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## The Orange County Re-Entry Partnership

All organizations providing assistance to people in custody or who have recently been released from jail or prison are encouraged to join the Orange County Re-Entry Partnership. Individuals who are not associated with a service provider may also join OCREP and attend all general membership meetings for the purpose of sharing and receiving information on prisoner re-entry issues.

### The mission of Orange County Re-Entry Partnership is to:

Serve as a critical link between community resource providers and the formerly incarcerated striving to re-establish healthy, productive and rewarding lives.

Committees: Community Support, Social Media/Technical Services, Community Collaboration/Outreach, Community Interests

### How OCREP Began

In 2006, the Orange County Sheriff's and Probation Departments united to discuss the impact of recidivism and to identify strategies to reverse the trend. As a result of the growing demand, limited resources and rehabilitative service funding challenges, it became clear that a collaborative approach to rehabilitation in Orange County would be their best hope for making a meaningful impact on recidivism.

An estimated nearly one third of persons released from custody onto formal probation did not keep their first probation appointment. State and national studies have indicated that roughly 75 percent of persons released from jails and prisons re-offend within three years of their release. Even those who actively engage in programming while in custody typically re-offend if they are not provided similar program opportunities after release. On the other hand, statistics indicate that persons who are seamlessly transitioned from custody into community based programs are only 25% likely to re-offend during that same three-year period.

With this information in mind, The Orange County Sheriff's and Probation Departments began to develop re-entry strategies to close the gaps that exist between the time of release and access to community-based services designed to enhance a successful reintegration into the community. The first project was the formation of the Orange County Re-Entry Partnership (OCREP) which united forty

#### Membership Meetings

**DATE:**

2nd Tuesday of the Month  
January, March, May, July,  
September, November

**TIME:**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**PLACE:**

Locations Vary

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Organizations providing assistance to people who are incarcerated or have been recently released; individuals not associated with a service provider, but interested in sharing and receiving information about inmate re-entry issues. [Learn More](#)

government, private, non-profit organizations and community stakeholders to examine current re-entry practices and enhance referrals to community-based services upon release. At OCREP's first meeting on June 1st, 2006, the Partnership received valuable input on needs from several men and women who had recently been released from jail or prison.

## OCREP is a Link Between the Community and the Formerly Incarcerated

Today OCREP is a strong collaboration of over 160 agencies and organizations dedicated to reducing recidivism in Orange County by creating linkages between the formerly incarcerated and the community based programs available to help them.

A structured OCREP Board meets monthly to discuss issues pertaining to re-entry. Board members include representatives from the Sheriff's and Probation Departments, the treatment, employment, faith-based and education communities, formerly incarcerated individuals and other stakeholders. OCREP also holds bi-monthly open community meetings where anyone is welcome to attend and participate. These meetings include guest speakers, grant information, community announcements and networking opportunities.

### Accomplishments:

Recruited general members from community stakeholders to attend formalized regular meetings for networking opportunities and maintained consistent meeting locations and times.

Established collaborative partnerships of community members, nonprofits, public agencies and faith-based organizations to maintain awareness and address the needs of the re-entering populations and service providers.

Surveyed the re-entering population to identify OC-specific re-entry needs and service gaps.

Implemented and supported the sustained service of The Lights On Program which provides immediate assistance, refuge and support upon release from the OC jail system in front of the OC Central Jail Complex.

Created a public access website for all community members to increase awareness and knowledge of matters related to incarceration and re-entry, establish a comprehensive resource listing and a point of contact for interested individuals.

Participated in the support and design of a Re-entry Drop In service created to assist the OC re-entry population during business hours with access to basic needs.

Held Town Hall meetings where hundreds of community stakeholders engaged in work groups to examine what has worked well in OC re-entry efforts, how we are contributing, and where we can improve.

Served as lead on a training project that nationally certified 10 OC individuals as Offender Workforce Development Specialists (OWDS) provided by the National Justice Institute on professional competencies that systematically address challenges faced by offenders in their search for employment.

OWDS trained approximately 50 community members to implement the evidence-based model to help offenders with career planning, job placement, job retention, and career advancement.

Enhanced OC re-entry awareness opportunities with the establishment of targeted social media pages.

Partnered with 211OC to create an online resource guide to meet the needs of the re-entering populations and service providers.

Some of the many organizations currently represented in the Orange County Re-Entry Partnership include:

- 211 Orange County
- 2nd Wind Philanthropic Group
- Accountability Brothers
- ACLU
- AKA Angels
- Alls Well Home
- America On Track
- America's Job Center of California / EDD
- Anaheim Homeless Task Force
- Angels of Love
- Big Brother Big Sisters of Orange County
- Budget Mobile
- Cal State University Fullerton
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- California Family Institute
- CalVet
- CASA for Children
- Casa Teresa
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Detention Svcs/Office of Restorative Justice
- Chicanos Unidos
- Christian Science
- City of Placentia
- City of Riverside - Commission on Disabilities
- City of Santa Ana
- CIVIC
- CLA & Associates
- Coalition of OC Community Health Centers
- Commissioner Livingston
- Community Service Programs (CSP)
- Connecting Bridges Together
- Contra Costa County Office of Education/CDCR Parolee Education
- Correctional Solutions
- Criminon
- Crown ACE Hardware
- CSP
- CSP YOW
- CTDA
- Department of Rehabilitation
- District Attorneys Office
- Division of Adult Parole
- EDD Workforce Services
- Fair Housing Foundation
- Fullerton College
- Gary Center / SACS
- Geo Group/BI
- Give a Beat
- Gleaners OCJH
- Glory to Glory
- Goodwill
- Grandma's House of Hope
- Hammerwold Pershing
- Healing Homelessness
- Health Advocates
- HealthRight360
- Her Place
- HLA CH5
- Human Options
- Illumination Foundation
- Imperial County Probation
- Irvine Unified School District
- Jamboree Housing Corporation
- JeMed Legacy CSULB

- Jones & Mayer
- KC Services
- KidWorks
- Laborers Union 652
- Latino Coalition
- Learn4Life
- Legal Aid Society of Orange County
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children: LSPC
- Mariposa
- Mercy House
- NAMI Orange County
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Nati's House
- Network Kinecton
- North Orange County Community College District
- North Orange County Regional Consortium for Adult Education
- NTMA Training
- OCAPICA
- OCCCO
- OCCTAC
- Olive Crest
- Onesimus Mentoring
- Orange County Bar Foundation
- Orange County Child Abuse Prevention
- Orange County Community Resources
- Orange County Conservation Corps
- Orange County Court Evaluation Guidance Unit (CEGU)
- Orange County Courts
- Orange County Credit Union
- Orange County Department of Child Support Services
- Orange County Department of Education
- Orange County Diaconate
- Orange County District Attorney's Office
- Orange County Health Care Agency
- Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Orange County Jail Ministry
- Orange County Narcotics Anonymous
- Orange County One-Stop
- Orange County Probation Department
- Orange County Public Defender
- Orange County Public Libraries
- Orange County Recovery Center
- Orange County Register
- Orange County Rescue Mission
- Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Orange County Social Services
- Orange County Workforce Investment Board
- Orange County Department of Education, Access School
- Orange Unified GRIP
- Oranewood Children's Home
- Pacific Clinics
- Pacific Educational Services
- Pacific Reentry Career Services
- Pat Moore Foundation
- PGWIN
- Phoenix House Orange County
- Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties
- Professional Community Intervention Training Institute - Los Angeles
- Project Kinship
- Providence
- Public Law Center
- Rancho Santiago College
- Recovery Education Institute
- Returning Home Foundation
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange - Office of Restorative Justice
- Rowen & Schuster Legal Advocacy/Life Coaching
- Saddleback Community College
- Salvation Army of Southern California
- San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank
- Santa Ana College
- Santa Ana Police Department
- Santa Ana Work Center
- Santiago Canyon College

- Second Chance
- Serving People In Need (SPIN)
- Shannon Stewart Ministries
- Solace Orange County
- Solid Landings Behavioral Health
- Solidarity
- Southern California Laborers  
Apprenticeship
- Sovereign Health of California
- St Jude Medical Center
- Taller San Jose Hope Builders
- The Rock
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul /  
Lights On
- The Villa Center, Inc.
- UCI Law Immigrants Rights Clinic (IRC)
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of  
Laguna Beach
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Southern California,  
Orange County
- Veterans First
- VetNet - Working Wardrobes
- VIP Mentors
- Volunteers of America
- Working Alternatives
- WTLC
- Young Lives Redeemed