

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT- STARK COUNTY REENTRY COALITION

AGREEMENT FOR JOINT PROVISIONS AMONG ALL STARK COUNTY AGENCIES SERVING RETURNING OFFENDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

THE STARK COUNTY REENTRY COALITION PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS TO MEMBER AGENCIES THAT HAVE SIGNED AGENCY AGREEMENTS:

1. All agencies collaborate in working towards the goal of reducing recidivism in Stark County by identifying and filling service gaps for returning offenders and their families.
2. The United Way's 211 will serve as the central reference point for all agencies providing services for returning offenders and their families. It functions as an information and referral resource tool for returning offenders and their families who need additional access to community resources.
3. Stark County Reentry Coalition's (SCRC) quarterly meetings will provide a forum for frontline providers to share experiences, funding sources, new offender service programs in the community and other resources for returning offenders and their families.
4. Member agencies may request letters of support from the SCRC as participants in the coalition. Non-members may not represent themselves as SCRC participants.

BY SIGNING AFFILIATION AGREEMENT, ALL SCRC AGENCIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

1. Provide services to returning offenders and their families regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap, familial status, language barrier or ability to pay, in so far as agency funding and policy permits.
2. Specify the true extent and availability of agency services for returning offenders and their families and how to access such services, using the form outlined below. Recognize that some persons may not be able to be served by SCRC because no program at the present time is able to meet a specific need.
3. Notify SCRC or 211 using forms specified by the SCRC co-chairs, when conditions change (e.g. service become unavailable due to funding, etc.)
4. Regularly report services provided so SCRC and 211 can accurately communicate with callers regarding your agency and services available.

5. Cooperate with other SCRC agencies without exchange of payments between providers, except as part of an additional agreement.
6. Revise and renew the agency affiliation agreement each year for distribution to all member agencies and for use in the SCRC narrative.
7. Refrain from speaking on behalf of the SCRC in public. While you may present accurate information about returning offenders and their families from your own agency, only the co-chairs should speak for the coalition to avoid misunderstanding.
8. Participate to the full extent of these agreements as long as all member agencies are providing its agreed upon services.
9. Each member agency will be responsible for providing data regarding returning offenders and their families as needed. Data will be used to assess the needs of returning offenders and their families in Stark County.
10. Each SCRC member will have a representative present for 75% of meetings held annually to retain membership.

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Your agreement page becomes part of the full SCRC Agreement:

Agency and Program Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

AGREES TO:

1.) Provide the following PRIMARY services to returning offenders and their families, as resources allow:

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

e.)

f.)

2.) Inform the SCRC and participants of program qualifications and rules:

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

e.)

f.)

3.) Identify dependable method(s) to access program services:

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

e.)

4.) Provide unduplicated statistics for each service provided during the last year:

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

e.)

The agency staff position(s) assigned to attend the quarterly meetings of the SCRC (second Wednesday of each quarter: January, April, July, and October).

This agreement is in effect from the date signed by the representative parties through _____ and is renewable at the first of each calendar year.

Signature, Agency Representative

Date

Signature, Executive Director

Date