



## How do Citizen Circles work?

- Offenders seek involvement of their own free will.
- Acceptance into the Citizen Circle is contingent on:
- Completing of the application process
- Accepting responsibility of past criminal behavior and acknowledging the harm the offender has caused others
- Accepting agreed upon recommendations
- Participating in community service
- Setting goals focused on law abiding and productive community behavior
- Citizen Circles focus on the future rather than the past.

*Citizen Circles create an environment focusing on the offender's personal strengths*

## Who should be involved in Citizen Circles? **YOU**

- Friends
- Faith community
- Neighbors
- Employers
- Community organizations
- Victims
- Offender's families
- Ex-offenders
- Education professionals
- Social service agencies
- Law enforcement
- Mentors



*Members of Your Community,  
welcoming you **HOME!***

We provide support services to ex-offenders; male or female. Your connection with us can be a bridge to the resources necessary for successful re-entry into your community.

If you are ready and willing to be productive,  
***we're here!***



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*Your*  
**WELCOME HOME**  
*Center*

## Keeping it “**REAL**”

**R**esponsible to Meet with CSN

**E**ngaged through Community Service

**A**ccountable by attending meetings  
(CC, AA, MBH, Six County, Church)

**L**earning as others share ( Active Listening )

*Reentry should be as easy as going home.  
But after being away for a few years or a  
lot of years, there may not be a place to  
call home.*

### Citizen Circles focus on eight areas:

**1. Employment** - Work and the role of work in the person's life, including education and vocational skills;

**2. Education** - Education and vocational skills desired;

**3. Family/Marital** - Being with family members and the support an offender derives from them;

**4. Associates/Social Interactions** - Positive interaction with community members and non-criminal associates with the opportunity for positive interaction with peers;

**5. Substance Abuse** - Living without reliance on alcohol and/or other drugs;

**6. Community Functioning** - Knowledge and skills for daily living, including safety, an acceptable place to live, health, personal budgeting, leisure activities, and the use of social services;

**7. Personal/Emotional Orientation** - Decision-making, coping with stress, and practicing mental health and wellness activities;

**8. Attitude** - Supporting law-abiding behaviors and involvement with religious activities.

## Citizen Circle Sessions

Citizens Circle Member Services:

Welcome Home Center  
open Tuesday – Thursday,  
9am – 3pm or by appointment

The Citizen Circles meet on a regular basis to discuss offender progress, review plans, interview new applicants and admit new members .

***Monthly Citizen Circle meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 4–5pm.***

### How we serve:

*Client Services Navigator* provides ongoing case management, resource referrals.

*ForeverDads Center for Fathers & Families* serves as the Muskingum County Reentry Reception Center for referrals from state, county and city incarceration facilities, agencies and other entities serving ex-offenders

*Staff members, Executive Director, Clients Services Navigator and volunteers* participate in community events and activities to support reentry efforts



**Call us and begin to take the steps that lead toward your goals.**



### PARTNERSHIPS

Citizen Circles create partnerships that promote positive interaction and accountability for offenders upon release.

Circle members address risks that contribute to criminal activity by taking ownership of the solution.

It is an opportunity for citizens to communicate expectations for successful reentry and help offenders recognize the harm their behavior has caused others.

Offenders are able to make amends and demonstrate their value and potential to the community.

Offenders and their families develop relationships with members of the community and together develop a plan to help the offender become accepted as a productive citizen and member of the community.

The Citizen Circle helps offenders understand being a positive community member demands responsibility and obligation.

***A focus on the future rather than the past, and giving back through community service and contributions are key elements for success.***