

2024 Building Bridges Community Experience

October 16, 2023

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & PRESENTERS



BUILDING BRIDGES *of Opportunity*

9:30 - 10:30M

THE STATE OF REENTRY ROUNDTABLE

We will kick off with a guided discussion with Ohio's top reentry leaders from the ODRC Office of Reentry, Department of Youth Services, and Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions. We will cover a wide range of topics including new trends they are seeing in returning populations, emerging policy initiatives that strengthen the reentry continuum of care, and where they find hope in community reentry responses.

Presenters:

Roni Burkes-Trowsdell, Deputy Director ODRC Office of Reentry

Michael Garrett, Deputy Director DYS Division of Community-Based Innovations and Solutions

Tom Luettker, President Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions

10:45 – 11:45AM Sessions

FOSTERING HOPE IN THE CHAOS OF REENTRY

New to reentry or need to know why reentry is so hard? Join Assistant Deputy Director for the Office of Reentry, Dr. Roxanne Coey, and special guests for this session that breaks

down the challenges of reentering a community after an incarceration experience. This session provides valuable insight, information, and understanding for infusing hope into navigating well this chaotic transition.

Presenter(s): Dr. Roxanne Coey, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

HOW TO OFFER HOPE FOR BEING THE BEST POSSIBLE PARENT, PARTNER AND PROVIDER.

Looking for opportunities, resources and partners to support families facing reentry? Join Director Kimberly Dent from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood to learn about the in's and out's of navigating and strengthening supportive services with parents coming home. In this session, Director Dent offers an update on policy changes and practices that makes it easier for parents to reconnect with their families. She provides connections for case management support and local parenting classes through local collaborative partners. Finally, Director Dent outlines opportunities for coalitions and communities to increase their ability to serve returning parents and families relationally through a greater understanding of the impact of reentry on family systems.

Presenter(s):

Director Kimberly Dent, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

Joey Green, Columbus Urban League

PATHWAYS TO HOPE THROUGH THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI) 101

Did you know that a youth as young as 10 years old can be detained in an Ohio juvenile detention facility? And, that spending even one night in a secure detention facility can interrupt school, employment, family and community connections, which seriously damage a youth's prospects for future success? Recognizing these dangers, Ohio became a state-supported JDAI site in 2010. Despite popular perception, most youth detained in Ohio's detention facilities prior to Ohio's JDAI were not violent juvenile offenders. Ohio's data showed that most juvenile offenders were securely detained for technical violations and most juveniles detained were African-American males and other minority youth. Join Brittany Neal with the Department of Youth Services to learn how you can collaborate with your local justice professionals to develop just and equitable treatment of all youth.

Presenter(s): Brittany Neal, Ohio Department of Youth Services

1:30 –2:30PM Sessions

COMMUNAL LAMENT AS A HOPEFUL PRACTICE FOR REPAIR AND HEALING.

A community cannot thrive when its members can't. At the end of the day, crime and incarceration leave pain, grief, sorrow, and suffering in their wake. If left in any of these negative affects and emotions without pathways toward healing and wholeness,

research shows that humans become unwell. Lament is to express sadness and/or regret about something. This session unpacks the importance of lament as a pathway for healing and provides perspectives and tools for creating environments where people can unload their soul-deep emotions and pick up practices that foster resilience and wholeness.

Presenter(s): Dr. Ryan Schellenberg, Methodist Theological Seminary

OFFERING HOPE TO NEIGHBORS RETURNING WITH DISABILITIES

Medicaid statistics show that incarcerated persons have higher rates of mental illness, substance use disorder, and chronic and other physical health care needs than non-justice involved citizens. In addition, citizens with visible and invisible disabilities are twice as likely to experience violent crimes according to the US Department of Justice. Furthermore, crime victimization can result in a number of disabilities including physical damage, neurological changes, and substance abuse. Join Mallory Pitts from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) to learn about OOD's services that support justice-involved persons, including those with mental health diagnosis and substance abuse disorder in addition to other disability classifications. This session provides information and local connections vital to strengthening the reentry continuum of care. This session fills in disability service gaps encountered by coalition leaders, members, and collaborative partners and experienced by those who need extra support to successfully thrive.

Presenter(s): Mallory Pitts, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

2:45 – 3:45PM Sessions

CRIME, INCARCERATION AND GRIEF: UNDERSTANDING, SELF-CARE AND CARING FOR OTHERS

There can be a continuous thread of grief through crime and incarceration, and it can show up in many places- in the experiences of victims and their families, as families grieve the loss of loved ones through incarceration, and as those incarcerated experience change and loss of their own. Understanding feelings of grief in yourself and others can be the first step not only in healing but in helping. Join us to learn about grief, tips for managing it and growing through it as experts in bereavement lead a discussion we don't have often enough.

Presenter(s):

Caitlin Arndt, *Fernside Center for Grieving Children*

Donna McCartney, *Goldstien Family Grief Center of Hospice of Cincinnati*

EFFECTIVE APPROACHES FOR SERVICE COORDINATION WITH FAMILIES

What does "service coordination" look like, feel like, and require us to do in collaboration with others? Join Director Elisha Cangelosi and Colleen Tucker from the Ohio Family

and Children First Council for this informative session on an essential best approach for reentry families. They will share an effective model of service coordination that, ultimately, produces better outcomes for the families we serve. This session addresses many of the service gaps encountered by coalition leaders, members, and collaborative partners and experienced by those who need coordinated support from multiple community resources.

Presenter(s): Director Elisha Cangelosi and Colleen Tucker, Ohio Families and Children First Council

A NEW SERVICE OPTION FOR RECORD SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT

Opportunity Port is a record sealing and expungement application assistance program offered to all Ohio residents with criminal records in the state of Ohio. The program is free and provides limited-scope legal assistance with determining eligibility for sealing and/or expungement and completing applications for submission to Ohio courts. The only requirements to participate are that the interested applicant be a resident of the state of Ohio, have criminal records in the state of Ohio, and have a working phone number and email address, as services are delivered over the phone and electronically. Join this session to hear more about Opportunity Port from program manager, Hannah Miller, including information about how to register or partner to refer prospective applicants for services.

Presenter(s): Hannah Miller, Drug Enforcement and Policy Center @ OSU Mortiz College of Law