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CENTRAL OHIO GROUPS TO CELEBRATE REENTRY WEEK APRIL 26th – 30th

Columbus, OH -- Reentry Week (April 26th – April 30th 2021) was established nationally in 2016 during the Obama Administration as a way to celebrate restored and returning citizens and to promote the necessity of successful reentry strategies. Effective reentry strategies are critical in both the fight against poverty and racial justice. Nationally, over 600,000 persons are released every year.

Central Ohio organizations, individuals, and groups have come together to make [Central Ohio's Reentry Week](#) as impactful and collaborative as possible. The event will host a dozen events over the week spanning a range of topics – **Entrepreneurship, Work, and Housing** (Monday, April 26th), **Finding Our Way** (Tuesday, April 27th), **Juvenile Justice** (Wednesday, April 28th), **Faith, Family, and Relationships** (Thursday, April 29th), and **Policy and Practice** (Friday, April 30th). Each day will also include community “pop-ups,” helping people access ID’s, driver’s license relief, and other critical needs post –release.

The week will also include various events and panel discussions with Columbus City Council members, County Commissioners, local pastors, and formerly incarcerated people. Special guest will include reentry scholar Dr. Reuben Miller, Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and author of *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*. The majority of the events will be open to the public and can be viewed online. **The full schedule is available online at:** www.centralohioreentryweek.com

Central Ohio Reentry Week Participants Include – ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope), Breakin’ Barriers, Building Futures, Central Ohio Restored Citizens Collaborative, Christian Valley Baptist Church, Columbus City Council, Columbus Empowerment Corporation, Columbus Urban League, Community Development for all People, Derrick L. Owens Group, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County Juvenile Court, Healing Broken Circles, Impact Community Action, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Ohio Justice and Policy Center, Ohio Prison Arts Connection, Ohio Small Business Development Center, Stone Village Church, Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Recovery Village, United States District Court of Southern Ohio. *View the full list at* <https://centralohioreentryweek.com/participants/>

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