RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: A SOLID RETURN ON OHIO’S INVESTMENT

INVESTING IN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACROSS OHIO

- OCCA’s 10 member agencies operate 38 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation licensed halfway houses and five community based correctional facilities (CBCFs) throughout Ohio.
- All substance use disorder programs are certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- These facilities are critical components of the criminal justice continuum as they provide both a residential reentry option for those leaving prison and a residential alternative to prison or jail for sentencing judges across the state.
- Halfway houses and CBCFs assess the risks and needs of EVERY individual and deliver tailored evidence-based programming that the research shows reduces recidivism in a structured, secure environment.

INVESTING IN PROGRAMMING THAT WORKS

- Programming is cognitive behavioral based and focuses on criminal thinking and behavior.
- Employment specialists provide training in the skills to maintain employment and aid in the job search. Many of our clients experience their first success at finding and holding gainful employment during their time at the halfway house.
- Halfway houses serve on the front line of the opiate crisis and provide substance use disorder treatment to 80.5% of participants.
- Halfway Houses (HWH) are working! 81.6% of successful completers have no new felony conviction within 2 years of program completion.

INVESTING IN BUILDING PRODUCTIVE OHIOANS

Community corrections residents are accepting accountability and beginning the journey to productive lives. Residential program participants:

- Paid $217,509 in Court Costs/Fines and Restitution and $115,852 in Child Support;
- Earned $9,360,794 in Income/Wages and paid $936,080 in Taxes
- Contributed 289,759 hours of Community Service with an estimated value to local communities of over $6,713,417 million; and
- Transitional Control offenders in a halfway house also submitted up to 25% of gross earnings to DRC to help defray program costs, resulting in an estimated $1,418,623 contribution toward the cost of their participation.

A WISE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC DOLLARS

- The cost to incarcerate Felony 3, Felony 4, and Felony 5 offenders in prison is $34,614 per offender; the cost for a halfway house placement is $6,954 and $10,179 in a CBCF.
- Residential Community Corrections is a wise investment. Treatment is delivered at lower costs and more effectively than in prisons.
- Lower recidivism rates result in safer, healthier communities and permanent reductions in the over crowded prison system. Each individual who goes on to live a law abiding, productive life also represents a long term reduction in prison spending.