

Athens County Reentry Taskforce and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Community Family Forum: Road to Reentry



March 16, 2021
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Why are we here tonight?

- Governor's priority: Supporting and strengthening families
- Agency value: *"Hope is Job One"*
- DRC theme: *"Family Involvement in Offender Success"*
- Office of Reentry Mission:
To connect individuals with communities, programs, and services
- To talk openly about challenges you may face
- To have open dialogue and answer questions
- To discuss community and agency resources available to you

ODRC Commitments – CY 2019

86 Total Commitments

- 73 male
- 13 female
- 0.51% of state total

Releases: March 16 – December 31, 2021

48 individuals

Gender

- 47 male
- 1 female

Race

- 45 white
- 3 black

Released from 21 prisons

1. 6 from NCI
2. 5 from BeCI
3. 4 from RCI

APA Supervision

As of December 2020,
Adult Parole Authority Parole Officers in Athens County
oversee 565 individuals on Post Release Control (PRC),
Parole, or other types of supervision.

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Challenges

- Medical
- Mental Health
- Education
- Employment
- Transportation
- Addiction
- Security Threat Group involvement
or other negative associations
- Adjustment to independent decision making

Your Challenges

- State of your relationship
- Domestic abuse history
- Trying to understand the experience of incarceration
- Different communication styles
- Change in routine and structure
- Acknowledging and managing your expectations



What can I do to help?

- Attend church services together
- Seek community resource assistance
- Be attentive to behavior and language
- Be supportive of positive behavior
- Be a good listener
- Avoid enabling

Prior to release

One year to release

- Resource fairs
- Ohio Means Jobs – Restored Citizen Program
- Programming

120 days to release

- Placement planning

Prior to release

90 days to release

- Final Review of Case Plan/Needs
- Provided with resource guides; job history; copy of case plan; applications for birth certificate, social security card, DD-214; BMV history
- Application for SNAP (food assistance)
- Application for Medicaid
- APA Supervision Workshop
- Video In Reach Program

Prior to release

90 days to release

- Individual videoconference with reentry coordinator
- For Mental Health- community linkage, appointment scheduling
- For Medical issues- prescription for use in community
- Transportation arrangements home discussed
- Release ID

Post Release Control or Parole

What is “supervision” and how does it work?

- Provides structure and specific conditions for those returning with that requirement.
- Includes home visits with the offender AND family contact.
- Assists with planning for needs and treatment options.
- Monitors successful completion of goals and challenges and supports positive behavior.

Supervision

Placement Plans

- Home placement
- Placement investigation
- Multiple placement submissions
- Residential placement
 - Halfway House
 - Community Residential Center
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (Returning Home Ohio)
- No placement?

Supervision

First Supervision Visit

- Conditions of Supervision
- Registration Requirements
- Grievance Procedure
- Release of Information
- Supervision Fees
- Drug or alcohol testing

So, why are we here?

- Now, more than ever, we need to connect.
- The work of reentry is ongoing from inside to outside.
- Answer questions and assist with challenges.
- To provide information, resource connections and hope.
- To have an open dialogue about how families can succeed.

Who is here to help with our conversation?

Panelists

- ODRC Office of Reentry Staff
- Athens County Reentry Taskforce
- Prison staff
- Adult Parole Authority Staff
- Local Community Partners



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