

Portland Partners Re-entry Initiative (PPRI)

Dare to share—
your experience and
knowledge with someone
re-entering our community
Be a mentor !



Our mission is to help people
successfully re-enter the Portland
community after incarceration by
increasing their access to employment,
education and support services.

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The PPRI partners are
equal opportunity
employers with equal
opportunity programs.

Auxiliary aids and services
are available upon request
to individuals with
disabilities.

Volunteer recruitment
efforts target broad
community involvement
and do not discriminate on
the basis of race, religion,
age, gender, sexual
orientation, disability,
socio-economic
background or ethnicity.

*"I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something
that I can do."*

-Helen Keller

Program Goals

- Offer support, encouragement and motivation to an adult who has been incarcerated.
- Assist in accessing support services and overcoming obstacles and barriers to re-entry.
- Support development focusing on job retention and life skills..
- Help build self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Encourage community engagement and safety.

Benefits

- An opportunity to learn and share experiences.
- Help a person mature, progress and achieve goals.
- Contribute positively to an individual and to your community.
- Exposure to diverse individuals and environments.
- Training, group activities and mentor support.
- Learn about the justice system and issues facing the re-entry community.
- Give valuable input and help shape our program as it evolves.

Mentor Qualifications

- At least 25 years old
- Emotionally mature
- Stable lifestyle
- Positive social and communication skills
- Patient
- Flexible
- Respectful of individual, cultural, social and religious differences
- Sincere interest in helping recently incarcerated adults transition effectively into our community
- Minimum of two years sobriety

Time Commitment

- Six months to one year. The length of service will be determined by the participant, mentor and PPRI staff.
- Communicate with participant weekly.
- Attend initial training.
- Attend continuing education activities with participant.

Who are the participants?

- At least 18 years old (average age 30).
- Never convicted of a sex offense.
- Current crime of conviction is non-violent.
- Not convicted of a violent offense for seven years and have undergone treatment.
- Most crimes of conviction are drug, alcohol, forgery, or property crimes.
- Plan to reside in Multnomah or Clackamas County.
- Agree to participate in career and program planning.
- Want a mentor.



The relationship between volunteer and participant is guided by a profound respect for diversity and belief in human potential, recognizing that each person has an individual dignity worthy of respect.

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