**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.
- Items for 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 have consumed alcohol or drugs, or 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 the large parking lot. The OAR office is in the tan brick building directly behind the AMC Movie Theater, 7th 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.

- **Advocacy and Leadership Program:** Represent OAR at community events and advocate for the needs of former offenders
- **Volunteer:** Most of our 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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**Main Office Hours:**
8:30 am to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm
Monday-Friday, except holidays

**Employment Program (PREP) Hours:**
6:00pm to 8:00pm on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
OAR’s Post Release Services

What is OAR?

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:

- have ever been incarcerated in the Arlington County Detention Facility or the Alexandria Detention Center, or
- 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, or have been involved in the correctional system in any way.

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 within 24 hours of release. All other clients must set up an appointment to be seen by a Reentry Advisor. Clients participating in the Employment Program (PREP) can come to the OAR office from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays after the initial meeting with the Reentry team.

Reentry Services

OAR reentry services help ex-offenders overcome difficulties they face when returning home and joining their families, and/or 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 Employment Program (PREP) offers OAR clients a variety of employment assistance through tutoring and mentoring. Topics include job search assistance, Employability Readiness, Computer Skills, and more.

Reentry Services (continued)

Housing Assistance: OAR provides referrals to emergency shelters and transitional housing and partners 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), Veterans Administration Offices, and others.

Mentors: Clients will be partnered with one to three volunteers to work on a wide variety of issues and address the clients’ most pressing needs.

Advocacy and Leadership Program: Comprised of volunteers, in some cases former offenders, working to promote awareness and make legislative changes for issues affecting offenders and former offenders.

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.