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OALRC hosts FREE trainings for 2013-2014

In 2012, the Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions received an Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Ohio Criminal Justice Services to coordinate and manage 20 trainings, 4 trainings in 5 regions of Ohio. In an effort to facilitate these trainings more efficiently and expansively, OALRC offers these trainings in webinar format. These webinars offer opportunities for all 5 regions of Ohio to receive training simultaneously. Moreover, all webinars are recorded. The recordings and PowerPoint presentations are placed on the OALRC website at the end of each quarter.

***Indicates presentations offered at the Ohio Best Practices Partnership Conference. These presentations are not available through the OALRC website.**

4/5/13 Grant Writing 1.0

This training is intended for beginner grant writers. Participants will receive a general overview of the necessary components for a successful grant application. Items such as how to improve your writing and responses to grant solicitations will be discussed as well as how to develop effective problem statements and constructing objectives to deliver intended outcomes. This workshop will provide valuable online sources available for your next possible grant writing project.

4/12/13 Legislative Updates - Spring 2013

This training will discuss the meaning of civil impacts and how they affect returning offenders and the community at large. Hot topics of recently signed legislation, mainly HB 86 and SB 337, will be discussed as they relate to criminal record sealing, employment certificates and other civil-impact changes to the law. The collateral sanctions website will be demonstrated with its benefits of how to search for civil impacts associated with offenses.

4/19/13 Identifying Community Resources and Best Practices

This workshop will focus on researching and identifying the community resources needed to meet the needs of your individual agency or department. When deciding on a new resource for your organization, it is imperative to look at best practices available for possible implementation. Challenges will be discussed and strategies will be presented to assist with implementation, application of innovative, research-based practices to achieve desired outcomes.

4/26/13 Establishing a Reentry Coalition & Strategic Planning



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This training is for community members, including law enforcement, probation, the court system, and various service providers, who do not currently have a Reentry Coalition, wonder if they need one or would like to move current efforts forward. An overview of the benefits of having a Reentry Coalition in your county will be discussed as well as developing strategies to enhance efforts to reduce recidivism and improving offender outcomes. Resources available for step-by-step assistance will be provided and participants will walk away with a plan of action.

***9/24/13 Forming Collaborations**

This workshop will discuss the basics on how to form a collaboration, including writing a grant as a collaboration, developing Memos of Understanding (MOUs), determining roles and responsibilities, and asset mapping.

***9/24/13 New Legal Options for Making Redemption**

This class will provide an understanding of the certificates for qualification for employment under the new legislation. This class will detail the changes that Reentry Providers will need to make in their programs and with their workers.

***9/24/13 Best Practice Panel on Collaborations between Community Action Agencies and Reentry Service Providers**

In this panel discussion Reentry Providers and Ohio Community Action Agencies will discuss the benefits of forming partnerships with each other. They will talk about referrals, program details, their partnership, and what each group brings to the table that helps to provide service and care to individuals in reentry.

***9/25/13 Juvenile Reentry: A DYS Perspective**

This workshop will highlight some of the juvenile reentry efforts of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Additionally, it will share the collaborative reentry efforts of community partners, as well as educate attendees on what the community can do to assist in successful reentry for youthful offenders.

***9/25/13 Reentry Employer Testimonial**

Dan Hardiman from True North Companies will talk on the opportunities and success he has had with partnering with the Reentry community in having them provide to his company workers. He will talk about the benefits he has gained from this relationship and hurdles that he has had to work out to create an avenue for individuals coming back into the work force after incarceration.

***9/25/13 Mental Health Co -Occurring**



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This presentation will focus on issues faced by many of the individuals coming out of incarceration and trying to get back into the work force. Presenters will speak on mental health as well as drug and alcohol issues that sometimes lead to recidivism. Defining and recognizing the issues and connecting that individual to sources of help will be the topic of this workshop.

10/11/13 Beyond Strategic Planning

This webinar presentation will provide an overview of the phases of strategic planning used to plan for desired results within your organization. It will look at the beginning of the strategic planning process and review the types of models typically used. It will also focus on techniques used to implement the strategic plan including how to develop a logic model. Finally, it will focus on effective methods for evaluating the strategic plan and making appropriate modifications.

11/8/13 Cost Benefit Analysis

This webinar presentation will explore methods for determining the cost to the community for projects and programs. It is through cost benefit analysis that we discover whether a project or program is worthwhile. In order to reach a conclusion as to the feasibility of a project or program all aspects, positive and negative, must be expressed in terms of a common unity – typically

referred to as “the bottom line”. Therefore, this presentation will provide some basic principles that can be used as a guide.

January 2014 Ex-Offender Career Development 101

This webinar presentation will explore various evidence-based practices used to assist ex-offenders in establish realistic and attainable career goals and objectives. Often ex-offenders believe that obtaining a job is their primary objective when in reality there are many barriers that need to be addressed prior to beginning employment. This presentation will explore tools used for career exploration and understanding the impacts of collateral sanctions.

January 2014 Ex-Offender Career Development 102

This webinar presentation will explore methods for seeking career opportunities. It will provide tools that ex-offenders can use to avoid becoming frustrated in employment search efforts and how to appropriately handle workplace situations when things get rough. Additionally, it will look at effective strategies ex-offenders can use to develop sound work ethic and how to maintain employment.

February 2014 Ex-Offender Applications & Interviewing Skills



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This webinar presentation will provide effective ways to address gaps in employment due to lack of employment or incarceration. It will provide basic solutions to ensure that ex-offenders complete applications completely and as accurately as possible. It will also provide insight into how to effectively complete online applications and assessments. Finally, it will explore tips that ex-offenders can use to be prepared to ace an interview.

February 2014 Elements of a Resume for Ex-Offenders

This webinar presentation will focus on the special assistance for ex-offenders with resume details and re-launching a career after a prison stay or lack of employment. It will provide assistance in helping ex-offenders understand that negative information can be dangerous and the purpose of the resume is to get a job interview – the resume is not the place to confess sins, accentuate weaknesses or lie. Finally, it will provide formats that do not present information in a chronological format and how to present a prison experience in non-prison terms.

March 2014 Using Certificates to Remove Employment Barriers

This webinar presentation will discuss the difference between a Certificate of Achievement and Employability and a Certificate of Qualification for Employment. It will also explore how ex-offenders qualify for each type of certificate and how to apply. This presentation will provide ways to engage with ex-offenders to begin the planning process for certificates while they are still under supervision of parole or probation. Additionally, this presentation will also provide strategies that ex-offenders can use to highlight the benefits of their certificates with employers.

April 2014 Helping Ex-Offenders Parent after Incarceration

This webinar presentation will explore ways to encourage ex-offenders to begin or continue the parenting process prior to release. It will also cover important topics such as parenting skills, parenting time, child support and co-parenting. Finally, it will provide tools and resources to assist ex-offenders in setting realistic parenting goals and establishing communication with children at various age levels.

April 2014 Exploring Entrepreneurialism with Ex-Offenders

This webinar presentation will discuss proven processes for starting a business for ex-offenders as an alternative to difficult job search efforts. It will provide insight and information on all aspects of what really needs to be considered in starting a business and improving chances for success. Additionally, it will explore market research, marketing & sales, business legal structure, operations and financing.

May 2014 Facilitating Family Reunification with Ex-Offenders

This webinar presentation will examine the impacts on family members or the family unit as a whole when an ex-offender has been incarcerated on “burned bridges” due to other factors surrounding criminal behavior. It will provide strategies to re-engage and re-connect family



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members. This presentation will address how to facilitate communication, family member participation, establishing realistic timelines and acceptance of past issues. Additionally, it will examine stages of reunification including assessment, commitment & preparation, integration and monitoring and evaluation.