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Cumberland County to Hold Adult Re-entry Program Training Next Week

Cumberland County, Pa. – Positive peer relationships can make the difference for offenders transitioning from prison back to life in the community. Proper reentry is vital in reducing recidivism rates for individuals who have been incarcerated. The Cumberland County Adult Probation Office is seeking volunteers willing to give their time, talents and support to inmates and ex-offenders who are making this transition.

The Cumberland County Adult Re-entry Program (CCARP) aims to successfully return these individuals to the community, in an effort to reduce recidivism rates and promote safer communities. **A training session for the program will be Monday, January 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor of the Cumberland County Courthouse.** Anyone interested in becoming a mentor is invited to attend.

Nearly two-thirds of released prisoners will recidivate within five years of their release, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics. Many offenders entering the community struggle with substance abuse, lack of adequate education and job skills, limited housing options, as well as mental health issues. The CCARP program works to reduce recidivism statistics by empowering ex-offenders to be self-sufficient, lessening the burden on local communities.

The program services encompass several areas within an offender's life, in order to help him/her become a law-abiding citizen. Securing housing and employment, obtaining official identification, drug and alcohol counseling, and reconnecting with family are all important parts of reentry.

Community volunteers are needed to provide positive, constructive peer relationships for offenders, to help them succeed in all aspects of life. To learn more about the Cumberland County Adult Re-entry Program or how to become a volunteer, visit www.ccpa.net/adultprobation or contact Ashley Rohm at (717) 601-0543 or CCARProgram@gmail.com.

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