

Athens County Reentry Program

Helping Athens County residents achieve self-sufficiency and independence

The Athens County Reentry Program, which is housed in The Work Station / Ohio Means Jobs - Athens County in The Plains, provides guidance and assistance for returning citizens who are preparing to leave the prison system, as well as those who have been out of prison for any length of time.



Individuals who are interested in learning more about the program should contact Shawn Stover, the Reentry Program Coordinator.

The goal is to help individuals build independent lives so they can avoid the problems that led them to prison in the first place. The initiative is designed to increase public safety, lower local law enforcement costs and reduce Athens County's recidivism rate. Athens County has already seen success in reducing the recidivism rate of returning citizens who have been working with the reentry program.

Programs and services can include:

- Assistance with navigating the health care and public assistance programs
- One-on-one meetings with returning citizens before and after they leave prison to help answer their questions and provide information on community resources.
- Assistance with employment searches
- Connect them with support groups
- Host workshops and seminars on a variety of subjects at The Work Station / Ohio Means Jobs - Athens County

The program also facilitates monthly meetings of the Athens County Reentry Task Force, held at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Athens County Job and Family Services County Home office. Meetings are open to the public.

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