

## Don't have time but still want to help?

The following items are always needed at OAR:

- ✓ Hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, comb, toothpaste/brush, deodorant
- ✓ Tools such as hammers, safety goggles, hard hats, tape measures, work gloves
- ✓ Gift certificates to be used for job retention incentives
- ✓ Duffel bags
- ✓ Sweat suits - large sizes
- ✓ White dress shirts and black slacks for men and women
- ✓ Rain ponchos/umbrellas
- ✓ Personal Planners/Organizers/Wallets
- ✓ Winter coats
- ✓ Blankets

## Dollars for OAR

*Make a general monetary donation or designate your contribution for a specific service listed below. Donations are tax deductible.*

- \$5 Personal planner/organizer
- \$8 DMV driving record for employment
- \$10 DMV photo ID
- \$10 One sweat suit for a client
- \$12 Virginia birth certificate
- \$20 Bus tickets to and from work for two weeks
- \$30 One pair of work boots
- \$50 Occupational license application fee
- \$75 Tools required for a job
- \$10-300 Incentives for maintaining employment 30 days to 3 years

*Become an OAR volunteer and make a difference in the lives of our clients and the safety of our community!*

## Program Sites

**Central Office**  
Downtown Richmond

**Chesterfield County Jail**

**Chesterfield Office**

**Henrico Regional Jail**  
New Kent County

**Henrico County Jail**

**Pamunkey Regional Jail**  
Hanover County

**Petersburg City Jail and Annex**

**Petersburg Office**

**Richmond City Jail**

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# OAR

## Volunteer Programs

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***“A volunteer is a person who believes that people can make a difference and is willing to prove it.”***

**Offender Aid & Restoration  
of Richmond, Inc.**

# Organization Background

Offender Aid & Restoration (OAR) of Richmond, Inc. is a nonprofit community criminal justice organization that was founded in 1971. OAR has been a United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg funded program since 1975.

OAR's mission is to provide community managed services aimed at restoring the individual offender as a responsible member of the community. This is accomplished through the development and delivery of programs which support the restoration of offenders, their families, and their victims.

Volunteers play a crucial role as group facilitators, mentors, and support staff in local jails and in post-release offices. Training is provided by OAR staff.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Adopt-a-Client's Family for Christmas**

Sponsor OAR families by donating clothing, shoes, coats, food, toys, or gift cards.

### **Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous**

Facilitate a weekly meeting for clients seeking recovery from alcohol or drug abuse.

### **Anger Management (8 weeks)**

Help clients explore the nature and impact of anger in order to establish a life free of violence.

### **GED Instructors/Tutors**

Assist an incarcerated or released adult learner to improve his/her reading and writing skills in preparation for the GED exam.

### **Hairstylist/Barber**

Provide pro bono hair cuts at your barber shop or beauty salon for clients seeking employment.

### **Healthy Relationships (8 weeks)**

Teach clients relationship-building skills that lead to positive, violence-free relationships.

### **Impact of Crime on Victims Class (11 weeks)**

Educate inmates about the impact crime has on victims, families, and communities.

### **Instructors fluent in Spanish**

Assist clients with GED or English classes.

### **Internships**

Serve as case management assistants at most OAR service locations.

### **Introduction to Computers Class**

Instruct clients in basic computer and keyboarding skills to increase employment opportunities.

### **Job Club**

Assist clients to obtain or maintain employment by facilitating weekly sessions to address appropriate work behaviors, attitudes, and coping skills needed for successful employment retention.

### **Life Without A Crutch (8 weeks)**

Educate students on different types of addiction and how to begin to recover from them.

### **Male Responsibility (10 weeks)**

Teach male clients how to develop healthy attitudes and behaviors regarding relationships, marriage, employment, and family.

### **Mock Interviews**

Conduct practice job interviews and provide feedback to clients seeking employment.

### **One-to-One Mentors**

Establish constructive relationships with clients to assist them in coping with the challenges of everyday living.

### **Parenting Education Group (8 weeks)**

Help parents maintain relationships with their children and caregivers and improve parenting skills.

### **Productive Citizenship (6 weeks)**

Prepare inmates for release by discussing topics such as dealing with emotions, employment, and money management.

### **Responsibilities of Fatherhood (6 weeks)**

Help male clients understand the financial and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood.

### **Resume Workshop**

Assist clients to complete their resumes for employment.

### **Sponsor a Client for a Year**

Call for more information.



### **Other Ideas?**

We welcome ideas and suggestions for other programs. If you have talent or knowledge in a specialized area such as nutrition, chess, or art therapy, contact OAR about starting a group!