

## On-going Volunteer Opportunities with OAR of Fairfax County

**Fatherhood Facilitator:** OAR's Fatherhood Program emphasizes the importance of being a father and a father's influence on his children--both now, and in the future. Share your valuable parenting skills by facilitating this 10 week course at the Adult Detention Center. Curriculum is provided.

Minimum age: 21.

**Time commitment:** 3 hours a week.

**Documentation Specialist:** The Documentation Specialist Volunteer maintains the database for class and program participation, certificate receipt, and services rendered. The Documentation Specialist supports all services and programs at OAR. The efficient Documentation Specialist insures that the work done in each department, as well as client progress, is clearly reflected in the corresponding case notes.

Minimum age: 18.

**Time commitment:** 4 hours a week.

**Donation Manager:** OAR provides weather appropriate clothing to clients on release from jail. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize these donations.

Minimum age: 18.

**Time commitment:** 2 hours a week.

**Employment Specialist:** The Employment Specialist provides one-to-one client assistance to help with resume writing, internet job searches, cover letters, and job applications. The Employment Specialist Volunteer maintains client records and may be called on to attend job fairs. Volunteer opportunities also exist to facilitate work readiness classes through OAR's Work Empowerment Program. This is a weekday volunteer opportunity.

Minimum Age: 21

**Time commitment: 4 hours a week**

**Family Outreach:** Family Outreach Volunteers are available during weekend visiting hours at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center to help families and friends dealing with the challenges associated with the incarceration of a loved-one. Volunteers offer empathetic listening, answer questions, and provide information about OAR's services including OAR's Family Support Group and community resources.

Minimum age: 18

**Time commitment:** Two shifts a month on a Saturday or a Sunday; each shift is about two hours long.

**Keyboarding Instructors:** Keyboarding instructors help inmates at the Fairfax County's Adult Detention Center to gain confidence and speed using a computer keyboard. Through guided software keyboarding instructors strive to provide the class participants with a skill that will increase their chances of securing employment.

Minimum age: 21

**Time commitment:** 3 hours a week.

**Loudoun County Life Skills Facilitator:** The volunteer facilitator provides inmates who are close to release from the Loudoun County Work Release Center with the tools necessary to manage a budget, to develop healthy living habits, and to make good decisions. Communication and employment readiness are also an integral part of the curriculum.

Minimum Age: 21

**Time commitment: 3 hours a week on Monday evenings**

**Re-entry Program Assistant:** Virginia's Serious and Violent Offender Re-entry Program is a collaborative post release effort to assist clients who are at the greatest risk of re-offending. The program is designed to address the complex issues resulting from long-term incarceration. The Re-entry Program Assistant lends administrative support to a professional transition team comprised of local service providers and staff from the Virginia Department of Corrections.

**Minimum Age:** 21

**Time commitment:** 4 hours a week

**Shoplifting Prevention Program Facilitator:** As an alternative to incarceration, clients with theft-related charges participating in OAR's Alternative Sentencing Program are assigned to classes in OAR's Shoplifting Prevention Program. Volunteers are needed to facilitate these classes. The goal of the program is to help class participants recognize that their actions are harmful to society, as well as themselves, to challenge the clients' beliefs, and to encourage behavior modification.

**Minimum Age:** 18

**Time commitment:** 4 hours per class as needed

**Volunteer Facilitators:** OAR volunteers instruct classes for inmates in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and the Alternative Incarceration Branch. The classes are designed to help inmates develop the coping mechanisms and skills necessary to return to the community as productive citizens. Volunteers provide educational materials which include employment preparation, dealing with anger, budgeting, and parenting. Volunteers also facilitate a basic computer course. Teaching certification is not required to facilitate these classes.

**Minimum Age:** 21

**Time commitment:** 3 hours a week

**Is Training Provided?**

Yes. Volunteers attend an initial two-hour orientation session designed to educate volunteers to become fully functioning members of the OAR team. Volunteers also receive individual training based on the volunteer task they have selected. Those volunteers whose responsibilities require access to the Adult Detention Center will attend a half-day training conducted by the Fairfax County Sheriff's office. In addition, volunteers are encouraged to attend regularly held Continuing Education sessions on topics such as:

Effective communication

Gang awareness

Understanding the probation and parole system.

Understanding institutionalization

Respecting confidentiality and client boundaries

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