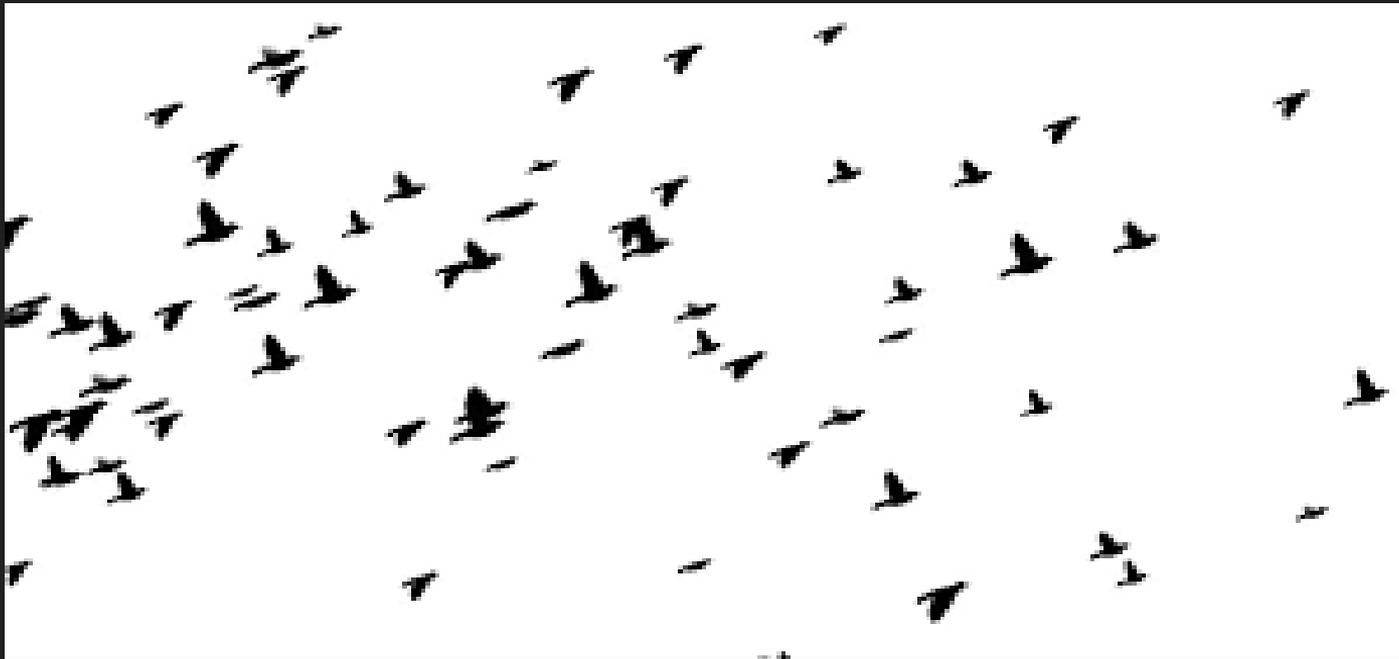


Orange County LRC

Highlights and Updates



“Love is the only way to grasp another human being in the innermost core of his personality. No one can become fully aware of the essence of another human being unless he loves him. By his love he is enabled to see the essential traits and features of the beloved person; and even more, he sees that which is potential in him, which is not yet actualized but yet ought to be actualized. Furthermore, by his love, the loving person enables the beloved person to actualize these potentialities. By making him aware of what he can be and of what he should become, he makes these potentialities come true....”

-Viktor Frankl *A Man's Search for Meaning*

Our clients

For the fiscal year of 2019-2020, the Orange County Local Reentry Council enrolled:

(54) formerly incarcerated individuals onto the LRC caseload.

(45) of the participants identify as **male**

(9) identify as **female**

(29) identify as **African American**

(21) identify as **Caucasian**

(3) identify as **Mixed Race**

(0) identifies as **Native American**

(1) identifies as **Latino**

Here are some of their stories....



Ira came home November of 2019. This year will mark a year of sobriety! In addition to that year's time, Ira reached out to the LRC as a self referral in March of 2020, just as COVID-19 struck. Ira had lost his job and needed help maintaining his rent at an Oxford House. The LRC was able to complete an application for Emergency Housing funds to help Ira maintain housing stability. Having this need met helped Ira concentrate on securing another job, saving and buying a car for transportation and as of September 5, 2020, Ira transitioned from an Oxford House to his very own permanent housing!

Michelle came to the LRC through a community referral. At the time, Michelle was homeless and sleeping in her car. Michelle was not only seeking assistance obtaining housing but guidance to understand budgeting practices to more effectively utilize her SSI income. The LRC coordinated efforts with Stepping Up to enroll her in employment training and connected her to the Literacy Council so she could continue working on her GED. Michelle continues to work with Stepping Up and the Literacy Council. She is on the HOME list for permanent housing assistance while maintaining a room at a local shelter and has applied to the Chapel Hill Debt Fund to clear up outstanding traffic ticket fees.





Winston was another community referral. Winston's entire life has been woven with CJ involvement and substance use. Winston came to the LRC in March 2020 and was in need of MH and SA support. He was experiencing homelessness and sleeping on a friend's couch with no access to food, clothing, medication, or transportation. With the help of many community resources the LRC was able to help Winston secure SSI/Disability benefits, connect with the ADA Reentry services to secure private temporary housing, assess Cardinal grant funds to obtain consistent financial support to pay for medications, food and basic needs. Winston has not missed one court appearance for past related justice involvement and has maintained his sobriety since his last release.

“I was thinking about how much my life has changed. How reality took over and how proud I am of myself. This is my journey. I am learning to understand that this life is a marathon not a race”.



When Jessica came to the LRC she was experiencing homelessness and a myriad of reentry challenges.

The LRC with referrals to community resources have helped Jessica obtain permanent housing, secure a laptop and equipment to secure online employment, access to educational opportunity to pursue her goal of becoming a PSS, and certificate of relief through the CJRD Legal Restoration Council.



Meet Albert and his daughter Love. Albert came to the LRC determined and steadfast in his search for permanent housing. His reason for his tenacious housing search? A place for his daughter to call home. A place for her to visit, eat dinner and spend the night with daddy. Obtaining housing with a criminal record is more than just difficult, sometimes it is next to impossible. No after no after no, Albert was rejected for housing until a private landlord was willing to give him a chance. With the help of Orange County emergency housing and LRC funds Albert was able to pay for an application fee, security deposit, first month rent and an additional three months rent to get him set up. The financial support and Albert's full time work schedule has afforded him a place to call home for himself and little Love.



Artwork by Love---Driving to Daddy's new house

Imagine coming home from prison and the many challenges one may face.

Now, imagine being 87 years old and facing those challenges.

Garland came to the LRC in March of 2020 as an early release due to COVID 19. Since his release he has faced insurmountable challenges. Thankfully with the additional support of many community resources such as FIT, CJRD funding access, CPCA CARES, and ADA Reentry Services Garland's reentry has been a bit more bearable. The LRC has been able to help Garland navigate housing access, rehabilitation services, food and basic needs, and mentorship. Garland is currently recovering from two surgeries on his neck and lower back. The LRC, CJRD interns and housing specialists are trying to relieve stress during this time by searching for permanent, assisted living.



How are we strengthening the LRC?

1. continue to streamline the referral and intake process
2. strengthen case note management and data entry operations
3. LRC staff will continue to engage professional development education, such as, trauma informed care practices and racial equity training for best practices for direct client services
4. LRC staff will collaborate with local community members to develop support circles for those coming home from prison; insulating returning citizens with community support to further aide in successful reentry.
5. COVID-19 and the guidelines needed to protect from the transmission of the virus have presented major challenges in client deliverables. Nonetheless, LRC staff will continue to develop and deploy strategies to welcome returning citizens home.

How can community partners and stakeholders help?

- Make a client referral
- Spread the word of housing and employment needs
 - Private landlords
 - Private employers
- Money matters
 - Do you know anyone who is looking to give?
 - Financial contributions can help with:
 - Clothing
 - Work supplies
 - Temporary housing
 - Transportation support
 - Educational access
 - Basic needs

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