



## Reentry - Reintegration Process

The Reintegration Process is based on a multi-step process.

### \* Intake and Relationship Building

During intake sessions, the reentry staff completes an extensive intake with the returning citizen. Information is gathered about the returning citizen's demographics, personal and criminal history. The reentry staff takes the time to know the individual and their story.

### \* Resource Assessment of Needs

Through a series of conversations with the returning citizen, initial areas of need, both short and long term, are developed to facilitate transition back into the community.

### \* Goal Development

A service plan is developed with both short and long term goals. The individualized plan addresses many different areas of need and helps determine which programs in-house and other community services would be most beneficial to the individual's circumstances.

## Holistic Approach to Reentry

The holistic approach takes into account the entire individual needs that a person reintegrating back into their family and community may need in order to be successful in their transition. This would include housing, social support, structure, stabilization and employment.

### Program Goals:

- \* Assist the returning citizens in establishing a stable lifestyle.
- \* Increase employment skills and knowledge as well as to provide opportunities to build job experience.
- \* Provide structure and social outlets to help increase returning citizen's sense of community and self.
- \* Empower the citizen to understand their past, avoid any criminogenic patterns and have hope for the future.
- \* Remove barriers during the reintegration and decrease the rate of recidivism.
- \* Partner with local communities to provide returning citizen's an opportunity to work and give back to where they live.

Cooperative  
Reentry Services for  
Returning Citizens  
(St. Clair County, IL)

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## **Mission**

Our Brothers' Keepers of Southern Illinois (OBK) assists returning citizens in attaining responsible citizenship through an array of reentry services in order to heal self of the trauma of prison and the trauma of returning home, and build faith based family and community relationships. OBK services include counseling, life and employment skills, and reaching out to faith communities and government agencies, and to businesses to help in a successful transition.

## **Vision**

OBK recognizes that each person has a unique history, strengths, abilities and challenges. The mission of OBK pledges unconditional acceptance of all returning citizens who come through the door with a core belief that all individuals have the capacity to change and grow in personal maturity and independence.

**No clients are left behind: We all progress together, care for the welfare of each other, and help each other grow our skills and futures together. *As a result, all our lives are changed forever for the better!***

## **Advance Literacy and Social Skills**

Reading impairment is the #1 root cause of prison inmate unemployment, poverty and incarceration, and the individual usually suffers thru cycles of imprisonment. Reading impairment can be quickly and permanently addressed.

With punctual attendance  
**EARN A FREE COMPUTER**  
Or get \$5 per class attended  
Plus free bus passes  
Classes are 8:00 AM – Noon  
2 days a week, for 2 weeks  
**Important Life & Job Skills**

**LEARN** Key Life Skills for returning student clients, and for their families and the communities they return to:

- ✓ “Beginning to Heal” self and students’ families from the traumas of prison and returning home.

**LEARN** Financial planning/cash budgeting:

- ✓ INFO provided from nationally recognized Mr. Dave Ramsey.
- ✓ How to Lease; and “shop smart”.

**LEARN** Restorative Justice opportunities:

- ✓ Learn ways to bring conciliation and how others have found resolution.

**LEARN** Smartphone, Facebook and Social media competence:

- ✓ How people communicate in today’s world likely has changed a lot while imprisoned...and continues to change. Increase/improve your family and friend communications

**CLIENTS MAY ATTEND INDIVIDUAL CLASSES**  
**Class Schedules: ([www.obkministry.org](http://www.obkministry.org))**



**We accept** our past, recognize faults, and go forward knowing we all have our strengths and weaknesses...and with confidence in our God-given talents.

**We provide** valuable workplace skills, evaluate for punctuality, cooperation, personal appearance, communication, fulfilling assigned tasks and absenteeism.

**We discuss** the importance of teamwork on the job and in life, practice the Top 10 Work Ethics, display initiative and willingness to learn, with assertiveness and honesty.

**We develop** computer competence:

- ✓ Keyboarding and typing skills
- ✓ Basics of searching on the Internet
- ✓ Complete job application online

**We create a** career portfolio that includes resume’ writing, cover letter, interview, thank you letter and a list of references.

- ✓ Participate in a rigorous mock job interview process (with role playing)
- ✓ Knowing job required to meet family financial needs (salary and benefits).