



Ohio Pathway Home Program

The Ohio Pathway Home program provides evidence-based employment services to incarcerated individuals before and after their reentry into the community. Using a \$4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is working in partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to employ a team of Reentry Navigators to provide one-on-one assistance to participants.

The Reentry Navigators begin serving individuals within six months of their scheduled release and continue working with them afterward at their local OhioMeansJobs centers. They establish relationships with service providers, businesses, treatment centers, correctional facilities and other partners to ensure a coordinated transition from incarceration to public life. The business services teams in the participating Workforce Development Areas also provide employer outreach, job development, and access to employer incentives to promote the hiring of justice-involved individuals.

Who will receive services?

Up to 540 adults transitioning from state correctional facilities to six of Ohio's largest urban counties: Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, Stark and Summit. These counties are in Workforce Development Areas 2, 3, 6, 7, 11 and 13.

What services will be provided?

The Reentry Navigators work with participants to assess their skills and barriers, help them develop individual employment plans, and enhance their job readiness. Depending on their needs, participants may receive financial literacy training, workplace etiquette training, interview coaching and job search assistance. Referrals also may be made to community-based organizations for such things as substance abuse treatment and assistance removing other barriers to employment. In addition, incentives may be offered to participants who achieve employment milestones.

When will the program be in effect?

From Jan. 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2023.

Where can I get more information?

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