

**REENTRY CENTER**

# **Cleveland Transition Center**

**Providing housing  
and programming  
to assist in  
a successful  
transition back to  
your community**

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# TRANSITIONING WITH CTC

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*Through the leadership of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Terry Collins, the Cleveland Transition Center (CTC) provides assistance for housing, employment, education, cognitive skills, and chemical dependency treatment to Cleveland residents who are returning home from prison.*

*CTC's supportive and structured environment helps participants become independent, contributing members of their community.*

*By providing a supervised and coordinated reentry program, Cleveland is leading the way in establishing a sense of community for the residents who live here and for those who are coming home to stay.*

## First of its kind program

The Cleveland Transition Center (CTC) is a residential, pilot program developed through a partnership between the City of Cleveland, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), and Oriana House to meet the needs of Cleveland residents who are returning home from incarceration. CTC offers men and women the opportunity to develop new life skill strategies to better prepare them for community reintegration.

## Who can participate

CTC clients participate through judicial release (early release granted by sentencing authority) or other mandatory participation requirement or, if they are a straight release (released from incarceration without any supervision requirements), they must agree to voluntarily participate. All clients must participate 35 hours per week in outside employment, education, life skills, and/or community service, while also assuming responsibility for daily in-house assignments.

All participants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Cleveland resident upon incarceration;
- Able and willing to participate in program;
- Have no physical aggression disciplinary infractions on their institutional conduct report within last six months.

CTC is available to previously incarcerated people who have been released within the last six months or are under active supervision and are currently homeless.

Due to zoning restrictions, the following individuals are not eligible: offenders who are convicted of murder, rape, or any felony offense against a minor; and offenders adjudicated as a sexual predator or habitual sexual offenders who the court has determined are subject to community notification.

## Services offered at CTC

To assist with reentry, clients are provided with a range of services, including case management, cognitive therapies, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, employment and housing assistance, parenting skills enhancement, and family support services. A daily regimen of structured activities helps clients develop a sense of responsibility and self-sufficiency; facilitates their ability to pay rent, restitution, and taxes; and provides opportunities to establish critical ties to family and community. While in residency, clients can receive visitors at the facility.

### Drug & Alcohol Treatment

A Framework for Recovery is a cognitive based chemical dependency curriculum designed for men and women who face the challenge of overcoming a substance-abuse problem. This curriculum provides critical thinking skills that assist the client in making lifestyle changes that are necessary for long-term recovery. Clients undergo random drug screens.

### Cognitive Skills

Cognitive Skills class addresses the major thinking errors that lead to criminal behavior and ways to correct these errors. The class focuses on helping clients develop responsible and productive thinking patterns that lead to a more successful and productive life.

### Education

Clients in need of educational assistance participate in a community program as established with their assigned caseworker.

### Employment

All clients receive employment readiness training and are screened for job skills and interests. These services are provided by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County's Workforce Development Employment Connection and the Providing Real Opportunities for Ex-offenders to Succeed (PROES) program. Based on job skills and interests, other career training opportunities may also be available.

### Release Planning

The number of days a client stays at CTC varies with each client. Prior to release, caseworkers work with clients to arrange for adequate living, employment, and treatment programs to assist with the clients' successful transition back to their

families and communities. Because one of the primary focuses of the program is to reduce homelessness, assistance with housing is a key component of the clients' release plans; and rental deposit assistance is an incentive for those who successfully complete the program.

### Home Confinement

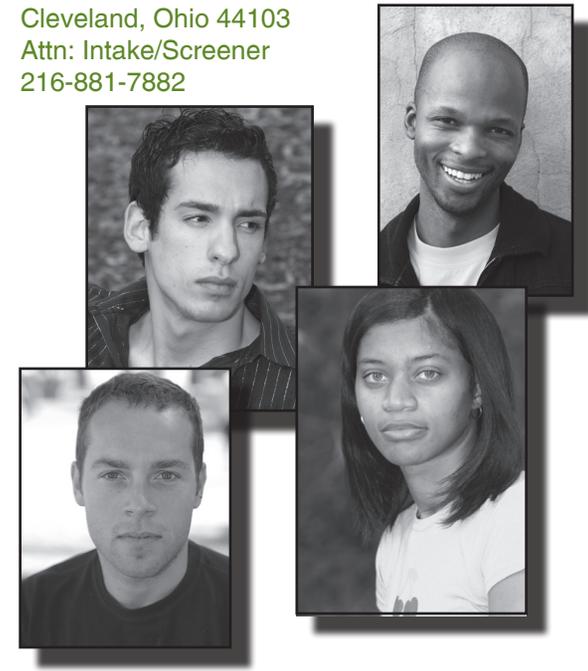
Judicial release participants may earn the privilege of going on home confinement, dependent on the positive adjustment to the CTC program and approval from the court that granted the judicial release. If approved for home confinement there can be no special features on the home telephone (no call waiting, call forwarding, caller ID, etc.). Also, the sponsor must agree to all requirements for home confinement.

### Referral Process

An Intake/Screening for Oriana House regularly visits identified Ohio prisons and homeless shelters to meet with potential clients and screen for eligibility. Formerly incarcerated individuals can self refer by calling an intake screener at 216-881-7882.

Contact information for the Intake/Screening is:

Oriana House, Inc.  
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Attn: Intake/Screening  
216-881-7882



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Can straight released clients move freely in the community?** Yes, however clients are required to participate in programming and the activity schedule. Clients not scheduled for classes/programming must notify their caseworker in advance. Clients must return to the facility by 9:00 p.m. unless the leave is work related. Weekend leave may also be approved.

**What is the food like?** Quality meals are approved by a nutritionist and are prepared fresh daily by ARAMARK Food Services. There is one set menu for everyone.

**What is the daily schedule?** Wake up is 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and programming. Clients not scheduled for programming can choose not to eat breakfast and will not be required to get up. Quiet time begins at 9:30 p.m.; lights out is 1:00 a.m.

**Is it like jail?** CTC is not a jail. Straight release clients have free movement in the community but must participate in programming. Judicial release clients are under court supervision, have a legal commitment to complete the program, have limited movement in the community, and are accountable for their whereabouts. All clients are checked for alcohol use and/or contraband upon return to the facility.

**Are clients allowed to make phone calls?** Pay phones are available from 8:00 a.m. until midnight. Calls cannot exceed 15 minutes when others are waiting to use the phone.

**Can clients receive mail and packages?** Mail and packages are opened in front of staff and searched for contraband. Property dropped off to the facility should be brought to the front entrance on allowable days.

**Are there fees?** No, however clients are encouraged to save 40% of their net pay for future housing costs.