# PATHWAY OF CHANGE FOR THE INCARCERATED VETERAN

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### **AGENDA**

ODRC - Office of Reentry Incarcerated Veterans Population - ODRC Services, programs and support system for those veterans entering into Criminal Justice System Release Planning Process Collaborations with Public and VA to enhance support and services for Veterans



### INTRODUCTION

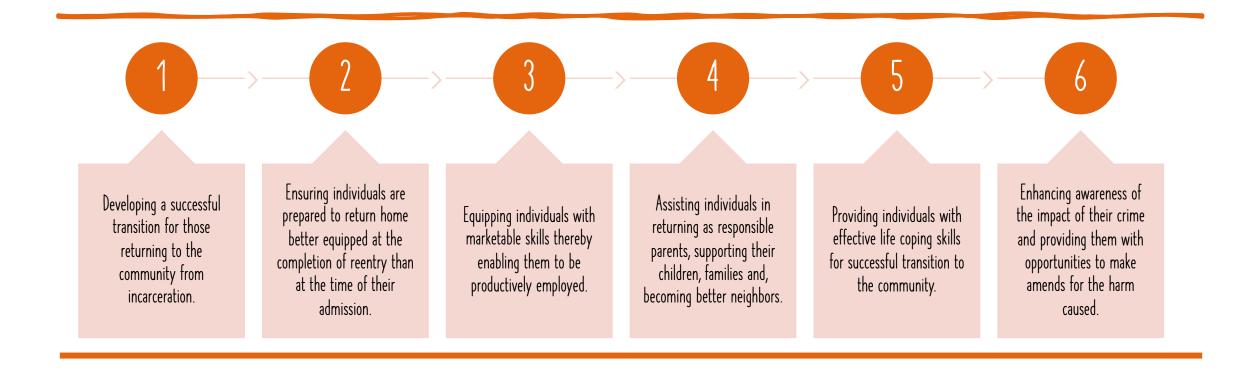
Regardless of the county size, you have individuals coming back to your community, and every county can be active in developing a reentry plan.

The overall goal in the development of any reentry plan is to reduce the recidivism and keep communities safe.

Successful Reentry Planning gives restored citizens opportunities to support themselves through legitimate and productive work, services and programs.

Communities Reentry Plan support a desired vision that ensure that such people, like every other citizen, can find employment, access stable housing, support their children and families, and become active contributors to their communities.

# ODRC OFFICE OF REENTRY GOALS



### ODRC - VETERANS POPULATION

- As of November 4, 2021, VRSS data exchange there is 2,582 currently incarcerated within the 43,193 ODRC population
  - National View: (U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program, Bureau of Justice Statistics, March 2021, NCJ 252646)
    - An estimated 107,400 veterans were serving time in state or federal prison in 2016, estimated 28,900 were combat veterans, 11,800 of whom served in the Vietnam War, about a quarter (25,400) of all male veterans in prison were serving time for a violent sexual offense
  - ODRC View: (Data pulled from VRSS and agency reports)
    - The incarcerated veteran's number is 5.97% of ODRC population as of 11/2/21
- Not all Veterans incarcerated in ODRC are eligible for all VA Services
- VRSS data report allows the VA Reentry Specialist to meet with Veterans at Reception
- Veterans Population needs at release:
  - Clothing, Hygiene Items, Phones, Technology, Technological Support, Income, Housing, Mentoring, Medical, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

# THE PATH OF 2 RESTORED VETERANS

Guest Veterans:

Edward Green

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# VA SUPPORT IN PLANNING FOR RELEASE

- Develop trust and rapport with Veterans and ODRC staff
- Follow through on what you say you will do
- Subject matter experts for VHA and VBA questions
- Complete screening assessments to identify individual needs and benefits
- Link Veterans with needed appointments and services upon release
- Post-release follow up
- Continued needs: video conferencing within ODRC, jpay or kite access



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