



Quick Facts (as of 10/26/11)  
FEIN/TAX ID: 20-4415744  
FOUNDED: 2005 (incorporated 2006)  
NO. OF ORGS ON MAILING LIST: 124  
NO. OF PRI'S CONDUCTED: 12  
"PRI: Prisoner Reentry Initiatives, Quarterly Educational and Networking Forums"

## Fact Sheet

### OVERVIEW

We are the statewide coalition of organizations and agencies that work with ex-felons in Oklahoma.

### WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

To engage the public and private sectors to create, strengthen and network resources to help persons convicted of felonies, released into or living in our Oklahoma communities, to facilitate their transition into prosocial and productive lifestyles.

### WHO ARE OUR CUSTOMERS?

We serve all of the state agencies, tribal governments, community-based organizations and faith-based organizations who seek to help ex-felons with their reentry process. (We do not serve ex-felons directly.)

### WHAT DO WE OFFER?

1. **"Prisoner Reentry Initiative Educational and Networking Forums"** – these cutting-edge seminars have been conducted quarterly since January, 2008. Topics are related to various aspect of reentry (housing, employment, mental health, victim impact, etc.) and have been very well-received. We co-sponsor these with the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.
2. **Monthly meetings** that attract reentry organizations from across the state. Once a quarter, we co-host our meetings with the Oklahoma Executive Reentry Committee, made up of leaders of various state agencies.
3. **Local Reentry Coalitions** – We are working across the State to raise up local reentry coalitions to provide practical solutions to reentering citizens. These function as "chapters" of OPSR. We are in the formative stages of chapters in OKC, Tulsa, and Lawton.

### HOW ARE WE STRUCTURED?

We are a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. We function as a coalition of partner organizations, and have no membership dues. We seek to facilitate collaborative relationships between our various partners, who we encourage to join OPSR via a "Participant Agreement" form available on our website.

### HOW DO WE COLLABORATE?

We co-sponsor educational and networking events with other like-minded organizations. We participate in various other coalitions such as the Oklahoma Executive Reentry Committee. We encourage collaboration by hosting The Matrix services database and other related resources.

### WHO IS ON THE BOARD?

A detailed list of our Board of Directors is available on our website.

### HOW WERE WE STARTED?

OPSR was formed as a result of a "Call to Action" by Department of Corrections Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey in May of 2005. The Call to Action invited organizations with an interest in reentry to come to the table to network, recruit, share information, and discuss best practices. The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was asked to participate and promote the increased involvement by faith and community grassroots organizations. As a result of that meeting, a statewide collaboration of reentry service providers was formed which later became The Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. OPSR meets monthly to discuss reentry issues and network resources. OPSR participants are leaders in federal, tribal, state and local agencies, faith-based groups, community organizations, and private sector businesses with service areas varying from the local community to statewide.

### HOW ARE WE FUNDED?

We are grant funded.

### *Media Inquiries*

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