



SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

OPENING

8:30 – 9:00 AM || *COMMUNITY CHECK-IN*

9:00 – 9:50 AM || *COMMUNITY WELCOME*

10:00 – 10:45 AM || *REENTRY VOICES COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS*

Pre-recorded Interviews with men and women inside Ohio State prisons who will be coming back into community within the next few months.

BREAKOUT COMMUNITIES

11:00AM – NOON

METRO, MID-SIZE & RURAL COMMUNITY CIRCLES.

Participants will join in a community of 10 or less participants based on their common community context – Metro, Mid-size and Rural. Each session be a facilitated listening circle based on the restorative practice developed at the International Institute for Restorative Practices. [Metro, Mid-size, and Rural community circles offered.] **These sessions will be assigned in advance of the event.**

THE THREE IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUMS FOR INCREASING SUCCESSFUL REENTRY RIGHT NOW.

Reentry is complex in the best of times and personal every time. And it can overwhelm everyone involved. In this session, University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute Faculty provide three key areas in the continuum of care where every community needs to focus its energies. In this session, real-time analysis of the latest data helps participants determine how to best assist those coming back into a very different pandemic-impacted community.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARNS

12:30 - 1:30 PM

BEST PANDEMIC PRACTICES & PIVOTS FOR MENTORING.

We are all dealing with a sense of losing connection with someone who is important to us. For those of us who are called to mentoring youth, families, or adults, we are struggling to find solid footing in our current shifting foundation. Join mentoring experts around the lunch table for a real and relevant discussion on best practices and pivots for effective pandemic mentoring. Each session explores setting realistic expectations for both mentors and mentees during this season of social distancing and effective ways to continue to be a life-giving presence and a stable relationship in these uncertain times. Each session's leaders discuss how to lead and support your own army of volunteer mentors. [A Men's Women's, Families' and Youth's Session will be offered.]

SECOND CHANCE EMPLOYERS' ROUND TABLE.

Join this panel of second chance employers as they lead a discussion on lessons being learned for hiring and retaining second chance employees during our current economic crisis. Participants will engage with panelists in surfacing strategies and solutions for second chance employment pandemic practices and pivots, as well.

RESTORED CITIZENS EMPLOYERS' ROUND TABLE.

Some of today's most passionate second chance employers are formally incarcerated employers. However, the challenges of being an employer and a restored citizen have disproportionately increase during the pandemic. This Lunch & Learn roundtable puts you in community with restored citizens who are navigating the pandemic as second chance employers. Receive wisdom, inspiration, and guidance from your peers.

WHICH REENTRY GAPS GOT BIGGER AND WHAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN DO TO FILL THEM.

Reentry systems and structures often contain gaps in services, connections, and resources. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed, and even widened, many of these gaps. In this session, our panel of reentry coalition leaders will discuss which gaps need to be filled first and what community members can do to help in all types of communities.

BRIDGE BUILDING BREAKOUTS

1:45 - 3:00 PM

RESTARTING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

Join reentry education specialists from Sinclair Community College and staff from the Montgomery County Office of Reentry as they lead a discussion on lessons being learned in navigating and improving these two critical Reentry service areas during the pandemic. They will discuss what's working, what needs to be left behind, and what new opportunities are emerging as they have restarted how they service returning citizens.

RURAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PANDEMIC IMPACT, PRACTICES, PIVOTS & OPPORTUNITIES.

In this session, two regional rural workforce development experts share the emerging challenges and opportunities in rural Appalachian and town & country communities. They will share what seems to be working right now and what we need to pay attention to in preparing returning citizens for current employment opportunities. Participants will engage with presenters in surfacing strategies and solutions for rural second chance workforce development pandemic practices and pivots, as well.

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MID-SIZE COMMUNITIES.

Opportunities for livable wage employment and economic stability in smaller communities are often harder to come by after incarceration. In this session, our boots-on-the-ground employment placement experts share their insights on emerging challenges and opportunities in helping returning citizens obtain gainful employment. They, also, provide pointers on leveraging resources and relationships during this season of scarcity to create more opportunities.

MENTAL HEALTH & BASIC HEALTHCARE PANDEMIC IMPACT, PRACTICES, PIVOTS & OPPORTUNITIES.

Mental health and basic healthcare are essential supportive systems for every restored citizens' successfully Reentry. As the dual physiological and racial injustice pandemics' disproportionately impacts minority and poor communities, collaboration within the community itself is essential to closing the gap. In this session, healthcare experts provide an overview of the gaps exposed by the pandemics. They offer real-time guidance on effective collaboration to address the mental and physical health crises to strengthen the continuum of care for returning citizens in our larger population centers.

CLOSING THE BASIC NEEDS GAP FOR FAMILIES DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Now more than ever, families are operating under stress and duress just to meet basic needs. But when families have their basic needs met, they are able to more easily support their family member's return from incarceration. In this session, a panel of front-line service providers offer real-time guidance on what family needs, what's working, what's not, and what collaboration is essential for addressing the basic needs in any community context. Participants will engage with panel members in surfacing strategies and solutions for increasing basic need support without wearing out, as well.

PANDEMIC PIVOTING FROM PRISON MINISTRY TO REENTRY MINISTRY.

When you can't go inside right, now what? Join our panel of practitioners who have shift their models for ministry and programming to continue serving people returning to the community. In addition, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Chaplains will provide guidance and tips as to the current needs for care, priorities for future programming, and what you should be doing while you wait to restart your prison ministry & programming.

LOCAL-LEVEL ADVOCACY.

The dual COVID-19 and racial injustices pandemics are creating opportunity to change policies, structures and systems that impede successful reentry in local communities. Join local advocates representing metro, mid-size, and rural communities for a discussion on how to seize this season to bring about systemic change where you live.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 – 9:00 AM || COMMUNITY CHECK-IN

BREAKOUT COMMUNITIES WITH RESTORED VOICES

9:00-10:00AM

Participants will get to choose between three different sessions – Men, women, and families. Each session will feature a guided discussion with a panel of six restored citizens who share their experiences of reentry, why it is important for community members to support returning neighbors, and how members can best be supportive for successful reentry during the pandemic. [Three different sessions offered.]

ACCESSING LEGAL TOOLS FOR RESTORING VOICES DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Along with every other intersecting system of reentry, the legal system has been impacted tremendously during the pandemic. Gaining access to legal services that can aid in reentry and restored citizenship is a challenge. Join staff and restored citizens from the Ohio Justice and Policy Center for an overview of what's available directly to restored citizens outside of the courts.

RESTARTING REENTRY FRIENDLY COURT DOCKETS.

Over the last few years, we have seen an increase in specialty courts that address issues of addiction, mental illness, human trafficking, and reentry. In this session, our panel looks at how courts and community partners are navigating the handoff from court to community during the pandemic when community resources are strapped, court services are disrupted and social distancing is our current new normal.

BRIDGE BUILDING BREAKOUTS

10:15 – 11:30 AM

EMERGING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH-BASED GROUPS.

How do you regain momentum in your workforce development and holistic case management services? In this session, two faith-based community leaders unpack how they are navigating their organizations and their clients through the pandemic. They will discuss what has emerged for them as new ways to move forward faithfully and collaboratively with other groups and their clients to support resiliency in families and communities. Participants will engage with presenters in surfacing strategies and solutions for second chance workforce development pandemic practices and pivots, as well.

FAITH-BASED APPROACHES TO MAKING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESSIBLE.

Affordable housing for returning citizens is in short supply in all community contexts. What is not in short supply are houses of worship and people of faith. What opportunities are currently available for

faith communities to collaborate and help solve this issue? Join faith-based leaders as they surface solutions and strategies for today's housing shortage in metro and mid-size communities.

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

Economically depressed rural counties like SE Ohio's Appalachian region often appear have non-existent job opportunities for anyone. In this session, Shawn Stover, Reentry Coordinator for Athens County Ohio Means Jobs, shares his COVID-19 pandemic experience and offers insights on the unique nature of pandemic employment for returning citizens in his community context. In addition, Staci Miles with Goodwill Easter Seals will surface challenges and opportunities in an agriculture rural community setting. Participants will engage with Shawn and Staci in surfacing collaborative strategies and solutions for creating more second chance employment pandemic opportunities, as well.

PANDEMIC IMPACT, PRACTICES, PIVOTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT.

Recovery services are essential reentry supports for many returning citizens and their families. The widened gap in the delivery of recovery services has only exacerbated the traumatic impact of the current pandemics. In this session, a panel of front-line recovery practitioners and state agency representatives provide an overview of the gaps exposed by the pandemics and offer real-time guidance on what's working, what's not, and what collaboration is essential for addressing the recovery crisis.

PANDEMIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN SMALLER SETTINGS.

Community context affects the COVID-19 Pandemic's impact on its citizens' social, emotional, and mental health. Mid-size and Rural communities often lacked an appropriate level of mental health care resources to meet pre-pandemic needs. With an increased need for services, how can communities make room for returning citizens? In this session, James McDonald from Allwell Behavioral Health Services gets real about the state of mental health in Southeast Ohio's reentry mental health efforts. He offers insights on navigating emerging challenges in mental health and some simple steps community members can take to increase better mental health care accessibility for returning citizens.

FAITH-BASED APPROACHES TO CLOSING THE REENTRY BASIC NEEDS GAP.

Faith Communities are stepping forward to provide food, clothing, school supplies and a variety of other basic needs that support pandemic recovery and reentry. But for how long before volunteers and leaders wear out? Join this panel of reentry faith-based leaders who are navigating the demand without diminishing those being served and those serving.

HOW TO GET AROUND DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Transportation for returning citizens was difficult prior to COVID-19. Now, it is nearly impossible. Or is it? Join regional transportation experts as they discuss what has emerged for them as new ways to move forward in expanding transportation services in their community contexts. Participants will engage with presenters in surfacing strategies and solutions for collaborating in the community to increase transportation options through public, private, and plural partnerships, as well.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARNS

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

DEVELOPING A REENTRY PANDEMIC PLAYBOOK.

Join the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) Office of Reentry staff and regional reentry coalition leaders around the lunch table for a real and relevant discussion on best practices and pivots for effective pandemic reentry planning. Each session offers a broad perspective on setting realistic expectations for reentry services, emerging challenges, new opportunities, and the growing need to collaborate more closely to provide a continuum of care from incarceration back to community.

Northwest Session #1: Counties - Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams & Wood

Northwest Session #2: Counties - Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca & Wyandot

Northeast Session #1: Counties - Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas & Wayne

Northeast Session #2: Counties - Cuyahoga, Erie, Lorain & Medina

South Session #1: Counties - Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Gallia, Hamilton, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto & Warren

South Session #2: Counties - Champaign, Clark, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Logan, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Preble & Shelby

South Session #3: Counties - Delaware, Franklin, Fairfield, Licking, Pickaway & Union

South Session #4: Counties - Athens, Belmont, Guernsey, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Vinton & Washington

NATIONAL ADVOCACY

Advocating for early federal releases due to the COVID-19 pandemic requires an equal effort to change national policies perpetuating barriers to successful reentry. Join national advocacy leaders for a big-picture view on where our focus should be right now in creating a more equitable society for formerly incarcerated populations.

USING YOUR RESTORED VOICE IN ADVOCACY

Join restored citizens who are using their expertise because of their experience for a discussion on how to use your voice as a restored citizen to advocate on behalf of formerly incarcerated people at the local, state, and national levels.

BRIDGE BUILDING BREAKOUTS

1:00 – 2:15 PM

COLLABORATING TO SOLVE RURAL HOUSING ISSUES.

Track: Rural Communities, Faith-based

Rural communities face unique challenges and offer unique opportunities for accessible and affordable housing for returning citizens when faith communities step up. This session focuses on building collaborative efforts for rural recovery housing for returning citizens and navigating pandemic rapid rehousing for families. Participants will engage with presenters in surfacing collaborative strategies and solutions for more and better rural housing opportunities, as well.

LET'S BE REAL ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES RIGHT NOW.

Men and women returning from prison during the pandemic face special challenges in finding livable wage employment and economic stability. In historically disadvantaged communities, the opportunity for gainful employment can seem almost hopeless. Join our panel of employment and workforce experts who will walk through the current challenges and emerging reentry opportunities for returning citizens in the metro community context. Participants will engage with the panel in surfacing strategies and solutions for second chance employment pandemic practices and pivots, as well.

PANDEMIC PRACTICES & PIVOTS IN RECOVERY SUPPORT FOR MID-SIZE COMMUNITIES.

The widened gap in the delivery of recovery services has only exacerbated the traumatic impact of the current pandemic. In communities with limited recovery services prior to COVID-19, recovery options are even harder to access. In this session, front-line service providers offer real-time guidance on what's working, what's not, and what collaboration is essential for addressing the recovery crisis in mid-size communities. Participants will engage with presenters in surfacing strategies and solutions for increasing recovery support in their communities, as well.

ONE-STOP ONLINE BASIC NEEDS & REENTRY RESOURCES CENTER.

Relink.org is a state-wide, up-to-date online resource guide for basic needs, reentry and recovery services for Ohio. It is used every month by thousands of Ohioans including reentry case managers, parole officers, pastors, families, and those directly in need. Join Relink's Statewide Coordinator Bethany Freidrichsen for this informative session on how to use this essential resource to find basic needs for returning citizens and their families. In addition, Bethany walks through how to register your organization as a community resource. Relink.org provides the platform that puts your organization's ministry and services in front of those who are responsible for managing the reentry continuum of care. As a bonus, Bethany offers a state-wide perspective and examples of how faith communities are and can respond to meeting basic needs through community collaboration.

EMERGING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL RECOVERY SUPPORT.

In Ohio, the fastest growing incarceration population are women from rural communities. In rural communities, recovery services were limited prior to COVID-19. Now, access to recovery communities and services is even more challenging. Join Southeast Ohio's Reggie Robinson, Community Coordinator at Health Recovery Services, for insights on navigating the emerging challenges in rural recovery and

some simple steps communities can do collaboratively to increase accessibility to recovery services for rural returning citizens.

WHY IT'S TIME FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES TO SPEAK UP AND STEP UP.

Successful reentry goes beyond a person's best efforts. It is a social justice issue. It's a faith issue, too. In this session, two community faith-based leaders talk about why closed church doors open opportunities for advocacy and action in the community. They will provide two action steps every faith community can take to address the current challenges in their communities and who needs to be key collaborating partners to not only change a life during the transition back to community but change systems and structures that benefit successful reentry.

STATE-LEVEL ADVOCACY.

Tracks: Foundation Basics, All Community Contexts

The dual COVID-19 and racial injustices pandemics are creating opportunity to change policies, structures and systems that work against successful reentry within Ohio. In this session, participants will engage with presenters in surfacing strategic advocacy efforts that can achieve a better reentry outcome for all citizens.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE CLOSING

2:25 – 3:00 PM