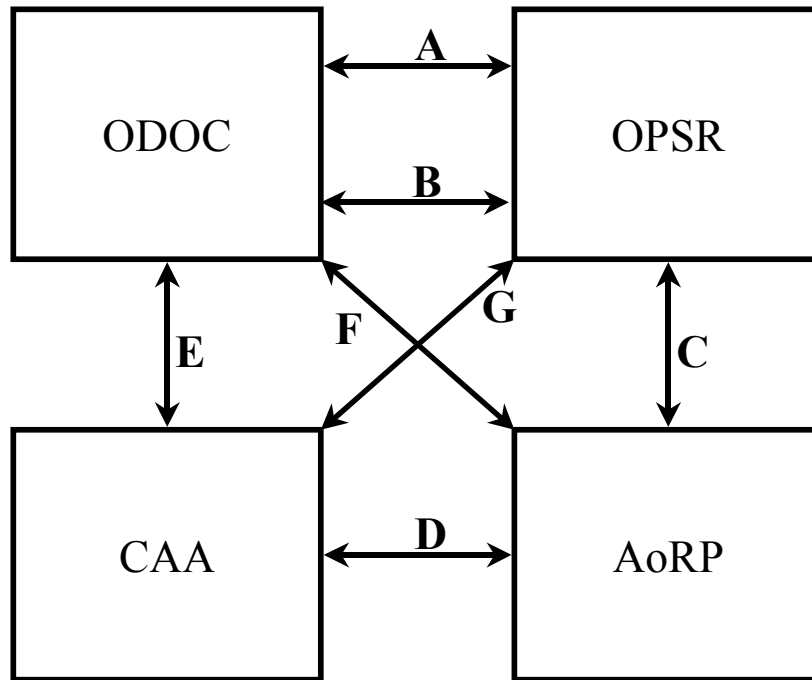


***REENTRY IN OKLAHOMA***  
***The RIO System***  
***For Statewide Strategic Reentry***



**THE KEY PLAYERS**

ODOC – The Oklahoma Dept. of Corrections  
OPSR – The Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry, Inc.  
CAA – The Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies  
AoRP – The Association of Reentry Professionals

**THE KEY COMPONENTS**

- A. Volunteers for Mentoring and Training in the Prison System
- B. Volunteers for Serving on Transition Teams
- C. Database Joint Venture (Social Services, Employment, Churches)
- D. Professional Association for Reentry Coordinators (& Training)
- E. Community Contact Point for Reentrants (Transfer Release Plan)
- F. Professional Association for Case Managers, PPOs, etc.
- G. Coordination of Local Reentry Coalitions (Service Providers)

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## *The RIO System – Overview*

### **The RIO System Vision**

In support of the new Oklahoma Prisoner Reentry Initiative (OPRI) Model from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, OPSR envisions a statewide system of strategic reentry, which we have dubbed “RIO – Reentry in Oklahoma.” In this vision, we see a close partnership between key players that will blanket the State with local services and practical solutions.

### **STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2011-2015**

1. Driving forward with support of the implementation of the OPRI Model.
2. The appointment of a “Reentry Czar” in ODOC.
3. A Reentry Coordinator (single point of contact) at every Community Action Agency (CAA) office in Oklahoma.
4. A Reentry Manager (single point of contact) at every prison, halfway house, jail, etc.
5. An army of volunteers going into the prison system teaching rehabilitation courses and mentoring inmates for reentry.
6. A local Reentry Coalition of service providers in every area where there is a CAA office.
7. At least one faith-based halfway house in every area where there is a CAA office, with state government-supported funding.

### **“We Believe...”**

We believe that the faith-based community has the opportunity to drive strategic reentry, since ultimately, prisoner reentry is not ODOC’s problem – it is everyone’s problem!

We believe that OPSR is perfectly positioned at the intersection of ODOC, the faith-based community, community-based organizations, tribal groups, and other organizations, to facilitate the creation of this system. RIO will be based on a foundation of collaboration, communication, strategic thinking, and tactical actions in local communities.

We believe that prisoner reentry occurs differently in urban areas of Oklahoma (OKC, Tulsa, Lawton) than it does in rural areas, and unique solutions need to be developed that cover both needs.

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### **The Components**

The following descriptions reference the different components found on page one and labeled with letters of the alphabet A through G.

(A) For ODOC to be successful in re-engineering the State system of incarceration around reentry best practices, it will take many people to execute the new OPRI Model, more people that ODOC can afford. OPSR desires to raise up an army of volunteers to go into the prison system and teach classes for rehabilitation and mentor inmates who are preparing for reentry. This can also be facilitated by “video network” training, classes, and presentations using the ODOC video broadcast capabilities in OKC.

(B) The OPRI Model calls for inmates in reentry to have a “transition team” that helps them plan and execute their PRP (personal reentry plan). OPSR will recruit and train the volunteers that are essential to having successful transition teams.

(C) OPSR will work with AoRP to develop an online database of social services that are needed for reentrants to get the services they need. We will also work out a way to publish employment information, churches, and other useful tools that reentrants need to be successful.

(D) AoRP will work with the Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies to develop a training program to put a reentry coordinator (a single point of contact for reentrants and their families) in each CAA office in the State (18 offices, covering all 77 counties) and any satellite locations they may have.

(E) CAA has been selected by ODOC as their strategic partner for rolling out community-based prisoner reentry to the State. Our goal is to collaborate (via the RIO system) with them and support this goal of putting a trained Reentry Coordinator in every office.

(F) AoRP serves as the professional associations for reentry professionals (case managers, probation-and-parole officers, etc.). Their adoption of the OPRI Model will create opportunities for training and other best practices to help re-engineer the system of incarceration in the State of Oklahoma.

(G) Phase 1 of the OPRI Model will require the creation of local Reentry Councils and Coalitions in OKC, Tulsa, and Lawton. OPSR will be the host organization to help these coalitions get started and give them access to our resources, including the online database (C). These local reentry coalitions will be vital to the success of CAA’s prisoner reentry program, since it will provide the local reentry coordinator the network of organizations to which they can refer reentrants requesting services. They also align perfectly with our plan to implement local chapters of OPSR.