

Re-entry Resources

Butler County Community Reintegration Program is an offender program that was established in June of 2012 for sentenced inmates serving a sentence of three months or greater at the Butler County Prison. This program is of great importance because statistics demonstrate a high percentage of all offenders return to society from prison. In the case of a local prison, such as the Butler County Prison, many will return to their communities with needs and existing barriers. If nothing is done to aid in the rehabilitation, we increase their inclination to recidivate and return to jail. The program is geared towards assisting offenders in their rehabilitation as they transition to the community.

<http://www.co.butler.pa.us/CR-Program-Prison>

Sentencing Reform & Advocacy

The Ohio Justice & Policy Center (OJPC)'s mission is to create fair, intelligent, redemptive criminal-justice systems through zealous client-centered advocacy, innovative policy reform, and cross-sector community education.

<http://www.ohiojpc.org/who-we-are/mission/>

OHIO-CURE is a chapter of the grassroots organization that was founded in Texas in 1972 and became a national organization in 1985. We believe that prisons should be used only for those who absolutely must be incarcerated and that those who are incarcerated should have all of the resources they need to turn their lives around. We also believe that human rights documents provide a sound basis for ensuring that criminal justice systems meet these goals.

<https://www.ohiocure.org/>

Ohio Transformation Fund: The OTF's mission is threefold: To support, strengthen, and engage community organizing, electoral engagement, and policy reform efforts in Ohio in order to advance healthier communities and an equitable democracy across Ohio. As an initial strategy, the OTF focuses on transformation of the criminal justice system to promote healthy and safe communities. To build a sustainable network of funders and donors who are informed and motivated to support the work described above. To serve as a model for state-based criminal justice reform that is replicable for funders in other states and adaptable to address additional issues affecting the health and wellbeing of Ohio's communities.

<https://www.ohtransformationfund.org/mission--history.html>

Legal Aid

Ohio Innocence Project at Cincinnati Law aims to free every innocent person in Ohio who has been convicted of a crime they didn't commit. Since our inception, our work has led to the release of 28 wrongfully convicted Ohioans, who collectively served over 525 years behind bars. That makes us one of the top-performing members among the International Innocence Network. Our work includes helping develop and advocate for lasting criminal justice reform through legislation as well as launching Ohio Innocence Project University, an active network of student groups at colleges across the state.

Ohio Organizations

<https://law.uc.edu/real-world-learning/centers/ohio-innocence-project-at-cincinnati-law.html>

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, was created by the Columbus Bar Association in 1953 to provide legal aid in civil matters that ensures access to justice for economically disadvantaged people in Central Ohio through advocacy, education and empowerment. The Legal Aid Society of Columbus assists individuals with certificates of qualification for employment and sealing of criminal records/expungement.

<https://www.columbuslegalaid.org/>