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- Resume Writing Interviewing Skills Clothes for Interviews
 Starting a business Other (please explain)

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- GED
 Vocational Training College Other _____ Explain

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- Counseling Childcare Child Support Parenting Classes Other _____ Explain

Associates/Peers: *Positive interaction with peers.*

- Mentoring
 Other _____

Substance Abuse: *Living without reliance on alcohol and/or other drugs.*

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Community Functioning: *Knowledge and skills for daily living.*

- Housing Medical Budgeting Transportation/Driver's License
 Leisure Activities Other _____

Personal/Emotional: *Practicing mental health and wellness activities.*

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Community Engagement

- Volunteer

Attitude: *Supporting law-abiding behaviors and involvement with religious activities.*

- Pending Legal Issues Faith-Based Involvement Other _____

Other:

How Did You Hear About Us?

What can the Circle do to help you?



Central Ohio Citizen Circle

Restored Citizen Application

Welcome Home Restored Citizen,

At the conclusion of your prison sentence you will be returning to a community not as an ex-offender but as a **restored citizen**. The return may be difficult in finding community support and re-engaging with positive support systems. As a result, many returning citizens are vulnerable to committing new crimes and returning to prison. The Central Ohio Citizen Circle wishes to assist you in your return.

Supporting Your Return Home

What is a Citizen Circle?

The Citizen Circle assists restored citizens to understand that being a positive community member demands responsibility and obligation.

- A **support program** designed to assist individuals to make the change from ex-offender to restored citizen
- **Regular meetings** to provide supportive wrap-around, one-stop social service information
- **Partnerships** between varied social services to promote positive interaction and accountability for individuals upon release
- Key elements of success include **empowering participants** to focus on the future rather than the past and to give back through community service and contributions

The Citizen Circle creates an environment to:

- Fostering acceptance and focuses on restored citizen's personal strengths; and future plans by giving back to the community through service projects
- The Citizen Circle meets on a regular basis to discuss the restored citizen's progress, review plans, interview new applicants, admit new members and to emancipate successful restored citizens
- Actively support restored citizens (offenders) who are coming home to live in their neighborhoods and create a welcome home attitude.
- Opportunity for citizens to communicate expectations for successful reentry and help restored citizens recognize the harm their behavior has caused others and work to make amends thus demonstrating their value and potential to the community.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED with a Citizen Circle

Referral to the Circle

1. Express a desire to participate in a Citizen Circle
2. Complete application paperwork
3. Your application will be sent to the Circle by staff from the institutions, halfway houses, field staff and parole/probation officers
4. Participate in an interview with a Citizen Circle representative

5. The Citizen Circle will make a decision to:

- Option 1: Reject your application and give other recommendations to you (After recommendations are completed, you may reapply to the Circle.
- Option 2: Accept your application

Your Agreement with the Circle to:

- Accept full responsibility for past criminal behavior.
- Acknowledge the hurt caused to others
- Participate in some form of community service
- Meet as often as required with the Circle
- Abide by all Circle recommendations

Circle Acceptance

- Work with the Citizen Circle and your parole officer to develop a plan and decide meeting schedule. Identify and invite family and others who will support you and attend Circle meetings.

Completion

- Complete Circle recommendations
- Remain involved with the Circle to assist new members.

Schedule of Circle Sessions

All sessions will be held at United Way of Central Ohio, 360 S. Third St., Columbus, OH at downtown area, accessible by bus.

	Date	Time	Subject
Circle One Session	August 14, 2014	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Program Overview - Orientation - Effective Citizenship
Circle Two Session	September 11, 2014	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Legal-child support
Circle Three Session	October 9, 2014	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Housing
Circle Four Session	November 13, 2014	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Health-Wellness; Employment

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Citizen Circle Participating Partners

Alvis House	Henkels & McCoy
Homeport	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Office of Offender Reentry	Ohio Department of Youth Services
Ohio Department Services Agency	Quality Performance, LLC
The Rezilyantz Project	Tamara Fournier-Alsaada and Associates
The Legal Aid	United Way Central Ohio Neighborhood Partnership Center



Participant Application

		Date:			
First Name:			Last Name:		
Address:					
City:			ZIP:		
Phone or Contact Number:	HM:	WK:		CELL:	
Home #			Work#		
Date of Birth:			Race:		
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male		<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Release Date:			Release Type:		
Number:			Institution:		
Parole Officer name:					
PO's phone contact:					
Your comments:					

Please check areas you would like assistance:

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