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Help for the Recently Incarcerated in Loudoun County Means Safer Communities

Fairfax, VA --- OAR announced today it now offers a continuum of pre- and post-release services for criminal justice involved citizens in Loudoun County. Services assist community members who are currently incarcerated to build skills, and challenge negative beliefs and thoughts. Case management and employment assistance is available to those re-entering the community after serving their time.

Currently, over 115 inmates per year enroll in OAR Life Skills and Employability Skills classes to help prepare them for life on the outside once their time is served. In addition, OAR offers post-release case management to assist community members with the transition from incarceration to the community. OAR recently expanded our ability to provide case management assistance and we now have the capacity to serve approximately 50 clients in Loudoun County per year.

“OAR services are based on proven evidence-based practices to help offenders successfully reenter the community after incarceration. With OAR’s assistance, individuals can break the cycle of crime creating a significant cost-savings to taxpayers over mass incarceration.” commented Derwin Overton, Executive Director of OAR.

“OAR provides services and support in Loudoun that no other organization provides. With OAR services in place, our communities will be safer and those re-entering our community after incarceration will have more opportunities for a better life,” said Phyllis Randall, Chair of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and former mental health services professional.

OAR’s pre-release programs and services are based in the adult detention facility in Leesburg. Post-release services are available at the Probation and Parole office in Leesburg. Inmates sign-up for assistance while incarcerated and are referred for services post-release by community partners.

More information about OAR’s programs and services can be found by calling (703) 246-3184 or visiting <http://www.oarfairfax.org/services/loudoun-county>.

About OAR

OAR of Fairfax County 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 works with persons involved in the criminal justice system and their families.