

Portland Partners Re-entry Initiative (PPRI)

Volunteer Mentor Interview Questions

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Interviewed by: _____

I need to ask a number of questions about you that will help us to make a healthy and successful match with a participant. Some of the questions are personal and touch on sensitive issues. This interview is confidential. If at any time you feel uncomfortable answering you may choose not to answer. Some information, like personal qualities and things you are interested in may be shared anonymously with a prospective participant. Do you understand?

1. Why do you want to become a mentor?
2. Have you ever known someone who was incarcerated?
3. Do you have any experience working with people who have been incarcerated? If so, how will it help you in working with a participant?
4. Do you have any reservations about working with people who have been incarcerated?
5. If you have a significant other, does s/he have any reservations about you working with people who have been incarcerated?

6. Have you ever been the victim of a crime? If you feel comfortable, please explain the circumstances.

7. What challenges do you think people who have been incarcerated face when they are released?

8. Mentoring can change the lives of both the mentor and the participant. What do you hope to gain from the experience and what do you hope the participant gains from the relationship?

9. Will you be able to fulfill the time requirements of this program- 4 hours of initial training, monthly continued education sessions, contacting participant once per week, etc?

10. Do you have any questions or concerns from this interview?

11. Do you have any questions about the program?