnership with local police.

Volunteers of America of Ohio & Indiana is dedicated to providing evidenced-based residential reentry services to clients through a safe and secure environment. We meet the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 at all of our program sites. Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana is committed to a zero-tolerance policy regarding any sexual abuse, assault or harassment by a client, employee, volunteer, independent contractor, visitor, vendor or intern.

Returning home and helping our communities thrive.

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.