

## States Engaging Human Need with Community Partners: Ohio and Prisoner Reentry

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI) funds comprehensive family case management and reentry support to formerly incarcerated persons, their adult family members and their children. The goals of these programs, which operate in partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, are to:

- reduce recidivism rates for ex-offenders,
- strengthen and reunite families following a period of separation due to incarceration, and
- reduce the likelihood of an ex-offender's children themselves being incarcerated.

Further, the investment seeks to capture intermediate measures of reintegration such as those of attachment, or reattachment, to the community institutions that are traditionally associated with desistance from crime.

In total, there are 10 agencies offering 11 programs in 7 Ohio counties:

- The three Children of Incarcerated Parents program:
  - [The Center for Families and Children](#) (Cuyahoga County)
  - [Talbert House](#) (Hamilton County)
  - [Alvis House](#) (Franklin County)
- The four Returning Home programs:
  - [Opening Doors](#) (Franklin County)
  - [Community Connection](#) (Franklin County)
  - [Lucas County TASC](#) (Lucas County)
  - [Center for Families and Children](#) (Cuyahoga County)
- The four Strengthening Ohio Families Initiative programs:
  - [Economic and Community Development Institute](#) (Franklin County)
  - [OIC of Clark County](#) (Clark County)
  - [Youngstown UMADAOP](#) (Mahoning County)
  - Spirit of Peace (Montgomery County) Reverend Tommy Stewart, Executive Director (937) 276-9860

By June of fiscal year 2008, the eleven programs have provided pre-release, post-release, and family case management services to 2,927 people; including 848 offenders, 667 adult family members, and 1,411 children.

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