



The Office of Returning Citizens

The ORC is committed to providing support, empowerment, and a clear path forward, regardless of your past. We believe returning citizens can make meaningful contributions to our community when provided with the tools to succeed. Our team is here to connect you to the supportive resources you need to live independently and flourish.

WHO WE ARE

The Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens (ORC) recognizes the distinct challenges you may encounter while transitioning back to life in Boston after incarceration. We're here to help you take that important first step. Since everyone's journey is different, the ORC is committed to offering individualized support tailored to your needs, helping you build a brighter future.

WHY WORK WITH US



Personalized Support

We understand that each individual's journey is unique. Our tailored approach ensures you receive the specific assistance you need to overcome barriers and achieve your goals.



Experienced Team

Our team is passionate about and dedicated to supporting returning citizens. With lived experience and a deep understanding of the challenges you face, we're here to guide you every step of the way.



Success Stories

We celebrate the achievements of our participants. Join a community of individuals who have successfully broken barriers and are making a positive impact in our community.

Our Services

INDIVIDUALIZED CASE MANAGEMENT

Healthcare

- MassHealth insurance registration
- Primary and mental health care referrals

Education

- GED and Adult Basic Education
- Higher education applications and admissions

Documentation

- Massachusetts Identification Card (MassID)
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card

And More...

- Emergency clothing & food assistance
- Sober living and Single Room Occupancy (SRO)

EMPLOYMENT

- Develop and perfect your resume
- Build your technical and interpersonal skills
- Connect with training opportunities
- Navigate job searches, applications, and more

HOUSING

- Discover budgeting tips for rent and other expenses
- Receive traditional and affordable housing referrals
- Explore other permanent housing options

WORKSHOPS & RESOURCES

- Join workshops on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, credit building, and more
- Participate in CORI sealing and expungement clinics
- Dismantle "functional silos" that impede effective service delivery and restrict community access to vital resources

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