

Getting to OAR

Travel by Metro

Take the Orange Line to Court House. Exit the station by turning right to the Court House Plaza exit. The OAR office is in the tan brick building directly behind the AMC Movie Theater.

From Alexandria

Take the 10B or 10C Metro bus from Washington St. to the Ballston-MU Metro station. Ride the Orange Line to Court House. The OAR office is in the tan brick building adjacent to the metered parking lot.

From Falls Church

Take the 2A or 2B bus to Ballston, then the 1B or 1C to Court House. Turn right from Wilson Blvd. onto Court House Road and walk two blocks. The OAR office is in the tan brick building adjacent to the metered parking lot.

From Suburban Maryland

Take Woodrow Wilson Bridge, I-95 South, I-395 North to Washington Blvd. Then 50 East, left on Court House Road to North 14th St. turn left to building.

What are OAR clients saying?

“I really learned a lot doing community service. I wasn’t happy about why I had to do it, but I think it was good for me to understand what happens when you make a mistake.” - Kevin, age 15

“This program is an opportunity to pay back the community. It’s a one-time offer that I’m glad I was given.” - Mike, age 34

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“I never dreamed that such an innocent-seeming action could have such serious consequences, but being assigned 100 hours of community service has made me a stronger person.”- Danny, age 16

Stay Involved with OAR

Volunteer: Once you have completed your hours you can still continue to volunteer with OAR. Most of our educational programs are possible through the support of our volunteers. Talk with us about the opportunities.

Donate: You can designate your financial contribution to go towards direct services for clients reentering the community or any other OAR program that interests you.



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to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday,
except holidays

OAR's Community Service Program

What is OAR?

(OAR) is a community-based nonprofit organization which has been assisting incarcerated individuals, and ex-offenders since 1974. OAR offers a variety of programs to help former offenders return to the community as productive and responsible citizens.

What is Restorative Justice?

Community service is based on the idea of restorative justice. Restorative justice is unique because it involves the wider community in the justice process. It expects offenders to take responsibility in an attempt to repair the damage caused by their past actions. And it is an effective way for the offender to build interpersonal skills and become involved with the larger community.

What is the Community Service Program?

The Community Service Program (CSP) supervises juveniles and adults in community service work ordered by the Court or a probation officer as part of a sanction.

A Community Service Case Manager interviews each client and determines which work site will be best for the offender and the community.

The Community Service Program offers offenders a chance to “give back” to the community by providing work sites which enrich the lives of others in the community.

What are my responsibilities as an OAR client?

- Accept the court sanction of community service;
- Be respectful at the work site;
- Show up on time when reporting to the work site;
- Contact the placement site no more than 24 hours after assignment;
- Perform community service ONLY at the OAR approved placement site;
- Carry out the community service with a positive attitude;
- Maintain monthly contact with your Case Manager.

Why do Community Service?

- Community service expects the offender to take responsibility for past actions;
- Community service offers offenders a way to make “right out of wrong” and to repair the damage done to the community;
- Community service intentionally involves the three stakeholders in restorative justice: the victim, the offender, and the community.

What are OAR clients saying?

“As time went on, like the first 4 hours, I had already learned a lot, and for a while it didn't feel like I was doing it for OAR or the Court's sake. It felt like I was doing it to help society...”- Samuel, age 22

What are the benefits?

- Offenders have the opportunity to help others who are in need;
- Offenders are offered community service instead of detention, jail or fines;
- Area non-profits and social service agencies receive a helping hand with community projects;
- Offenders demonstrate that they care about their neighbors and build contacts and skills to continue being productive assets in the community.

What kinds of Community Service may I perform?

There are many opportunities for performing community service, including:

- Helping at a local food bank;
- Setting up for a community event;
- Assisting the elderly or disadvantaged;
- Shelving books at the library.

Remember, community service has to be completed at a non-profit organization or local government facility. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask your CSP Case Manager.