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# President's Message

By: Mike Randle, OJACC President

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the OJACC Board of Trustees, I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous 2023.

This past October, we held our 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Columbus. Over 380 people attended the conference and were able to participate in a number of workshops covering a myriad of topics related to the work they do in the field of



Mike Randle, Executive V. P. of Operations, Oriana House, Inc.

criminal justice. This was the first conference where OJACC honored the memory and life of Dr. Ed Latessa by instituting the first annual Dr. Ed Latessa Tribute Presentation, which was awarded to Dr. Brian Lovins.

Based on the participant's evaluations from the conference, the workshops and plenary speakers were rated very high overall, as were the format, schedule, and activities associated with the conference. We would like to thank our conference exhibitors listed in the conference article for partnering with OJACC to make the conference a success. We would also like to extend a special thanks to ODRC for cosponsoring the conference. We also greatly appreciate our conference committee members for everything they did to plan, promote, and coordinate the conference.

In December, OJACC issued its first formal proclamation in recognition of Judge John M. Durkin's 25 years overseeing the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court. In 1997 Judge Durkin started the Drug Court with a focus on treatment rather than incarceration, incorporating other wrap-around services that address the multi-faceted needs individuals face in their recovery journey. The court is Ohio's longest-running specialty docket presided over by a single judge. OJACC member Phil Nunes presented Judge Durkin with the proclamation at the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on December 14. Congratulations, Judge Durkin!

We look forward to working with all of our member organizations and continuing to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety.

Thank you for the important work you do.

### **Submissions:**

The OJACC Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections. Subscription is free to all members.

The OJACC Newsletter encourages submission of articles relating to community corrections. Articles must be relatively brief, and OJACC reserves the right to edit articles for space considerations and to select which articles to publish.

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# Mahoning County Felony Drug Court Celebrates Anniversary

In one of her last official acts before retiring, Ohio's Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor traveled to Youngstown, Ohio, to pay tribute to the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court, presided over by the Honorable John M. Durkin, calling it one of the best examples of 'community.' "People coming together, selflessly, to support one member of the



community and, by doing so, strengthening the entire community."

Judge Durkin is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> year overseeing the Court, making it the long-est-running specialized docket in the state presided over by the same judge. Despite the accolades now, however, Judge Durkin admits the early days of these "specialized dockets" or alternative courts, which provide offenders to address specific populations opportunities to obtain treatment as an alternative to incarceration, were met with opposition and uncertainty. However, after working as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and the attorney for the Children's Services Board, he recognized that he was seeing many of the same people, then their children, coming in and out of services of agencies, courts, and incarceration that were not effectively addressing the issues that led to substance use, violence, and other crimes.

Over 1300 individuals have been through the Felony Drug court, which has a 60% graduation rate, with 91% of those graduates not returning to the justice system. The Court has partnered with numerous social service and treatment agencies, community-based corrections, as well as law enforcement, the Adult Parole Authority, the Prosecutor, and the County Defense Bar, which are represented on his treatment team.

Along with Chief Justice O'Connor, Youngstown Municipal Court Drug Court Judge Carla Baldwin spoke of the guidance Judge Durkin has provided her as she builds both her Drug Court and Veterans' Court, and among other speakers, Phil Nunes, past president of the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections presented the Judge with a proclamation commending his ongoing efforts to impact the community through his ongoing identification of those issues impacting individuals and their families.

# Save the Date

OJACC 36th Annual Conference
October 12 & 13, 2023
Crowne Plaza Hotel North in Columbus, Ohio



# **Celebrating Second Chances:**

# Alvis Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Columbus is a community that cares about safety, second chances, and success for all of its residents. Leaders from multiple sectors of Central Ohio came together on Thursday, December 1, 2022, to cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of a \$25-million expansion to Alvis' Alum Creek Residential Reentry Program.

The two-story expansion is about three times larger than the original Alum Creek building. Men in the original Alum Creek building, along with men from the program formerly housed at the downtown Columbus YMCA will move into the expansion area. The original Alum Creek building will be renovated to serve women so that women living in three turn-of-the-century Victorian homes on Bryden Road will be able to move into the renovated area in the summer of 2023.

The expanded and renovated facility will have a total capacity of 350 clients at a time. The two buildings will be connected by a breezeway that will house a structured recreation area and separate dining rooms for men and women.

## Additional improvements include:

- Enhanced program implementation to support successful reentry with more room for individual and group counseling sessions
- Onsite medical, visual, and dental services provided by PrimaryOne Health
- Maximized program operations, with fewer staff to manage and operate programs, resulting in an estimated cost savings of approximately \$400,000 per year.

The expansion and renovation project is being funded by capital investments from Franklin County and the City of Columbus, a \$6 million capital campaign, bank financing, and bonds.

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# Felony Sentencing in Ohio: Then, Now, and Now What? Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup DRAFT Report & Recommendations presented to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission December 15, 2022

### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The full Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission met on December 15, 2022. At the meeting, Reginald Wilkinson, EdD, and Judge Robert Nichols addressed the Commission regarding the work of the Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup and the smaller Crafting Committee. The Workgroup began meeting in January of this year.

The group met consistently throughout the year and has completed its draft version of the Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup Report & Recommendations. The draft report was circulated to members of the Commission prior to the meeting, and the recommendations contained in the draft report were presented to the Commission during the meeting.

The Commission has published the draft report for public viewing online. Interested groups are encouraged to send comments to the Commission – submissions should be emailed to Sara.Andrews@sc.ohio.gov. Public comment will be accepted until February 1, 2023. The Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup and Crafting Committees will reconvene after the close of the public comment period and will consider the submissions. The draft report may be adjusted after these meetings, and an updated draft report will be presented to the full Commission at the first full meeting on March 16, 2023.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – DRAFT REPORT**

On the 25th anniversary of the passage of Senate Bill 2 (SB 2), the "Truth in Sentencing" bill, the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission conducted a roundtable discussion led by Reginald Wilkinson, EdD. This roundtable discussion prompted the creation of an ad hoc group, Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup (Workgroup). The goal of the workgroup was to examine the sentencing system in Ohio and develop recommendations to improve the clarity and reduce the complexity of felony sentencing. After the Workgroup met for over the course of a year, a crafting or drafting Committee met several times to develop recommendations to the Workgroup and the Commission. The Workgroup studied rehabilitative, retributive, restorative, and therapeutic sentencing and reached a consensus that a modified and modernized rehabilitative model, utilizing indeterminate sentences, probation, and parole would best promote the objectives of the purposes and principles of sentencing. And, consequently, developed recommendations consistent with the Commission's vision to enhance justice and its mission to ensure fair sentencing in the State of Ohio:

- 1. Establish a modified and modernized rehabilitative model of criminal sentencing.
- 2. Seriousness and recidivism factors, contained in R.C. 2929.123, to be weighted to provide context and distinction to sentences.
- 3. Expand indeterminate sentencing to apply to felonies of the third degree and eliminate the bifurcated structure of felonies of the third degree.
- 4. Implement a definite minimum time that a prisoner must serve before release options become available.

- 5. Modify consecutive sentence statutes to provide proportionality more effectively between similarly situated offenders.
- 6. Expand the responsibility of the parole system to implement the proposed indeterminate model of sentencing.
- 7. Support the Commission's efforts to promote the adoption of uniform entry templates.
- 8. Standardize Presentence Investigation Reports.
- 9. Reorganize and simplify criminal statutes.
- 10. Authorize an existing agency or create one to act as a clearing house for professional notifications.
- 11. Expand the use of, and resources for, prosecutor diversion programs and specialized dockets.
- 12. The drug epidemic in Ohio needs special attention to ultimately address a solution

Link to full draft report: https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/Boards/Sentencing/Materials/2022/ December/SentencingRoundtableReport.pdf



# OJACC Hosts 35th Annual Conference

The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) held its 35th annual conference: "At a Crossroad of System Change and Innovation," at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North in Columbus, Ohio, on October 13th and 14th, 2022.

We were pleased to have Dr. Brian Lovins from Justice System Partners open the conference Thursday morning with a session on Coaching Network for Change: Why a Coaching Model Might Just Change the Face of Community Corrections. Dr. Lovins addresses how we can improve outcomes with those we supervise by taking on the role of the coach instead of a referee. Referees monitor the rules, observe compliance, and issue penalties. Coaches are invested in the success of players and inspire and teach people to improve. Taking on a coaching philosophy might just change the face of community corrections.

Dr. Lovins was also the first recipient of the Dr. Ed Latessa Tribute Presentation. Dr. Latessa has been a friend to OJACC throughout our history, and we felt it important to honor him in a meaningful way. Each year a session will be highlighted that focuses on the work of Dr. Latessa and what we learned from him. It only made sense that the first recipient would be Dr. Lovins as a student, mentee, and friend of Dr. Latessa.

Thursday afternoon, James Henderson, a national presenter on the topic of domestic violence, presented When Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Co-Exist: A Systems Perspective on Accountability. In his presentation, Mr. Henderson addressed the research around alcohol use and violence and many questions related to this topic.

In the closing session, Karen Vadino used a humorous approach to make us all think about stress in our lives, how it affects us, and healthy ways to manage it.

A juvenile track of workshops took a hard look at gun violence in youths and methods being used to mitigate that violence. These sessions, as well as many other workshops intended to improve the work we do in community corrections, were very well received by participants.

Thank you to our conference committee, who worked very diligently to provide a highly informative conference. Special thanks to ODRC for co-sponsoring the conference.

Thanks also to our exhibitors/sponsors who help to keep our conference registration rates low for participants and provide valuable information on products and services in efforts to help improve community corrections services.

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Please mark your calendar for the 2023 OJACC Conference to be held on October 12th and 13th, 2023.



OJACC President, Mike Randle



Dr. Brian Lovins



Senator Nathan Manning and OJACC Vice President Linda Janes



Karen Vadino

# Dr. Ed Latessa Tribute Presentation OJACC 2022 Conference Recipient: Dr. Brian Lovins



Dr. Ed Latessa challenged us, he taught us with great patience until we understood, he was a friend and he transformed the field of community corrections.

Ed: "I have dedicated most of my career to trying to improve programs, trying to make us a little more effective. I am happy if I can get one program, make it more effective, and change a few peoples' lives. Many times the difference between us and the people that are incarcerated is a very small, thin line. It's important that we understand that they are human beings, they are citizens, they are our neighbors that are incarcerated. It's important to work hard to see that what we know works its way into the field."

## OJACC 2022 Achievement Awards Presented at Annual Conference

OJACC is honored to recognize individuals each year at the annual conference who have shown dedication to the improvement of community corrections. The 2022 OJACC Achievement Award recipients are identified below, along with comments from their nominators.

Senator Nathan Manning received the Representative C.J. McLin Award, which is presented to an elected official in Ohio who has worked towards the improvement of community corrections.

Nomination information: Senator Nathan Manning has been instrumental in driving reform of criminal justice in the state of Ohio through his work on the Ohio Recodification Committee and in his role as both Chairman of the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee and the Ohio Senate Finance Committee. In his past legislative work, Senator Manning sought to utilize his work on the Ohio Recodification Committee to enact many overdue changes needed to the Ohio Revised Code. Senator Manning's passion has had a profound impact on criminal justice in Ohio and his insight into needed changes remain a core focus of his leadership as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.



Senator Manning has also been a vital supporter of community corrections, whether it be to provide alternative services to people in lieu of jail or prison or to divert people from an already overburdened prison system. In 2021, Senator Manning participated in the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) virtual legislative reception. During Senator Manning's remarks, he referred to OJACC's Platform Paper and impressed those in attendance with his knowledge, and acknowledged many of the areas needing additional legislative changes.

Senator Manning is a true leader in every sense of the word and looks for ways to back up his vision through action. OJACC is very appreciative of Senator Manning's commitment to a more just and effective criminal justice system in Ohio which emulates the CJ McLin Award's intent.

Senator Nathan Manning is serving his first term in the Ohio Senate, representing the people of the 13th Senate District, which includes Huron and Lorain counties. He joined the Senate after serving two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives. He also previously served as a prosecutor for the city of North Ridgeville and currently owns the law firm Manning & Manning in North Ridgeville with his sister, Allison.

After graduating from North Ridgeville High School, Senator Manning received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Denison University and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School.

Christopher Galli, ODRC Bureau of Community Sanctions Assistant Chief, received the *Dr. Bennet J. Cooper Award*, which is presented to a correctional administrator or policymaker who has shown a lifetime commitment to the improvement of community corrections.

Nomination information: Throughout his career, Chris Galli has never wavered from his focus on providing the best services to those in need of our help and services.

As ODRC, Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions, Chris quickly learned the complexities of CCA Programs, Halfway Houses, and Community Based Correctional Facilities funded under his purview of responsibility. During his tenure, he has continually worked to improve program effectiveness. Through his immersion in evidenced-based practices and leading his department to become well-versed in research, he has challenged providers to focus on improving each year. Chris has also been instrumental throughout the pandemic in focusing on working with each provider in Ohio to keep their staff and clients safe and



has been innovative in obtaining and sharing protective equipment with providers throughout the state. He provides strong fiscal leadership that benefits providers while also keeping the taxpayers in mind. Chris makes himself available to providers, probation staff, judges, and other stakeholders and is never afraid to roll up his sleeves to help solve a problem. Community Corrections is better as a result of his efforts. He is to be credited for his leadership and steadfast commitment to our field.

Christopher Galli earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from The Ohio State University in 1994. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Human Services Management from Franklin University Graduate School in 2000. Chris began his career as a resident advisor in the Franklin County Community-Based Correctional Facility. He then worked in the Franklin County Work Release program before joining the Ohio De-

partment of Rehabilitation and Correction as a parole officer. He has worked in a number of roles with the Division of Parole and Community Services in the Department, including sex offender specialist, unit supervisor, and administrative assistant to the APA Regional Administrator before joining the Bureau of Community Sanctions as Assistant Chief in January 2008. He was promoted to Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions in January 2013.

Scott Fulton, Licking County Administrator of Adult Court Services, received the *Dr. Simon Dinitz Award*, which is presented to a community corrections practitioner who has made contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.

Nomination information: For the past 22 years, Scott Fulton has dedicated his life to probation services, serving most recently as Chief Probation Officer for Licking County and currently as the Administrator of Adult Court Services. It is an honor to work with him. His level of commitment to the field and his willingness and ability to help advance all things probation has been impressive. Scott has served on multiple boards and organizations and continues to be an impactful leader in every sense of the word.

Scott has been the Chair of the Licking County Community Corrections Planning Board since being appointed in 2003, and he has been involved in the planning and development of numerous incentives in Licking County, including the Crisis Intervention Team

(CIT), the Licking County Intervention for Treatment (L.I.F.T) Drug Court, the Bridges Out of Poverty Guiding Coalition, and many others. Scott has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets, the Commission on Specialized Dockets, and the Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative. He has also served on the Community Corrections Act (CCA) Standards Committee, Probation Officer Training Standards Committee, and the Bureau of Community Sanctions Grants Workgroup with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Scott serves as the CCA Trustee on the Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association Executive Board. As program director in 2007, Scott led the Licking County Municipal Court Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) to receive the Cliff Skeen Award and was a finalist for the Cliff Skeen Award in 2011. He also received the Art of Recovery Award from the Licking-Knox Mental Health and Recovery Board in 2018.

Scott truly deserves recognition for his work over the years. He has tackled projects big and small with a confident, compassionate determination. His knowledge of probation is well past comprehensive, and he is always willing to mentor newer colleagues. He clearly understands the collaborative nature of our work and is a team player in every sense of the definition.

Kysten Palmore, ODYS Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Reentry, received the *James Wichtman Award*, which is presented to an OJACC Board Member who has shown dedication to the mission of OJACC.

Nomination information: Kysten Palmore led OJACC as president through the uncertainty of the pandemic. Much of how we operated as an association had to change in order to continue with the mission of OJACC. Kysten steered OJACC in the move from in-person to online meetings, trainings, and even a legislative reception and strategic planning retreat—a feat some were not sure could be achieved. She did this with a can-do attitude. The work of OJACC continued without missing a step under her leadership. When OJACC was able to return to an in-person conference in 2021, it was done with concern for the safety of all in attendance and was responsive to the rapidly changing needs of community corrections. Kysten's commitment to pushing forward with the mission of OJACC during these difficult times exemplifies the meaning of the James Wichtman Award.



Beyond Kysten's leadership in OJACC, she serves as the Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Reentry for the ODYS. For the preceding decade, she served as the Reentry Coordinator for the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs, where she was responsible for developing, planning, and coordinating innovative, evidence-based reentry initiatives. Prior to this role, Kysten spent a year volunteering with the ODRC as a researcher and teaching a graduate-level social welfare policy and programs course at The Ohio State University College of Social Work. Kysten has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Capital University and holds the following degrees from The Ohio State University: Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Social Work Administration, and Juris Doctor. She is a graduate of the National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy.

# The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's 2022 Clifford Skeen Awards

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) held the 28th annual Clifford Skeen Awards Ceremony on October 13, 2022, during the annual Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) conference at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus.

This award is given in honor of the late eight-term Ohio Representative Clifford Skeen, who sponsored the Community Correction Act passed by the Ohio Legislature in 1979. The purpose of this act was to reduce the number of non-dangerous offenders being sent to state prisons. Representative Skeen was instrumental in obtaining increased funding for many community corrections initiatives. The Clifford Skeen Award was initiated in 1993 to demonstrate commitment to community corrections as a viable alternative to incarceration.

Ohio is proud of its community corrections programs. The ODRC, in partnership with local corrections agencies, has assisted in developing professional and safe community sanctions. These sanctions allow the offender to be treated in the community while saving scarce prison and jail space for the violent offender.

The selection committee was comprised of former Cliff Skeen Award recipients and a representative from the Bureau of Community Sanctions. The committee recommended the award recipients after conducting individualized interviews of Ohio's top-scoring programs in each category. The panel selected the following programs as the 2022 Clifford Skeen Award recipients:



Halfway House: Community Corrections Association, Inc.



Community-Based Correctional Facility: MonDay Community Correctional Institution



Prison Diversion Program:
Medina County Adult Probation Department



Jail Diversion Program: Clermont Municipal Probation

The Department's vision for community corrections is that of a collaborative and cooperative partnership between state and local agencies. The Clifford Skeen Awards highlight our successes in this vitally important area. The award ceremony is just one opportunity for the Department to recognize local programs for the outstanding work they do on a daily basis to provide alternatives to prison and jails & ensure safe communities.

If you would like additional information about the Clifford Skeen Awards or community correction programs, please contact Chris Galli, Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction at 614-728-9990 or Christopher.Galli@odrc.state.oh.us

# OneOhio Recovery Foundation Ensures Fair Distribution of More Than \$400 Million to Fight the Opioid Crisis Across Ohio

By Kathryn Whittington, Interim Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board

After too many years and too many damaged lives, Ohio leaders have succeeded in holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for their role in the opioid-abuse epidemic by securing \$808 million in a settlement that gives Ohio new resources to help undo the damage and strengthen our state's fight against substance abuse. More than \$400 million from the settlement are set aside for community-based projects in every corner of the state.

With settlement dollars ensured to come to Ohio over 18 years, the responsibility now comes to us to make certain these funds are used wisely—with some set aside for the future and others distributed fairly and effectively into every corner of the state. That's important because the opioid epidemic has never been confined to one place or one group of people. Opioid abuse and other forms of addiction are an undiscriminating, statewide evil that strikes cities, villages, and rural communities of every size and level of income. By any standard of fairness, Ohio's settlement dollars must be available to every community that can use them, regardless of size or status.

After a portion of the settlement funds is set aside for state and local governments, the remaining 55 percent (more than \$440 million) is being administered by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, a private, non-profit, non-government corporation established to ensure equal, transparent and locally driven distribution of settlement dollars for community recovery efforts. Using a private foundation in this way also ensures that the funds cannot be redirected for a different use at a later time.

The 29-member OneOhio Recovery Foundation board, appointed by various state officials as well as leaders from every region of the state, will oversee the process to fairly and efficiently make sure funds are both invested in helping future generations of Ohioans and also shared statewide to support organizations engaged in treatment, prevention and recovery efforts.

Almost every Ohioan has been impacted in their family, neighborhood, or workplace by abuse and addiction. The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is bringing together people from every part of Ohio to work on tackling addiction in communities where its damage is being felt the most. Properly managed, these funds can last as long as Ohio does. Hopefully, however, our work is completed much sooner. Ohio recovers as one. Let's come together as a state in the important work.

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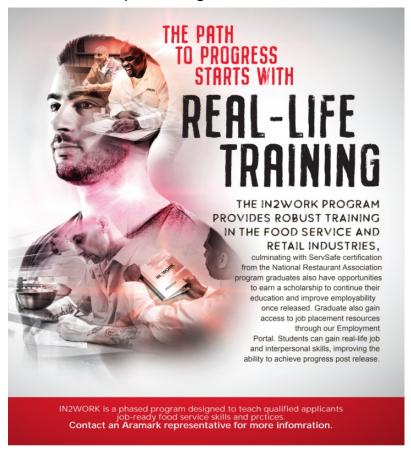
### About the OneOhio Recovery Foundation

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation created under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost, and other state and local leaders, with the mission of advancing Ohio's addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts now and into the future.

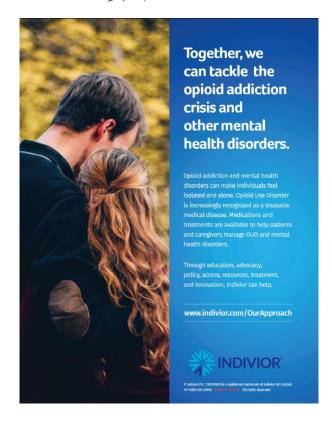
The Foundation is governed by a 29-member board from across Ohio and is funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. Funds support local efforts to prevent and combat addiction and are also invested in supporting those efforts for the long term. Visit OneOhioFoundation.com for more information.



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For over 35 years, OJACC has brought together Ohio's criminal justice stakeholders, including judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, pre-trial and probation officers, law enforcement officials, corrections officials from adult and juvenile systems, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, and victims' representatives to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety. Few other states have achieved this type of umbrella organization which represents Ohio's collaborative efforts that have led to Ohio's place as a leader in Community Corrections.

### Together we:

- Work with state agencies, legislators, and other stakeholders on policy/issues affecting community corrections.
- Hold a biennial board retreat to focus the efforts of the organization and guide our mission.
- Host a biennial legislative reception with OJACC member organizations to educate legislators on issues vital to the improvement of community corrections. OJACC also takes positions throughout the year on pending legislation affecting community corrections and provides input on the development of legislation.
- OJACC's Adult Community Corrections Collaborative, comprised of associations providing state-funded community corrections services, works with the ODRC for the overall improvement of these services and highlights benefits and cost savings of community corrections.
- Hold an annual conference and/or virtual learning opportunities for personal development/networking to educate and inform service providers and stakeholders on issues of importance to community corrections and provide tools to enhance services. Individuals and agencies are also recognized through achievement awards.
- Provide newsletters throughout the year highlighting evidence-based practices, promising practices, and issues important to the field of community corrections.

# Please consider membership in OJACC to help support these efforts. 2023 OJACC Membership Application

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