

Oriana House Press Release

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Community Alternative Sentencing Center In Akron Earns American Correctional Association Accreditation Within One Year Of Opening

Oriana House, Inc., is proud to announce that the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) in Akron earned 100% on its initial American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation audit. CASC opened in January 2019 in the site of the former minimum security Glenwood Jail at 40 E. Glenwood Avenue in Akron.

Oriana House opened CASC in the former Glenwood Jail in Akron on January 7, 2019. Previously, Oriana House had operated the facility as the minimum security Glenwood Jail in conjunction with the Summit County Sheriff Office's under State of Ohio minimum jail standards. CASC is a secure facility for individuals serving a mandatory DUI or DUS sentence and adult misdemeanor and felony offenders in need of a restrictive community corrections sanction of 90 days or less. Unlike other community corrections programs, CASC does not allow clients to have community access during the duration of their sentence.

The audit process involved a two-day visit to the facility by two ACA auditors who were on-site for each shift, reviewed documentation for more than 200 standards, met with Oriana House staff, and interviewed clients in the program. CASC has capacity for 91 men and 30 women.

"It's exemplary that CASC met 100% of the mandatory and non-mandatory standards of the national benchmark for corrections in its initial audit," said Bernie Rochford, Oriana House executive vice president. "The procedures, documentation, programming, client interaction, staff experience, outcomes, facilities, and so much more are all scrutinized by the ACA. The process ensures that day-in and day-out our staff are adhering to best practices in our goal to serve the needs of the courts and provide best outcomes."

The facility's audit results were presented at ACA's winter conference in January.

Oriana House has ten ACA contracts that cover 16 Ohio locations (15 residential facilities and the electronic monitoring program). All of Oriana House's eligible community corrections programs currently have perfect scores on their national ACA reaccreditation audits. ACA accreditations are on three year cycles for reaccreditation.

Oriana House, Inc., is a private, non-profit agency that started in Akron in 1981. In addition to community corrections and reentry services, the agency also operates Rigel Recovery Services for substance abuse treatment and related family support meetings.

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