

MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING...

Challenging opportunities exist to reach out, give time, and change lives as an OAR volunteer. Volunteers are a key part of OAR and work closely with the professional staff to make possible the many services offered in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and Alternative Incarceration Branch.

Volunteers work in a variety of capacities to assist inmates, those formerly incarcerated, and family members. Volunteers teach, provide one-to-one mentoring, counsel family members in crisis, assist with client services in the main office and help guide OAR's mission as members of the Board of Directors. In-depth training is provided to all new volunteers. To be an OAR volunteer you must be at least 18-years-old and agree to a background check.

For more information and an application contact OAR's volunteer coordinator at 703-246-3033.

ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OAR Board members come from all walks of life, including formerly incarcerated persons. Anyone committed to making the community a safe place to live and work are encouraged to contact us about serving on the Board of Directors.

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OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.

MISSION STATEMENT

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HISTORY

OAR is a community-based non-profit 501(c)3 organization created in 1971 providing human services. OAR is a United Way agency providing services in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties.

Formerly known as Offender Aid and Restoration, OAR of Fairfax County has offered opportunities, alternatives and resources for persons involved with the criminal justice system. OAR's mission is rooted in the belief that citizens must be involved in the criminal justice system and in "restorative justice."

Restorative justice is a philosophical approach to crime aimed at repairing the harm caused by a criminal act and restoring the balance in the community affected by the crime. OAR of Fairfax County offers offenders the opportunities and resources to repair this harm by becoming contributing members of the community once more.

OAR'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

OAR of Fairfax County offers a wide range of services including those for first-time offenders, those in jail, and those released from incarceration. Family members also are offered help through our programs. The following is a brief summary of what we offer.

DIVERSON

Alternative Sentencing /Court Programs
OAR screens first-time and misdemeanor offenders for eligibility for community service as an alternative to incarceration. Annually this program saves taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars and generates thousands of service hours to non-profit organizations and government agencies.

VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

An 18-week certified educational intervention program to direct individuals charged with domestic violence toward more constructive, healthier approaches to relationships and self-regulating skills.

PRE-RELEASE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

OAR volunteers and staff provide skills classes at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Follow-up education and training also is offered at the Alternative Sentencing Branch, the Alexandria Probation and Parole Day Reporting Program, and the Loudoun County Work Release Center.

IMPACT OF CRIME

This unique restorative justice program is a guided, sequential learning experience for Fairfax Adult Detention Center inmates. Participants hear from crime victims and learn to take responsibility for their crimes as well as the means to restore the harm they have caused.

POST-INCARCERATION

TRANSITIONAL AND FAMILY SERVICES

Transitional and Family Services: Offered to ex-offenders and their families, TFS provides post-release planning, emergency help, family support groups, employment readiness, job referrals, self-sufficiency case management, and parenting/responsible fatherhood classes. Support services and programs for children are also available.

VASAVOR

Offers high-risk offenders wrap-around services through a multi-disciplinary team. OAR partners with the Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole, the Community Services Board and the Workforce Investment Board. Through supervision, treatment, and supportive services VASAVOR has reduced the likelihood of recidivism.

VOLUNTEERING AT OAR OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Each year hundreds of OAR volunteers serve our community. These dedicated and highly trained citizens help implement and sustain OAR programs and serve on the Board of Directors. OAR volunteers teach, mentor, counsel and lead. As representatives of the community they are vocal advocates for OAR's mission. Volunteers are at least 18-years-old and have undergone a background check. For more, see next panel.