

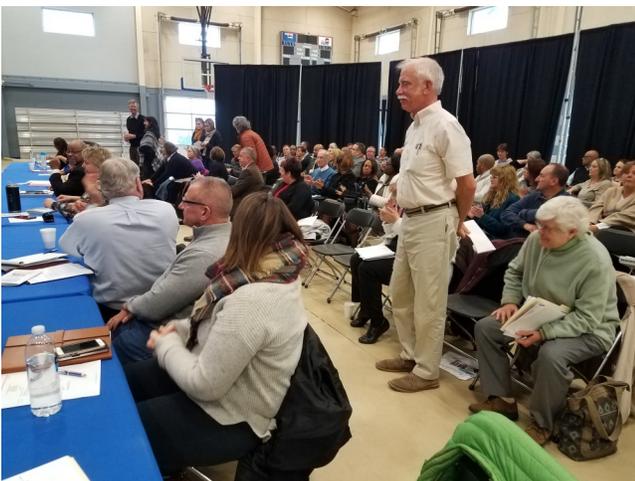


## Ohio Ex-Offenders Reentry Coalition Event



Many thanks to Hocking College and Angela Lee for helping to organize and Nate to arrange the venue for the Ohio Ex- Offenders Quarterly Reentry Coalition meeting on December 12, 2018. There were many Ohio DRC and state officials in attendance as well as local members of the Athens Reentry Task Force. Mike Davis (pictured left) Chief Office of Reentry and Enterprise Development with Ohio DRC gave the welcoming remarks followed by Angela Lee of Hocking College. This event gave our area the opportunity to discuss some of the programming in relation to helping our returning citizens have a better chance for success. There are so many key organizations and individuals in our area that play a major role in helping people in reentry, recovery and poverty. Thanks to Jay Forshey ODRC SE Ohio Regional Reentry Coordinator for reaching out and giving Athens the opportunity to host the event . Below is a picture of some of those in attendance and a few of our task force members were also acknowledged. Lets keep up the great work. (Pictures compliments of Crystal Howard Athens JFS Community Relations Coordinator)

Shawn Stover—Athens Reentry Task Force Chairperson



### NEXT ATHENS REENTRY TASK FORCE MEETING INFORMATION

The next task force meeting will be on January 28th, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Athens County Job and Family Services County Home Office (13183 St Rt. 13 Millfield, Ohio 45761)



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Shawn Stover Athens Reentry Task Force Chairperson and Reentry Coordinator talks about the importance of community involvement with Reentry and Recovery individuals. He gave much thanks to all of those people and organizations in our community who make a difference every day for our returning citizens. We have made so much progress working together.



Jack Frech Retired Job and Family Service Director talks about the beginnings of the Athens Reentry Task Force and Program. He stressed the importance of helping people returning to our communities from prison who also struggle with poverty and gaining employment.



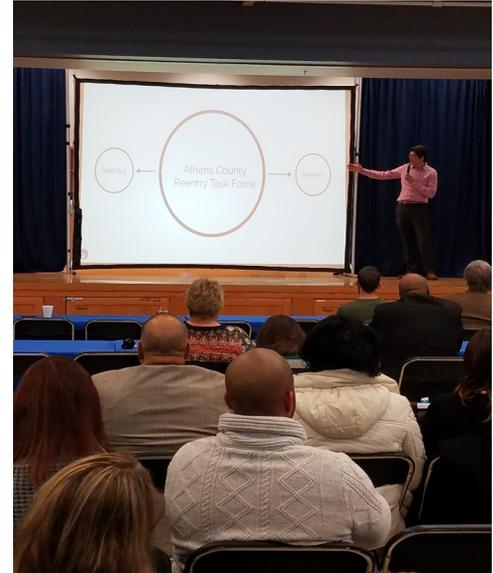
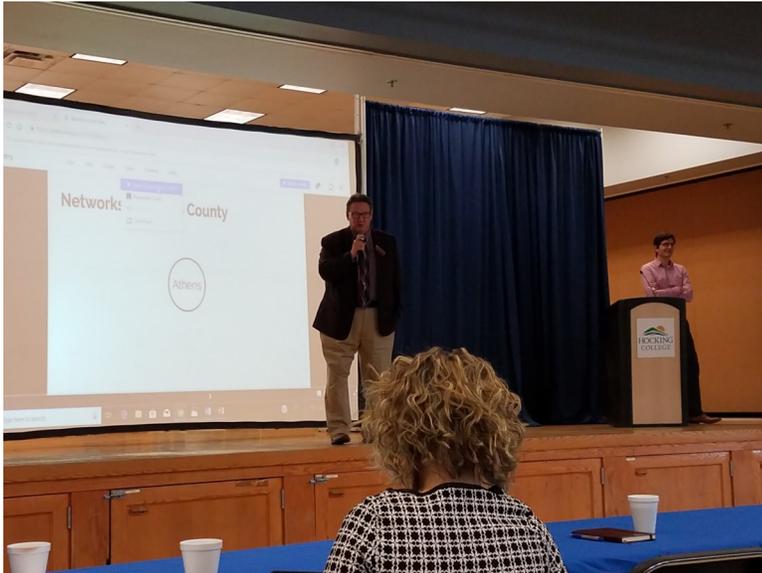
Bryan Darst Peer Mentor for Integrated Services talked about his past and how he was given encouragement and support through many programs in Athens County to turn his life around and become a positive role model for others. He is a true champion in the recovery community and was also featured in a local TEDx event (pictured above). Listen to his story at Bryan Darst TEDx.



Keller Blackburn Athens County Prosecutor discussed the Vivitrol Program and some of the history of his office taking a more treatment oriented approach over incarceration. The Vivitrol Program has made many positive changes in peoples lives and allowed them to work on their life goals through their recovery process. Keller has a wonderful and caring staff.



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ACenet's (Appalachian Center For Economic Networks) Larry Fisher and Kyle Verge gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation defining the relationships of organizations in our community and connecting current area programming with creative employment or training options. Larry expressed the need for expanded community involvement and working together on common goals to help our returning citizens. ACenet would also like to expand this Reentry concept into the surrounding SE Ohio Counties in order to serve a larger population.



Tom Hutter ODJFS discusses the Restored Citizens Program resume access- See attachment for details.



Jay Forshey introduces Misty Cromwell RCN Chairperson to talk about the honor of being the Muskingum County Restored Citizens Network Grant Recipient.