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OAR Intern Marian Hwang manning the OAR booth at the 2013 Arlington County Fair



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## OAR Tours

We want you to swing by the OAR office and see how far your support goes in assisting ex-offenders in finding jobs. To schedule a tour, please contact Adam Hand by calling 703-228-7031 or email at [ahand@oaronline.org](mailto:ahand@oaronline.org).

## Renew Your ACDF ID

The Arlington Jail will be offering a badge renewal on **Saturday, October 19** from 9:30am-1:30pm. More dates to come. You must RSVP to attend. Contact Adam Hand by calling 703-228-7031 or email at [ahand@oaronline.org](mailto:ahand@oaronline.org)

## Would you put an OAR bumper sticker on your car?

Please click the link below and let us know! If we get enough positive responses, we will have bumper stickers printed that read **"I Believe In Second Chances,"** along with the OAR logo and our website address. Thank you!

[Click here to take survey!](#)

## Support OAR

If you would like to make a monetary donation to OAR, please click the orange box below to donate through our Network4Good donation page.

[Donate Now](#)

Thank you!

## Connect With Us!

Help increase our visibility by liking us, following us, viewing our videos, connecting with us, and telling others about us through the links below:



[Click here to sign up for a one-hour OAR Tour and bring a friend](#)

Dear Elizabeth,

What do you know about "sex offenders?" I am personally working with two men who have a sex offense conviction. Both are college-educated and quite accomplished, but no one will give them a job--so far. Take a look at these facts and decide what you personally can do to help!

Sex offenders are a very diverse group. They tend **not** to be the types that are depicted on television. Most victims know their perpetrators. Increasingly, "sex offenders" are those looking at child pornography in their homes--identified via a host URL.

The recidivism rate of convicted sex offenders is 13-17%, which includes both treated and untreated offenders. We know that sex offender treatment is effective and can reduce that rate into the single digits.

A cutting edge approach that has been added to the self-regulation treatment model is the good lives approach: Not only is treatment important to work with the triggers and high-risk situations, it is important to focus on having the offenders learn how to have a good life, to feel part of society, so they have less of an inclination to offend. These offenders need to develop stable lifestyles and good lives so that they have less incentive to reoffend. This would consist of gaining employment, stable housing, and feeling like a part of society.

Offenders on probation in Virginia have probation officers who make regular contact with them, and they likely have treatment providers that they see on a weekly basis. The offenders are also subject to polygraph testing to make sure they are being open in treatment and with their probation officer.

Virginia requires offenders to tell their employer about their status, and also inform anyone in their support network that they are a sex offender, the employer or support person can, at any time, contact the treatment provider or probation officer with questions or concerns. The employer will likely know more about their employee who is a sex offender than their other employees, and will have a support system in place if needed. Offenders also value their jobs because they know the difficulty they may have in finding another one due to their status as a sex offender. The key is open communication and no secrets.

Please let me know if you want more information or would like to talk about how you can help--with housing, employment, or support.

Gail

Gail C. Arnall,  
OAR Executive Director

## How can I help OAR Clients?

- **Snack-sized food for clients who have just been released**--individually-wrapped items such as chips, cookies, nuts, juice boxes, sodas, peanut butter crackers, cheese and crackers, fruit roll-ups, candy, granola bars, etc.
- **Sponsor a Supper**--provide food for approximately 25 people for one of our client meals
- **SmarTrip Cards**--transportation costs are huge for our clients, so we assist with fare to get them to and from interviews as well as programming at the OAR Office.
- **Target Gift Cards**--we give **\$10** Target gift cards to clients to help with clothing, food, and medication.
- **Amazon Wish List**--we have several items (primarily clothing) for clients on our Amazon.com wish list, located at <http://amzn.com/w/H8R9GQV4RYA1>

## Do you have a story to share?

We would love to hear stories from you about how someone has overcome challenges faced when coming home from incarceration. Please email Adam at [ahand@oaronline.org](mailto:ahand@oaronline.org) with your story, and he will share it on our Facebook and Twitter pages! We will keep stories anonymous. Thank you!



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