

## Getting to OAR Community Service Program for Youth

### Travel by Metro

The OAR office is accessible by two metro stations. Take the Green Line to the Columbia Heights Station or to the Georgia Avenue Petworth Station.

### Travel by Bus

The OAR office can be reached by taking the 70 Bus, 71 Bus, and the 79 Bus and exit at NW Georgia Avenue and NW Irving Street. That puts you at .02 miles away from the office. You can also take the H2 Bus and exit at NW Irving Street and NW Georgia Avenue.

### Parking

There is street parking available near the OAR office. We recommend taking public transportation.

Please call for more information or to make an appointment.

### 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

“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

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“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 17

“This program is an opportunity to pay back the community. It’s a one-time offer that I’m glad I was given.” - Linda, age 16

### Stay Involved with OAR

**Volunteer:** Once you have completed your hours you can still continue to volunteer with OAR. Talk with us about the opportunities.

**Donate:** You can designate your financial contribution to go towards any OAR program that interests you.



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# OAR's Community Service Program for Youth

## What is OAR?

Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) is a community-based nonprofit organization which has been assisting incarcerated individuals, offenders, 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 for Youth?

The Community Service Program for Youth supervises juveniles in community service work ordered by the Court or a probation officer as part of a sanction.

A Juvenile Resource Advisor interviews each client and determines which work site will be best for the offender and the community.

The Community Service Program for Youth offers the clients 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 Juvenile Resource Advisor.

## Why do Community Service?

- Community service expects the offender to take responsibility for past actions;
- Community service offers youth 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 youth, and the community.

## What are the benefits?

- Youth have the opportunity to help others who are in need;
- Youth are offered community service instead of detention, jail or fines;
- Area non-profits and social service agencies receive a helping hand with community projects;
- Youth 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 Juvenile Resource Advisor.