



CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Adult ReEntry Program

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Help Give Ex-Offenders a Second Chance Through the Adult ReEntry Program

Carlisle, PA – Volunteers are needed to help ex-offenders who are making the transition from prison back to a successful life in the community, through the Cumberland County Adult Reentry Program (CCARP). CCARP works to reduce recidivism rates and promote safer communities.

CCARP is looking for volunteers within the community to mentor ex-offenders to provide constructive peer relationships that offer positive reinforcements for offenders to help them succeed in all aspects of their life. Mentoring has become a key component in providing pre-release and re-entry support services by assisting individuals to secure housing and employment, obtain official identification, comply with drug and alcohol counseling, and reconnect with family.

“Positive peer relationships can make the difference for offenders who are transitioning from prison back to life in the community,” said Ashley Rohm, reentry coordinator. “Proper reentry is vital in reducing recidivism rates for individuals who have been incarcerated.”

An informational session to learn more about the program is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 28 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor of the Cumberland County Courthouse, for interested volunteers. If mentors are interested, training will be held the following Thursday, March 7, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the same location.

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.

Learn more about CCARP and how to become a volunteer, contact Ashley Rohm at 717.240.6522 or arohm@ccpa.net.

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