

## Things YOU NEED to Know

- You must sign in each time you come to the office or attend an OAR Course.
- You must complete an OAR Registration Form in order to receive services.
- OAR maintains a professional business environment at all times: therefore we expect you to conduct yourself professionally while at OAR.
- Client pick-ups and drop-offs must be pre-arranged with your Reentry Advisor.
- We do not deliver food nor deliver transportation tokens to clients.
- A restroom is available for your use. Keys are kept at the reception desk.
- Telephones can be used to make calls related to employment or housing. Long distance calls must be approved by your Reentry Advisor. All calls must be logged in.
- OAR Reentry Advisors will not secure a job for you but will work with you to find one.
- OAR does not make loans to clients.
- Clients who are intoxicated or disruptive will be refused services and asked to leave the office and only allowed to return when they are ready to start the reentry process.
- OAR may be able to provide employment retention incentives.
- Your successful transition depends on YOU alone and your consistent collaboration with your Reentry Advisor. Always remember this is a team effort.

## Getting to OAR

### Walking directions from Arlington County Detention Facility:

Exit the jail and cross Court House road. The OAR office is in the tan brick building on the opposite side of the large parking lot, 7<sup>th</sup> floor suite #704.

### Travel by Metro (all locations including Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church)

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.

### For Driving Directions please call OAR.

## Getting Involved with OAR

Once you are settled there are many ways for you to give back to the community and to OAR.

**Get Smart Speakers Bureau:** Share your experiences and wisdom at speaking engagements in the media, schools, faith communities, and at community events.

**Volunteer:** 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.



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## Client's Guide to Reentry Services



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Monday-Friday, except holidays

### Post Release Education Program (PREP)

10:30am-noon and 6:00pm-8:00pm on  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and  
10:00am-noon on Saturdays, except holidays

# OAR's Post Release Services

## 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.

## Who is Eligible?

You are eligible for OAR's Reentry Services if you were ever incarcerated in the Arlington County Detention Facility or the Alexandria Detention Center and completed courses or received services from OAR while there (must be able to show verification) or if you reside in Arlington County or the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and have served time in a local jail, state prison, or federal institution. OAR can also provide you with information upon your release regardless of your jurisdiction.

## OAR Office Hours

The OAR office in Arlington is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays for Reentry Services. We take walk-in clients only if they are coming directly from jail. All other clients must set up an appointment to be seen by a Reentry Advisor. Clients participating in the Post Release Education Program (PREP) can come to the OAR office 10:30am-noon and 6:00pm-8:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 10:00am-noon on Saturdays, except holidays.

## Reentry Services

OAR reentry services help ex-offenders overcome difficulties they face when returning home to family, and/or to the community. Our goal is to help you achieve a successful reentry as long as you are actively participating in the process. You must take full responsibility for your reentry into the community. OAR is here to help you with that.

Depending on availability of funds and specific eligibility guidelines, OAR's Reentry Services include:

**Transportation Assistance** can be provided in the form of tokens and fare cards to those clients returning from jail or prison. We will also provide tokens and fare cards for scheduled interviews and/or to get to and from work until you receive your first paycheck. A one-way Greyhound bus ticket will be provided to those clients residing outside of the metro area and who have no restrictions.

**Emergency Food** in the form of gift cards are given to those just being released from jail and those traveling long distances. Food referrals are also available depending on individual situations.

**Identification Services** including funding for birth documents and photo ID's and assistance securing school records, diplomas, certificates, military record, social security card, and others.

**Post Release Education Program (PREP)** is the collection of classes offered to OAR clients. Examples of classes offered are: Employability and Job Readiness, Anger Management, Stress Management, Computer Skills, Literacy, GED Preparation, and more.

## Reentry Services (continued)

**Housing Assistance:** OAR can provide referrals to emergency shelters and transitional housing as well as partner with community organizations to get funding for clients. OAR does not have direct funding for housing or rental assistance.

**Referrals** to Recovery and Treatment Programs, Transitional Housing Programs and Shelters, Department of Human Services (public assistance, food stamps, TANF, SSI, SSDI) and Veterans Administration Offices, and others.

**Life Coaches** for clients are available through a partnership with a diverse group of Faith-based communities.

**Employment Services** include:

- **Resume and Cover Letter Assistance:** developing, updating, copying, and printing.
- **Faxing** of resumes and cover letters.
- **Job Application Assistance**
- **Interviewing Practice and Employment Coaching:** includes identifying the client's strengths, weaknesses, interests, and obstacles, and answering tough questions.
- **Job Searching:** Access to job sites via internet and newspapers.
- **Direct Referrals** to employers and one stop centers such as Job Link in Alexandria and the Arlington Employment Center.
- **Clothing Assistance** for work clothes.