



Press Release

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OAR CONNECTS RETURNING CITIZENS WITH EMPLOYERS *Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration*

FAIRFAX, VA — OAR is partnering with the Fairfax Chapter of the NAACP and New Hope Housing to hold a *Community Job and Resource Fair* that will connect community members with prospective employers and provide those in attendance with the skills necessary to conduct job searches and successful interviews. The fair will take place on October 2 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the South County Government Center in Alexandria. The fair will include preliminary briefings for employers on subjects such as working with returning citizens and federal bonding programs, and for clients on successful employment searches and interviews. Approximately 30 local employers will be present to meet with community members and to perform job interviews. Volunteers will assist clients at computer stations to draft resumes and conduct online job searches. Free Wi-Fi and printer access will be provided.

About OAR

OAR is a local non-profit restorative justice organization providing human services since 1971. Our mission is to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime with opportunities, alternatives, and resources for offenders and their families to create a safer community. OAR believes employment is the key challenge faced by community members released from incarceration. Those who find work are much less likely to return to incarceration. In today's near-full employment economy, the formerly incarcerated represent a valuable workforce resource for employers.

More information about the Community job and Resource Fair can be found at www.oarnova.org or by calling (703) 246-3031.

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