



Once Incarcerated Anonymous Housing Ambassador Program

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We ALL deserve Safe, Secure, Clean and AFFORDABLE Housing.

Yes, even people who have criminal records deserve a home. OIA Properties exist for the sole purpose of providing affordable living communities for formerly incarcerated people (F.I.P) with mental health issues.



Mission Statement

Our purpose is to ensure that Justice Impacted people and families have a **VOICE & POWER** to **END Homelessness and Housing Discrimination** against **F.I.P** (formerly incarcerated people) and Justice Impacted families.

TOGETHER WE CAN SECURE HEALTHY SAFE CLEAN HOUSING FOR JUSTICE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES!!!

Our Founder and Board Chair LaResse Harvey is a 2020 Connecticut Hall of Change Inductee, were her contribution to Connecticut's policy changes, advocacy and programs has influenced the education, healthcare, prison, pardons, and drug laws. Ms. Harvey is an award-winning author for her book: *Buttons' Journey My First Two Years Living with PTSD*, that describes the Sexual Abuse to Prison pipeline for women and girls.

Once INCarcerated Anonymous was founded to address the on-going need for safe, clean, affordable housing for people with criminal records and aide in housing continuity for returning family members.



The F.I.P. Justice Impacted Issues

In CT 25% 875,000 adults have a criminal record. The Clean Slate Bill that recently passed will clear the records of over 300,000 people over the next 3 years (2022-2025). That still leaves approximately 575,000 Adult residents in Danger of being or at risk of becoming Homeless.

My Story – Choice Voucher Returned moved to another state

2011 US Dept of Housing and Urban Development issued a letter to PHAs utilizing ambiguous language like “when appropriate:”. Leaving the choice to individuals who may have biases towards formerly incarcerated people specifically those with violent crimes.

A Mother’s Story – Surrendered Choice Voucher because of 18 yr. old Son

Potential Formerly Incarcerated People, who are between 21 – 50 or Disable (Mental & Physical) or Elderly leaving a correctional facility **WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST** in the Housing industry.

Juanita D. Story – Died- Free in Prison

Thus, PHAs by design contribute to the Homeless population for single individuals without families who have criminal records, including a lack of Assisted Living developments.

Because there isn’t enough single individual housing and staff discriminate using personal biases, although NEW HUD regulations prevent criminal background discrimination: [HUD](#) ‘[Second Chance Housing](#)’ initiative release on April 15, 2022, law October 1, 2022.

NOT EVERYONE GETS A PARDON



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THE BARRIERS FACING FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE & JUSTICE IMPACTED FAMILIES



**NOT EVERYONE
GETS A PARDON**

1. LIMITED AMOUNT OF F.I.P or JUSTICE IMPACTED FRIENDLY LANDLORDS/PROPERTY OWNERS/DEVELOPMENTS
2. Social and Media Bias against Second Chances. ***NO ONE WANTS US AS NEIGHBORS!***
3. Limited Single Bedroom, 1-bed with study/library or 2-bedroom Housing
4. No Care Continuity from Prison to Assisted Living or Nursing Homes, bias.
5. Multiple Stops for Services: Self-help, financial literacy, housing support limited, employment or SSI/SSDI support limited.
6. Choice Voucher **RED TAPE**: To much paperwork for property owners who are not associated with PHAs or Property Managers
7. Choice Vouchers apartment finding time limits too short!
8. Children cannot return home to their Mothers!
9. Limited SUBSIDIZED UNITS in Clean Safe Neighborhoods.
10. No POLICE PROTECTION when WE are the VICTIMS of threats to prison, parole/probation violations, or unlawful evictions.
11. Lack of knowledge or trauma with financial institutions.
12. No plan or limited after prison Goals.
13. Anxiety or Social Disorder post incarceration (*unknown until reentering society*).
14. Others!!!???

ONCE INCARCERATED ANONYMOUS HOUSING AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

4 Organization/Business Collaboration



Transformative Coaching
Path 2 Purpose



Winning Ways

Financial Literacy
Winning Ways



Program & Housing Navigator
Once INCarcerated Anonymous

L & R Industries

Employment & On-the-Job-Training

Commercial Cleaning/ Construction Cleaning/ General Labor/ Interior & Exterior Glass Cleaning

Once INCarcerated Anonymous Ambassador Program

Once INCarcerated Anonymous Housing Ambassador program was developed to recognizing the roots of housing discrimination against people with criminal records; promote Second Chance employment; find solutions to justice impacted homelessness; provide Transformative Coaching, Financial Literacy, Create new Home-Owners and Responsible Renters; and Economic Development to create a community we can feel safe from societal judgement while we reintegrate and raise our children without shame.

Our Solution: Prison or Streets to Homeownership or Responsible Renter



OIHA Program Criteria

Closing the Gap in Services for those who slip threnw the cracks

- I. We are looking for people:
- II. Ages of 21-55.
- III. With or Without Disabilities
- IV. 6-8 months prior to Release: Incarcerated
- V. Anyone in Reentry who is part of a partnering agency/program/sponsorship/grant
 - *You can donate OIA so we can offer FREE Services to qualifying candidates who need temporary support.
 - * Be A Sponsor for someone you know who can benefit from these combine services.





Keith Smith, Jr., founder and lead coach for Path to Purpose a for-profit business. He is passionate about helping young people and Justice Impacted adults from low-income backgrounds combat negative economic and social influences and build positive, productive, and purposeful lives.



Path to Purpose is a tech-enabled transformational coaching practice that provides in-person and online coaching courses, community, and daily motivational video content to help young people and Justice Impacted adults find their purpose, live a positive and productive life.

Path to Purpose's signature 12-week coaching program can be delivered for a group in partnership with nonprofit, education, or government agencies serving at-risk populations and Justice Impacted communities.



Kevin Paulin

Winning Ways is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose focus is to uplift our community while supporting those returning to it. One of the services that we provide are workshops whose focus is to empower and educate. Our flagship program is our financial literacy program.

Financial literacy is an important skill that most can benefit from. The program focuses on enhancing financial knowledge all while acknowledging financial trauma that participants or their peer may have experienced. We always want to address the underlying issues and meet the person where they're at in efforts to provide the best person-centered services.

Our financial literacy program uses lived experience, evidence-based data, and feedback from previous participants to create and develop our curriculum. Facilitators will go over topics such as FICO and credit scores, income and expenses, identity theft, entrepreneurship, and so much more.

Participants will complete expense and budget sheets to get a firm grasp of one's current financial status and how to save and invest income. Participants will complete person-centered financial service plans to identify their goals and provide support to participants during our 6-month follow-up services. We also place a strong emphasis on bridging the gap between underserved communities and local banks. We have been fortunate to have established relationships with local banks throughout the State of Connecticut. Representatives from these financial institutions will not only facilitate a workshop sharing the services they offer but will also sign people up for safe, affordable checking accounts.

For any inquiries about our services, please visit us at our website <https://winningwaysct.org/>



THE WINNING CIRCLE SERIES PRESENTS



FINANCIAL LITERACY SESSIONS!

5-Week, 90 Minute Courses

- Income/Expenses
- Assets/Liabilities
- Credit and FICO
- Entrepreneurship
- Budgeting
- Partnerships with banks!



FOR MORE INFORMATION
▶ WINNINGWAYSCT.ORG



► Once INCarcerated Anonymous is the **Brain Trust** of this program. We are a 501c3 organization working to **END** Formerly Incarcerated People's and **Justice Impacted Families Homelessness**.

► As part of the Ambassador program OIA will manage the program outcomes and yearly reports, work with contracting programs, providers, schedule site times, work partner with economic developers and consultants, and financial institutions providing homeownership programs.

► OIA Inside to Community connect individuals to available housing units and on-job training sites provided by L&R.


► We will be providing Wellness Housing Communal Condos and Houses in the future.

► OIA will conduct monthly check-in meetings with tenants to assess the program, identify participants who need more supportive services, and do home visits twice a year to ensure landlords' and renters' rights are upheld.

► We will pay participants rent for 1-year, while they participate in program up-to \$1,000 = \$12,000 for one year to be paid out in 6-month increments.

► OIA will provide Civic and Justice Advocacy Training



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Anonymous
Prevention + Post-Arrest Strategie



L & R Ind. is a for-profit business that believes in Second Chances.

1. Provide on the job training with Pay

2. Will HIRE all qualifying participants in the following areas:

General Labor, Commercial Cleaning, Construction Cleaning, Turnover, Janitorial Services, Interior and Exterior Window Cleaning

3. Partnership with major construction companies

4. Aide in Land, Houses, Turnover Property: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Arizona & Ohio

To protect contracts, business partners, and aide in various deals. I am not disclosing their logo to protect current and future contracts.

How many Women are Incarcerated @ York, CI?

How many Men are Incarcerated @ Corrigan?

\$249 per day, or \$90,885 a year

CT Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported in March 2022 article.

Unfortunately, No data on cost of or how many are diagnosis Disability or Sever Medical Condition.

- **January 2023 York, CI Total: 722 =**
- **377 – Sentence 338 – Accused 7 FEDs**

377 Whites 52.22%

191 Blacks 26.45%

141 Hispanics 19.53%

6 American Indians .83% 7 Asians .97%

- **January 2023 Corrigan, CI Total: 640 =**
- **264 – Sentence 362 – Accused 14 FEDs**

243 Whites 37.97% 230 Blacks 35.94%

156 Hispanics 24.38%

7 American Indians 1.09% 4 Asians .63%

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Once INCarcerated Anonymous Housing Ambassador Program Cost \$25,000 a year vs. 90,885 a year DOC

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1. P2P - Transformative Coaching \$2,000 per participant
2. Winning Ways - Financial Literacy \$2000 per participant
3. OIA Civic & Justice Advocacy \$2000 per participant
4. L&R Industries - Job Training and Placement
5. OIA Housing and Program Navigator \$5,000
6. 1yr Paid Rent up to \$12,000 year. Six-month check-in determines if OIA continues to pay full or partial payment on Rent. Remainder will go into EMERGENCY HOUSING NEEDS.

Once INCarcerated Anonymous Housing Ambassadors will be mentally, emotionally, and financially equipped to manage their lives, families, finances, and BE Responsible Renters while they save for homeownership. Our Housing Ambassadors become productive, self-sufficient tax-payers.

OIA Housing Ambassador Program – Employed to Renter or Home Ownership \$5,000 - \$12,000 a year

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3. OIA Housing and Program Navigator \$5,000
4. **In the FUTURE:** Stay in one of our Subsidized Apartments or Receive a Choice Voucher,
5. 3 months Paid Rent up to \$3,000 or assistance in navigating Home Ownership with Communal House/Condo: Rent-to-Own or First-Time Homeowner partnering programs.
 - a) Six-month and 1 year check-in assessment.

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How You Can Help End Homelessness for FIPs?

Support Once INCarcerated Anonymous Housing Ambassador Program

1

Contract/MOU with Once INCarcerated Anonymous!

2

Send Once INCarcerated Anonymous a Request to Apply for your Grant!

3

Help US Purchase 5 of 10 properties in the Waterbury area to start!

4

Hold a Funder's Briefing for US!

5

ARE YOU A DEVELOPER? Volunteer to help OIA write and bid for economic development grants. - *OIA is new development nonprofit prefer to work with an expert*

6

Sponsor a Currently or Formerly Incarcerated Person.

7

Donate on www.onceincarceratedanonymous.org OIHA PROGRAM!

8

ADVOCATE for HOUSING POLICIES that supports JUSTICE IMPACTED HOUSING Rights

9

Help Our Program Obtain 100 FIP Choice Vouchers with 6-8-month time **BEFORE** requesting an extension.



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Grateful for Your Support!
OIA Housing Ambassador Program Team

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