

Directions

Oriana House's Community Corrections

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Need a Speaker?

Oriana House can provide your group or organization a speaker to discuss community corrections and/or chemical dependency. Call 330-535-8116 for more information.

Community corrections programs help create conditions for appropriate offenders to make positive changes to improve themselves.

Oriana House utilizes practices that have been proven to reduce criminal behavior by identifying and addressing various needs such as behavioral and thinking patterns, chemical dependency treatment, employment, education, anger management, and life skills. By reducing the likelihood of offenders re-offending, Oriana House is contributing to safer communities.

SPECIAL AUDIT FINDS ORIANA HOUSE IN COMPLIANCE

State Auditor concludes all public funds received by Oriana House were spent appropriately

On January 2, 2007, almost four years after it began, Auditor of State Betty Montgomery released the special audit of Oriana House and the Summit County Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF). The special audit report verifies that all public money received by Oriana House was spent appropriately and in accordance with state guidelines.

"This special audit and all prior audits over the last 25 years have demonstrated that all public money received by Oriana House has been properly accounted for and spent appropriately," said Oriana House Executive Vice President Bernie Rochford.

Significantly, the special audit found that no public money was paid directly to any related entity of Oriana House and that Summit County CBCF grant funds were properly administered and spent by Oriana House.

Oriana House's commitment to excellence has long been recognized through its receipt of awards on both the state and national level. Oriana House takes pride in its reputation of providing quality and cost effective community corrections and chemical dependency treatment programs to the local community.

"Now that former Auditor Montgomery's administration completed four audits of Oriana House in which there were no findings for recovery, the public can rest

assured that Oriana House spends public money properly," said Rochford.

Oriana House looks forward to fully focusing on its mission of providing quality and humane chemical dependency treatment and community corrections services to clients and local communities.

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*Bernie Rochford,
Oriana House Executive Vice President*

ORIANA HOUSE OFFERS PROGRAM TO ASSIST EX-OFFENDERS IN FINDING JOBS

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FINDING AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT IS A KEY PART OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY REENTRY.

Oriana House, Inc., is offering a new program, open to the community, that assists individuals who have a criminal record in finding a job.

The Moving Toward Employment Program is available to ex-offenders who are at the 6th grade reading level or above; have a minor child in the household or have a shared legal parenting agreement; and are unemployed or at 200% of the federal poverty level. There is no cost to attend the program which is funded by the County of Summit Department of Job and Family Services.

As part of the program, participants take ServSafe food safety training which is a food safety education and training program for the restaurant and food service industries.

Upon completion of ServSafe,

clients attend an employment readiness class, which has been designed to answer several questions: Who am I? What are my values, needs, skills? What jobs are available in the community? What jobs will there be in the future? How can we get training for these jobs? What is the work world like? How do people get and keep jobs? How do I get from here to there? What is my career plan and possible obstacles?

"Clients will have continuous case management throughout the program," said Joan Davidson, employment coordinator for Oriana House. "They will also learn how to complete applications, develop a resume, and interview in order to find a career in the food industry."

"We have developed positive, working relationships with area employers in fields such

as baking, food manufacturing, catering, etc.; and we will assist with job placement for successful graduates. Once they secure a job, we will assist them in keeping that job," added Davidson.

Once clients obtain employment they attend employment aftercare to address any work related issues that they may be experiencing. The entire program can last up to seven weeks.

Orientation for the Moving Toward Employment Program is held at Oriana House's Administration Building located at 885 East Buchtel Avenue in Akron. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the employment department at Oriana House at 330-535-8116, ext. 2072.

CUYAHOGA FALLS CLERK OF COURTS ERIC CZETLI SERVES ON ORIANA HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Oriana House President/CEO James Lawrence (left) with Cuyahoga Falls Clerk of Courts Eric Czetli

The Board of Directors of Oriana House, Inc., is pleased to announce that Cuyahoga Falls Clerk of Courts Eric Czetli has joined the board. "Mr. Czetli's court experience and involvement in the community will be an asset to the board," said William Kea, chair of the Oriana House Board of Directors.

Czetli has 34 years of court experience and has served as the Cuyahoga Falls Clerk of Courts since 1980. His office serves approximately 185,000 residents from 16 communities in Summit County. "It is a privilege to work in our community's justice system," said Czetli.

Czetli is involved in numerous professional affiliations including serving on Oriana House's advisory committee. "Oriana House's community corrections programs provide the courts with a much needed sentencing option while helping offenders develop the skills necessary to turn their lives around," said Czetli. "Our community is fortunate to have the services offered by Oriana House," Czetli added.

Also serving on the Board of Directors for Oriana House are: William Kea (Chair), Summit County Executive's Office (retired); Frank Comunale, S.A. Comunale, Inc.; Robert Fenner, Ohio Adult Parole Authority (retired); James Lawrence, Oriana House, Inc.; and Richard Marsh, Anaconda Aluminum Company (retired).

Appreciation

In conjunction with the agency's 20th anniversary in 2001, Oriana House established the Oriana House/Judge Ted Schneiderman scholarship for University of Akron criminal justice students. The following letter is from a scholarship recipient.

Dear Mr. James Lawrence,

I am a first generation college student in my family. I have enjoyed all of my Criminal Justice classes at the University of Akron. In particular I have enjoyed my criminal investigation class. With this experience and my education I am planning on becoming a police officer or Sheriff.

Presently I am working toward my goal as a police officer for Akron. I am steps away from being commissioned as an Akron Police Officer. I also plan on attending the University of Akron in pursuit of a B.S. in Emergency Management with a minor in Political Science. While pursuing that degree I may enroll in Arabic, Spanish, and correction courses.

I am especially grateful to Oriana House for choosing me as a recipient for the Oriana House/Judge Ted Schneiderman scholarship. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream.

CCTC in Cleveland showcases services at recent open house

Cleveland City Councilwoman Fannie Lewis spoke of her support of community corrections programs at a recent open house for Oriana House's Community Corrections and Treatment Center (CCTC).

CCTC provides highly structured and comprehensive programs designed to assist non-violent offenders' successful transition into the community. Program opportunities include employment training and placement, substance abuse assessment and treatment, life skills, and intensive case management. These program components help the offender to make positive behavioral changes that contribute to safer communities.



CROSSWAEH staff in Tiffin celebrate Oriana House's 25 years

Staff at the CROSSWAEH Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) celebrated Oriana House's 25th anniversary in the fall with a luncheon.

CROSSWAEH is a 58-bed facility for male felony offenders. CROSSWAEH is located in Tiffin and serves the counties of Crawford, Richland, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot, Ashland, Erie, and Huron. CROSSWAEH is making preparations to open a 36-bed CBCF for women in the spring.

The CBCF program is a secured community corrections program designed to reduce criminal behavior and divert eligible felony offenders from the state prison system.

SUMMIT COUNTY ADM BOARD WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ONE SYSTEM,
ONE GOAL:
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WELLNESS

The County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board is under new leadership. The ADM Board appointed Donald C. Davies to the position of Executive Director. Davies replaces retiring Director William R. Zumbar. Davies most recently served as Executive Director of Rosary Hall, a Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine facility. Rosary Hall was founded by Sister Ignatia Gavin, CSA, when she left St. Thomas Hospital in Akron in 1952.

Mr. Davies brings with him 27 years of experience in programming and administration. He has administered programs in addiction, mental health, healthcare, transitional housing, and educational services.

"I look forward to working closely with the ADM Board and our partners: funded agencies, county departments, health and human

service organizations, and the citizens of Summit County as we strive for excellence in the delivery of behavioral healthcare services," Davies said.

Oriana House is an affiliate of the County of Summit ADM Board. The ADM Board exists to improve the well being of our community by reducing the incidence and severity of mental illness and addiction problems while working to eliminate the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The Board is dedicated to ensuring the provision of mental health and recovery services for all persons in Summit County with mental illness or substance abuse and addiction issues. Access to service is possible for all residents of the county through a system-wide application of the Ability-to-Pay Scale.

For additional information on the Summit County ADM Board, visit www.admboard.org or call (330) 762-3500.



It is the policy of the Oriana House, Inc., to treat all clients regardless of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, or religion. There is no distinction in eligibility for or in the manner of providing client services. Services are provided to clients and visitors regardless of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, or religion. All persons and organizations having occasion to refer clients for services or to recommend Oriana House, Inc., are advised to do so without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, or religion.



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