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Restored Citizen Application

Welcome Home Restored Citizen,

At the conclusion of your prison sentence you will be returning to a community not as an ex-offender but as a restored citizen. The return may be difficult in finding community support and re-engaging with positive support systems. As a result, many returning citizens are vulnerable to committing new crimes and returning to prison. The Central Ohio Citizen Circle wishes to assist you in your return.

Supporting Your Return Home

What is a Citizen Circle?
The Citizen Circle assists restored citizens to understand that being a positive community member demands responsibility and obligation.

- A support program designed to assist individuals to make the change from ex-offender to restored citizen
- Regular meetings to provide supportive wrap-around, one-stop social service information
- Partnerships between varied social services to promote positive interaction and accountability for individuals upon release
- Key elements of success include empowering participants to focus on the future rather than the past and to give back through community service and contributions

The Citizen Circle creates an environment to:

- Fostering acceptance and focuses on restored citizen's personal strengths; and future plans by giving back to the community through service projects
- The Citizen Circle meets on a regular basis to discuss the restored citizen's progress, review plans, interview new applicants, admit new members and to emancipate successful restored citizens
- Actively support restored citizens (offenders) who are coming home to live in their neighborhoods and create a welcome home attitude.
- Opportunity for citizens to communicate expectations for successful reentry and help restored citizens recognize the harm their behavior has caused others and work to make amends thus demonstrating their value and potential to the community.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED with a Citizen Circle

Referral to the Circle
1. Express a desire to participate in a Citizen Circle
2. Complete application paperwork
3. Your application will be sent to the Circle by staff from the institutions, halfway houses, field staff and parole/probation officers
4. Participate in an interview with a Citizen Circle representative
5. The Citizen Circle will make a decision to:
   - Option 1: Reject your application and give other recommendations to you (After recommendations are completed, you may reapply to the Circle.
   - Option 2: Accept your application

Your Agreement with the Circle to:
   - Accept full responsibility for past criminal behavior.
   - Acknowledge the hurt caused to others
   - Participate in some form of community service
   - Meet as often as required with the Circle
   - Abide by all Circle recommendations

Circle Acceptance
   - Work with the Citizen Circle and your parole officer to develop a plan and decide meeting schedule. Identify and invite family and others who will support you and attend Circle meetings.

Completion
   - Complete Circle recommendations
   - Remain involved with the Circle to assist new members.

Schedule of Circle Sessions

All sessions will be held at United Way of Central Ohio, 360 S. Third St., Columbus, OH at downtown area, accessible by bus.

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Rezilyantz Project
The Legal Aid
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