

“Today’s Inmate is Tomorrow’s Neighbor”

(quote from OK-CURE - www.OKCure.org)

- 90% of all inmates will return to the streets
- 8,769 exited prison in Oklahoma in 2009
- 65% go to either OKC or Tulsa

Initiatives

OPSR engages in a variety of initiatives in carrying out our mission, including:

2. Quarterly educational & networking forums called “**PRI – Prisoner Reentry Initiatives**” which cover a wide variety of topics related to reentry.
3. **Monthly networking and education meeting** in Stroud, Oklahoma at the United Methodist Church. These meetings are usually the third Monday of the month, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, with a networking lunch following at a local restaurant.
4. “**The Matrix**” web-based database of social services. This project is under-way to build the ultimate reference and resource for case workers, social workers, and families seeking real solutions for reentering ex-felons.

What Is Reentry?

OPSR defines “reentry” generally to mean the transition of ex-offenders from incarceration back into their community. But we also extend the definition to cover those coming from jail, as well as convicted felons who have never been incarcerated.

Reentry is a very broad topic and includes basic needs, spiritual and emotional support, family reunification, child support issues, education and literacy, training and vocations, employment and job support, housing and transportation, medical and mental issues, counseling and other related topics.

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The Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry, Inc.

To network, educate, and be a voice for Oklahoma’s reentry service providers and those they serve.



The Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry, Inc. ("OPSR")

...is a statewide coalition of organizations working in the field of reentry, which is helping ex-felons reintegrate into society, especially after prison, but also including those reentering from jail, probation, or moving here from out-of-state. **OPSR** partner organizations include a broad spectrum of faith-based, community-based, tribal, local, state, and federal organizations and agencies with a common goal: ***to remove the barriers to reentry in our State.***

Join with us as we seek to build the best information clearing-house and networking coalition in the USA!

- **The #1 factor that causes an ex-felon to commit another crime ("recidivate") is lack of a good job.**
- **As of the beginning of 2010, Oklahoma is #1 in the WORLD for incarceration of women.**
- **Due to budget cuts, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections has had to cancel virtually all treatment programs for drug addiction, alcoholism, sex offenders, and more. This puts even more pressure on our communities to develop pro-active responses (services) to aid those seeking to rehabilitate their lives.**
- **If you are an ex-felon who has successfully reintegrated back into society, won't you please consider volunteering your time to help those on the inside? They need to hear that it is possible! We have ministries, organizations, and agencies you can plug into.**

OPSR maintains a robust website, loaded with information, resources, events, and other valuable content – check us out:

WWW.OKREENTRY.ORG

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of OPSR is to build a broad-based coalition focused on the single mission of removing the barriers to reentry in our State. Due to our unique position as an umbrella partnership with many influential partners, OPSR has the capability to become the pre-eminent organization for collecting, publishing, and distributing reentry information and statewide resources (on a county-by-county basis), facilitating training to those service providers who work with ex-offenders (persons convicted of felonies, released into or living in our state), and providing practical tools and solutions to all local, state, federal and tribal agencies, as well as faith-based and community-based organizations, working in the reentry field in Oklahoma.

Is your church or community organization looking for a way to make your community safer, reach out to the hurting people around you, or get involved in turning people's lives around? Maximize your impact through OPSR and our statewide network of partners. We'll help you get started!

OPSR History

OPSR was formed as a result of a "Call to Action" by (then) Department of Corrections Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey in May of 2005. The Call to Action invited organizations with an interest in reentry to come to the table to network, recruit, share information, and discuss best practices. The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was asked to participate and promote the increased involvement by faith and community grassroots organizations. As a result of that meeting, a statewide collaboration of reentry service providers was formed which later became The Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. OPSR meets monthly to discuss reentry issues and network resources. OPSR participants are leaders in federal, tribal, state and local agencies, faith-based groups, community organizations, and private sector businesses with service areas varying from the local community to statewide.

"We are going to put Oklahoma on the map for having the best statewide reentry coalition in the country!"

– Steve Gordon, OPSR Executive Director