



Reentry Community News



Hopewell Health Center Sandy Sickles Clinic Director and Amanda Ailiff Jail liaison are active members of The Reentry Task Force. Hopewell Health Centers provides a wide range of substance misuse services tied into helping people in the reentry and recovery community. In addition to all of their regular outpatient services, programs like SAMI (Substance Abusing Mentally Ill) Court helps with jail diversion for dual diagnosis adults. Medication assisted treatment and home based services keep evolving to provide more options to individuals and families in need. Their programming is designed to provide participants with key wraparound services for better long term success. Hopewell also works closely with first responders like the Sheriff's Department as part of a Rapid Response Team to address Opioid/Substance Misuse by providing contact within the first 24 hours of a referral. We applaud the wonderful staff at Hopewell Health Centers and all of the great services that they provide to our communities.

Ohio University Sociology Master's intern

My name is Kathleen (Katie) Geyer and I am currently working on a master's degree in Sociology with a plan to graduate in May of 2019. In the past, I went to Otterbein University where I received my bachelor's



in Psychology and Criminology. In addition, I was an intern for the Alvis halfway house non-profit. They have houses in Columbus, Chillicothe, and Toledo. I am currently completing a paper about rural prisoner reentry and how people who reenter into rural areas often have a different set of struggles when compared to their urban counterparts. In general, I believe that the world is stacked against people who have been convicted of a felony, and that under the current system it is very hard for them to "successfully" reenter into society. We as a community need to do more to help alleviate some of these struggles by supporting treatment for substance abuse, by hiring people with felony convictions, and/or creating more opportunities and resources to help formerly incarcerated individuals with services like housing and transportation. Katie completed her internship with the Reentry Program and gained valuable information meeting and talking with some of our returning citizens. We wish you much luck Katie with all of your future adventures.



Athens HOPE (Halting Opioid Abuse through Prevention and Education) members pictured Shawn Stover, Brittany Jarvis and LeeAnn Brooks were invited to attend and display information at the Federal Valley Resource Center Stewart Health Fair on March 28th, 2019. There were many health care related organizations from around the region promoting wellness and their services. This was a great opportunity to educate community members and providers about community resources and contact information.

On February 28th 2019 Phi Alpha Delta Pre law Fraternity at Ohio University made another significant donation. Hanna Stepanic and Amal Afyouni delivered the items to Reentry Coordinator Shawn Stover. The hygiene/clothes packs have been so well received by our returning citizen's. The Athens Reentry Program and Amal from the Pre Law Fraternity were also interviewed and featured on WOUB radio for their efforts to help people coming out of incarceration. We have had a long standing relationship with OU's Phi Alpha Delta and I refer to them as our reentry donation champions for all they have done over the past years.

Pre Law members also organized a fundraiser with DP dough on March 26th, 2019 where \$1 was donated for each purchase made when PAD was mentioned.

On another related note when Kate Enger from the Diversion Program was hanging flyers for the fundraiser several of her co-workers made donations and she was able to bring some snack/food items to the Reentry Program for people in need.



NEXT REENTRY TASK FORCE MEETING INFORMATION

The next task force meeting will be on May 20th, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Athens County Job and Family Services County Home Office (13183 St Rt. 13 Millfield, Ohio 45761) in the 2nd floor conference room. See you there!

This newsletter was initially established January 2017 by Erin Phillips previous AmeriCorps Vista through Appalachian Center For Economic Networks (ACENet) and is currently edited and maintained by Athens Reentry Taskforce Chairperson Shawn Stover released on May 2nd 2019.