CEO
Center for Employment Opportunities

We exclusively serve people who have recently returned home from incarceration, the majority of whom are on probation or parole.

Our comprehensive employment and training services help individuals connect to a job and career. CEO exists to create greater opportunities for people who face multiple barriers to economic success.

If you are on community supervision and interested in CEO's services, visit our participants page for more information.

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OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE

Through our statewide network of manufacturing extension agents and applications engineers, we work strategically to create wealth and grow our state’s economy. The organization serves as the primary resource, advocate and voice for manufacturing in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance is the go-to source for assessing needs and finding solutions available through public and private resources. We offer free technical assistance and business advice, helping manufacturers become progressively more successful. Services focus on improving the bottom line, while growing the entire company. We live and work in communities across Oklahoma, taking our support to your workplace on your schedule.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

MEP Center impacts are based on clients surveyed in FY2019

- **$128.4 Million**
  - Total Increased/Retained Sales
- **888**
  - Total Increased/Retained Jobs
- **$23.1 Million**
  - New Client Investments
- **$14.6 Million**
  - Cost Savings

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NEW PLANT LAYOUT BOOSTS PRODUCTION CAPACITY

ABOUT MIDWEST COOLING TOWERS, INC.. Woman-owned Midwest Cooling Towers manufactures parts and components for more than 200 companies worldwide, working with firms on design, planning, testing and installation. Founded in 1987, the enterprise and its 350 employees operate from headquarters in Chickasha, a rural area southwest of Oklahoma City.

THE CHALLENGE. When Ann Pate acquired Midwest Cooling Towers in 2014, she found herself with a successful but inefficient manufacturing operation sprawled across 20 acres and numerous buildings. Pate knew the disjointed production flow was affecting her business capacity and threatening growth potential. Midwest Cooling Towers was simply not able to capture all the business available to it. Pate turned to Scott Smith for advice. Smith, a manufacturing extension agent with the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance and part of the NIST MEP national network, had worked on several projects with Midwest Cooling Towers and was considered a trusted advisor by Pate.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. Smith met with owner Ann Pate and other company leaders to discuss production objectives. To help create maximum efficiency and meet future capacity goals, Smith brought in Rajesh Krishnamurthy, an applications engineer working for the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance. Krishnamurthy has vast experience in plant layout and design. He examined flow, digitizing certain operations to create a computerized model of production movement. This allowed Krishnamurthy and managers to test different scenarios without having to shift actual equipment or combine tasks. Optimal schemes were established for individual functions and those processes were then streamlined to create the most efficient overall operations. Several buildings were consolidated, and significant new capacity was created. Smith helped managers establish a systematic continuous improvement program to help prevent waste from creeping back into the organization. A second phase of the initiative is underway. Midwest Cooling Towers hopes to merge an offsite business element into its Chickasha campus, further increasing the ability to share resources and increasing overall sales.

"In reality, I don't think you can read a book and understand operational efficiencies. Knowing someone who knows the nuances is a lifesaver. I really appreciate the expertise the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance brings to the table. Leaning on that kind of support makes our success possible."

-Ann Page, Owner

RESULTS

- 40% increase in production capacity
- $5,000,000 in retained sales
- 20 jobs created
- $250,000 in annual cost savings
- $250,000 in new capital investments

OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE

The MEP National Network™ is a unique public-private partnership that delivers comprehensive, proven solutions to U.S. manufacturers, fueling growth and advancing U.S. manufacturing.
EXPLAINING YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
   _____ Yes     _____ No

Have you been convicted of a felony in the past 7 years?
   _____ Yes     _____ No

Have you ever spent time in prison?
   _____ Yes     _____ No

If you answered YES to any of the above, be VERY CAREFUL what you write on a job application. Do not ever: lie and check "NO". You will probably be found out and fired. Plus, you will live in fear of being found out until then.

NEVER LEAVE THIS QUESTION BLANK. Instead, write the following, "Please let me explain in person." This indicates that you have a history that you would like to discuss. This gives you a chance to explain to your benefit. Don't blow that chance. Be prepared.

If you can't explain your record in a positive way (what you have learned, how you have changed), you won't get the job. PRACTICE YOUR ANSWERS.

Write your answer below. You are going to need it. PRACTICE UNTIL IT BECOMES NATURAL.

“I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN”

Your record will come up on applications and in interviews. Be ready and willing to explain.

I made a mistake (admit it)..._________________________________________________________

I learned (something positive)...__________________________________________________________________________

I am not the same person I was then. I have changed (explain how)...____________________________________________________________

HOW I MADE MY TIME COUNT

(What have I achieved while in prison?)

Employers will ask what you have been doing with your time. They want to know if you are a time waster or a time user. What can you say?

WHAT I HAVE DONE: (include work release, GED, vocational classes, parenting classes, Thinking for a Change etc.)

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I AM GOING TO START NOW TO BUILD SOME ACHIEVEMENTS. Possible options include:

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MY 5-POINT INTERVIEW GUIDE

Always give employers five good reasons to hire you. Let them know you are WORTH hiring.

List five things you can do that you know the employer wants or needs. Memorize them. Use them in your interview.

THE FIVE THINGS I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE INTERVIEWER KNOWS ABOUT ME ARE:

1. _______________________________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________________________________________

4. _______________________________________________________________________________________

5. _______________________________________________________________________________________

Check over your list before each interview. Employers want proof that you can do the job they want done. Make sure your key points match what the employer is looking for.
MY ONE MINUTE COMMERCIAL
Or how to answer the HARD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Use your 5 MAIN INTERVIEW POINTS to create a 60 second commercial for yourself. Practice saying it until it becomes (and sounds) natural.

My One-Minute commercial:

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Your ONE-MINUTE COMMERCIAL is a great way to answer these HARD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:
• So tell me a little about yourself
• Why should I hire you?
• What makes you think you are qualified for this job?
• Why do you want this job?

JOB INTERVIEW CHECKLIST
✓ I can list 5 things that make me a good candidate for this job.
✓ I can discuss in detail each item on my resume or job application.
✓ I can list the skills, abilities or experiences that qualify me for this job.
✓ I have training, education or knowledge that qualifies me for this job – or I can prove that I am willing to learn.
✓ I have hobbies or activities that might help me qualify for this job.
✓ If I am asked for personal references, I have written down the names and telephone numbers of 3 people who have agreed to be my references.
✓ I have documents, such as a Social Security card or driver’s license that I will need if offered the job.
✓ I am dressed properly for the job I am applying for.
✓ I have directions and transportation arrangements so I can get to the interview on time (15-20 minutes BEFORE my appointment).
✓ I have prepared some questions to ask the interviewer to show that I am really interested.

The person who knows “how” will always have a job. The person who knows “why” will always be his boss.

EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES
Name: ___________________________________________________  Name: __________________________________________________
Phone number (daytime): (______) - ___________________________  Phone number (daytime): (______) - __________________________
Address: __________________________________________________  Address: _________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________  _________________________________________________________
Relation to you: _____________________________________________  Relation to you: ____________________________________________
Length of time known: ____________________________

BARRIERS, CHALLENGES, AND OBSTACLES
Name: ___________________________________________________  Everybody has them. What are yours? Maybe it’s lack of child care, lack of
Phone number (daytime): (______) - ___________________________  experience, a substance abuse history, or criminal record. These challenges
do not have to keep you from getting a job, if you deal with them correctly.
The key is to have a plan before your interview. Anticipate what the employer
may ask you and have a good answer. With the right strategy, you can put
yourself and the interviewer at ease.

GOOD ANSWERS: “I am confident that this won’t be a problem, because...” or
“I understand your concerns, but I assure you that this won’t interfere with my
ability to do this job. Let me explain...” Show how you have solved the problem
prove that it will not interfere with your ability to do the job.

IDENTIFY AND DEAL WITH BARRIERS NOW!

PREPARE YOUR WORK HISTORY LIST NOW
Employer: ___________________________________________  Job Title: __________________________
How long did I work there: Years ___ Months ___  My main job responsibilities: ________________________
Starting date: _____________ Ending Date: _____________  My other responsibilities: ________________________
Address: ___________________________  My last pay rate: ______________________________
Phone: (______) - ______________________  My reason(s) for leaving: ______________________
Name of Supervisor: ______________________  Additional information: ______________________
FIND A JOB

**Indeed.com** – Go to this website and join. You can create a resume and/or search for a job in your area.

**Oklahoma Works** – Find the Workforce office nearest you. Go there to use the computers to apply online and get assistance in a job search. You can also to **OKJobMatch** online to search for a job if you do not need personal assistance or the use of their computers.

Call the **Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance** to find a manufacturing job in Oklahoma. The flyer is in your handouts.

If you live in Tulsa or Oklahoma City, go to **CEO**. They will help you find a job, provide work clothes, and assist you with bus passes for transportation. They will also put you to work for cash daily until you find a permanent job.

If you do not live in Tulsa or Oklahoma City call **CEO** to see if they are aware of jobs in your area.

The **CEO** flyer is in your handouts.

**Federal Bonding**: Copy and take to every job interview. If the employer seems worried about his equipment because of your felony, they can send this form in and the equipment would be replaced.

**Work Opportunity Tax Credit**: Copy and take to every interview. The employer can get tax credit for hiring you. Sometimes they ask if you are eligible for WOTC on the application.

**Be prepared to look for a job before you release.**

Use the attached Employment worksheet and your handbook, “Living on the Outside” to prepare for completing applications and interviewing.

**Practice before your release.** You do not want to waste real interviews “practicing”!
The Federal Bonding Program provides individual fidelity (honesty) bonds to employers for job applicants who have a barrier to employment. Any at-risk job applicant is eligible for bonding services, including but not limited to:

- Ex-offenders & other justice-involved people
- People with a history of substance abuse
- TANF recipients and others who utilize public assistance
- People with poor credit histories
- Those with a poor work history or who lack a work history
- Individuals with a dishonorable discharge from the military

- Anyone who cannot secure employment because they are not commercially bondable*

*Many persons who are not initially bondable can become so, by demonstrating job honesty during coverage under the Federal Bonding Program.

What is bonding about? Many employers carry insurance to protect themselves against employee theft or dishonesty. Employees who handle money, valuable tools or goods are covered. This insurance is called fidelity bonding. When such commercial insurance is denied because of an individual's background, the employer often denies a job to that person. Federal Bonding covers any type of stealing, theft, forgery, larceny, and embezzlement for a 6 month period, at no expense to the employer. It is, in effect, a guarantee of worker job honesty and in the past 50 years, less than 1% of the bonds were filed upon. This demonstrates successful outcomes for almost all participants.

- Federal Bonding does NOT cover liability due to poor workmanship, job injuries, or work accidents.
- It is not a bail bond or court bond.

What the jobseeker and employer need to do -

Jobseekers – If you are being turned down because you are not bondable or employers feel there is a risk in hiring you, contact the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) Federal Bonding Unit for additional information. We will provide you with a letter to share with potential employers identifying you as being bondable under this program. (The information required is on the back of this flyer.)

Employers – Contact OESC Federal Bonding Unit to receive additional information about the program. Fidelity bonding can be provided for an individual with a firm job offer and who is qualified to do the job. The job offer must be at least 30 hours per week, steady work, with a reasonable expectation of performance. There is no deductible for the bond if employee dishonesty occurs. There is no follow-up or termination action required of the employer.

The OESC Federal Bonding Unit will complete the application for the employer. It is quick and can be completed in less than 5 minutes by telephone. Bond amounts are typically for $5,000, but in certain circumstances may be obtained up to $25,000. Bonding begins the first day of employment and continues for 6 months. After that time, the employer may continue the bond at their expense; pursue commercial bonding; or find no bonding is necessary for an employee who has proven they are trustworthy and valuable.

Self-employed persons are not eligible for bonding services.

For additional information regarding the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Federal Bonding Program
Call 405-557-5474 or 405-557-7112

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program - Auxiliary Aids and Services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. This flyer was financed in whole or in part with funds from the Department of Labor as administered by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

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Oklahoma Employment Security Commission  
Oklahoma Federal Bonding Program  
Jobseeker Introductory Letter & Information Request

NAME: ________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

TELEPHONE/CELL: ________________________________________________

EMAIL: ________________________________________________

OTHER CONTACT METHOD: ________________________________________________

For the purpose of gathering information about people's barriers to employment and the use of this program, please select the item(s) which best describe your barrier:

☐ EX-OFFENDER OR JUSTICE-INVOLVED  ☐ HISTORY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

☐ TANF RECIPIENT  ☐ POOR WORK HISTORY

☐ POOR CREDIT HISTORY  ☐ MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

☐ VETERAN WITH LESS THAN HONORABLE DISCHARGE  ☐ HAVE BEEN TOLD YOU ARE NOT COMMERCIALY BONDABLE

☐ I DO NOT WISH TO DISCLOSE MY BARRIER TO EMPLOYMENT ON THIS FORM. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY THE METHOD CIRCLED ABOVE.

The following items will be provided to you: a letter of introduction to employers which states you are eligible for this program, information about the program for you or to share with a potential employer, a directory of OESC Workforce/Works offices and other specialized program information. All materials may be copied.
Job applicant: Fill in the lines below and check any boxes that apply. Complete only this side.

Your name _____________________________ Social security number ▶ _____________________________

Street address where you live ___________________________________________________________

City or town, state, and ZIP code _______________________________________________________

County __________________________________________ Telephone number _______________________

If you are under age 40, enter your date of birth (month, day, year) _______________________

1 □ Check here if you received a conditional certification from the state workforce agency (SWA) or a participating local agency for the work opportunity credit.

2 □ Check here if any of the following statements apply to you.
   • I am a member of a family that has received assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for any 9 months during the past 18 months.
   • I am a veteran and a member of a family that received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (food stamps) for at least a 3-month period during the past 15 months.
   • I was referred here by a rehabilitation agency approved by the state, an employment network under the Ticket to Work program, or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
   • I am at least age 18 but not age 40 or older and I am a member of a family that:
      a. Received SNAP benefits (food stamps) for the past 6 months; or
      b. Received SNAP benefits (food stamps) for at least 3 of the past 5 months, but is no longer eligible to receive them.
   • During the past year, I was convicted of a felony or released from prison for a felony.
   • I received supplemental security income (SSI) benefits for any month ending during the past 60 days.
   • I am a veteran and I was unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 4 weeks but less than 6 months during the past year.

3 □ Check here if you are a veteran and you were unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 6 months during the past year.

4 □ Check here if you are a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability and you were discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the past year.

5 □ Check here if you are a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability and you were unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 6 months during the past year.

6 □ Check here if you are a member of a family that:
   • Received TANF payments for at least the past 18 months; or
   • Received TANF payments for any 18 months beginning after August 5, 1997, and the earliest 18-month period beginning after August 5, 1997, ended during the past 2 years; or
   • Stopped being eligible for TANF payments during the past 2 years because federal or state law limited the maximum time those payments could be made.

7 □ Check here if you are in a period of unemployment that is at least 27 consecutive weeks and for all or part of that period you received unemployment compensation.

Signature—All Applicants Must Sign

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I gave the above information to the employer on or before the day I was offered a job, and it is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.
For Employer’s Use Only

Employer’s name  

Telephone no.  

EIN ▶

Street address  

City or town, state, and ZIP code  

Person to contact, if different from above  

Telephone no.  

Street address  

City or town, state, and ZIP code  

If, based on the individual’s age and home address, he or she is a member of group 4 or 6 (as described under Members of Targeted Groups in the separate instructions), enter that group number (4 or 6) ...

Date applicant:

Gave information  

Was offered job  

Was hired  

Started job  

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the applicant provided the information on this form on or before the day a job was offered to the applicant and that the information I have furnished is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete. Based on the information the job applicant furnished on page 1, I believe the individual is a member of a targeted group. I hereby request a certification that the individual is a member of a targeted group.

Employer’s signature ▶

Title  

Date  

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 51(d)(13) permits a prospective employer to request the applicant to complete this form and give it to the prospective employer. The information will be used by the employer to complete the employer’s federal tax return. Completion of this form is voluntary and may assist members of targeted groups in securing employment. Routine uses of this form include giving it to the state workforce agency (SWA), which will contact appropriate sources to confirm that the applicant is a member of a targeted group. This form may also be given to the Internal Revenue Service for administration of the Internal Revenue laws, to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, to the Department of Labor for oversight of the certifications performed by the SWA, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

Recordkeeping . . . 6 hr., 27 min.

Learning about the law or the form . . . . . . . . . . 24 min.

Preparing and sending this form to the SWA . . . . . . . . . . 31 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can send us comments from www.irs.gov/formspubs. Click on “More Information” and then on “Give us feedback.” Or you can send your comments to:

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Forms and Publications
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526
Washington, DC 20224

Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see When and Where To File in the separate instructions.
SNAP

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - (food stamps)

Email: SNAP@okdhs.org
Phone: (405) 521-3444 or Toll Free: 1-866-411-1877

What is SNAP?

The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides a monthly benefit for you to buy food. Your benefit amount is based on the size of your household, your income, and your allowed expenses. DHS issues SNAP food benefits on a plastic card, called the ACCESS Oklahoma Card. You can use your ACCESS card just like a bank card at most food stores.

How do I apply for SNAP benefits?

If you previously received benefits from DHS go to the website www.okdhslive.org Reapply by clicking the link “Apply for Benefits. Enter your email address and password.

If you are a first time user, you will first need to create a user name and password. Go to the website listed above and select Apply for Benefits and then select “Create a user id and password.

You may also apply for SNAP benefits by printing and completing the Request for Benefits form. You can then mail, fax, email, or take it to your local DHS office during business hours. Click on Get Adobe Reader if you have trouble viewing the Request for Benefits form.

Interview Requirements

When you apply for food benefits, you must complete an interview with a DHS worker and answer some additional eligibility questions. Interviews are completed by telephone or in person. An interview can be scheduled for your convenience – in order to account for employment or transportation needs.

Once DHS receives the Request for Benefits form, you will be contacted regarding your interview. You will receive an interview notice in the mail and may receive a telephone call to complete an interview. It is important that your address and phone numbers are accurate so that we can best serve you.

What food benefits verification documents will I need to provide?

When you first apply for food benefits, you will need to provide a document to prove your identity. If you are eligible for expedited services, this may be all you have to provide to receive one or two months of benefits. The chart below shows the type of documents you need to provide.

Documents:

Identity of applicant - Can use what DOC gave you called a Consolidated Record Card (CRC)

- Birth Cert birth certificate  OR
- Driver license  OR
- paycheck  OR
- Voter reg card  OR
- school records  OR
- US Passport  OR (You don’t need all these documents)
Immigration status

• a document that shows your lawful immigration status if you are not a U.S. citizen

Social Security numbers

• Social Security cards or numbers

How long does it take to get food benefits?

It may take up to 30 calendar days from the date you submit your application to receive benefits or a denial notice. It usually doesn't take that long to get help. You may be eligible to receive food benefits right away if you meet expedited food benefit rules.

What are expedited food benefits? Do I need to apply for this benefit separately?

Expedited food benefits mean you get your food benefits faster when you meet certain rules. When you qualify, DHS staff must process your application within seven calendar days of the date you apply. You do not have to ask for expedited food benefits or apply for expedited benefits separately. DHS staff checks every food benefit application to see if the household qualifies for expedited services.

How do I know if I am eligible for Expedited Food Stamps?

A worker will review the answers you gave on your application to see if you qualify. If it looks like you might be eligible, a worker will interview you the same day if you apply in person. If you cannot stay to be seen the same day, mail in your application, or apply online, a worker will contact you to set up a date and time for the interview.

What are the rules for expedited food benefits?

You are eligible to receive expedited food benefits if:

1. Your household has less than $150.00 in monthly gross income and you do not have cash resources over $100.00.
2. You are a migrant or seasonal farm worker and you do not have cash resources over $100.00.
3. Your household’s total monthly income and cash resources are less than the household’s monthly rent or mortgage, and utilities.

How can I get more information about Expedited Services?

You can contact your local DHS office for more information.

Online you can find your local office at http://www.okdhs.org/countyoffices/Pages/default.aspx

You may also call 405-521-3444 or email snap@okdhs.org
Reasons for an Oklahoma Driver License to be Suspended, Revoked, Cancelled, Denied or Disqualified

In Oklahoma, an individual’s driver license can be suspended, revoked, cancelled, denied or disqualified for a multitude of reasons under Oklahoma law.

The reasons listed on the website are NOT intended to list every reason why a driver may have driving privileges withdrawn under Oklahoma law, but are offered to provide some of the possible reasons of why a driver license could be suspended.

Alcohol or Drug Related
Driving Under the Influence.
Aggravated DUI.
Driving While Impaired.
Being In Actual Physical Control of a Motor Vehicle.
Refusal to Submit to a Test to Determine the Level of Intoxication.
Having a Blood or Breath Alcohol Concentration (Testing) Over the Legal Limit.

Bail Bond (Court Requested) Suspensions where a driver, who has been issued a moving traffic citation, either:
Fails to Appear in court as directed on the citation.
Fails to Pay Fine and Costs to a court concerning a moving traffic citation.
Fails to Satisfy Sentence of the municipal court where the driver was under 18 years of age.
Fails to Appear in court on a citation concerning No Insurance.

Conviction Related
Manslaughter or Negligent Homicide convictions resulting from the use of a motor vehicle
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Being Licensed
Commission of any felony while a motor vehicle is used
Failure to stop and render aid in the event of a motor vehicle accident
Misdemeanor or felony conviction for possessing, distributing, etc ... a controlled dangerous substance while using a motor vehicle
Failure to pay for gasoline pumped into a vehicle
Failure to obey a traffic control device or stop sign resulting in great bodily injury to any other person
Failure to stop for a school bus loading or unloading children
Attempting to Elude

Driving Record Points Related
Point Suspensions based upon the accumulation of points associated with each conviction of moving traffic violations that the driver has committed. When a driver accumulates ten (10) or more points on their driving record, the driver’s license will be suspended for a specific period of time.

Insurance Related
Insurance Suspensions where a driver:
Fails to carry a security verification form
Operates a motor vehicle in this state without security (liability insurance)
Permits the operation of a motor vehicle without security (liability insurance)
Is the cause of a motor vehicle collision with property damage exceeding $300.00 while operating a vehicle without liability insurance

Other reasons that will cause suspensions, revocations or cancellation of driving privileges also include:
Failure to Pay Child Support
Non-Payment of Administrative Fine to the ABLE Commission.
Differences between a Modified Driver License and a Provisional Driver License

A **Modified Driver License** is issued during the mandatory period of revocation or denial to allow restricted driving privileges under specific terms and circumstances when it is determined that the person who has been denied driving privileges has no other adequate means of transportation. In connection with a modified driver license there is generally a requirement that an ignition interlock device be installed at the person’s own expense on all vehicle driven by the person during the period of modification. Driving times and purposes may also be limited.

In connection with this type of modification, the person shall pay a statutory modification fee of $175.00 to the Department of Public Safety ("DPS"). Further, the person is required to obtain a replacement plastic license at a cost of $25.00 from a tag agent with the wording "Modified" printed thereon. The modified license will also indicate by restriction when the ignition interlock is required.

Lastly, the modified driver license is only valid during the mandatory period of suspension or revocation. When the revocation period is over, the modified license is no longer valid.

A **Provisional Driver License** is issued after the expiration of the period of suspension or revocation under the authority of the Provisional Driver License Program ("PDLP"). The intent of this program is to allow persons, who have served their period of suspension or revocation and have done all that is necessary to reinstate, but have not paid the required statutory fees necessary for reinstatement of driving privileges to DPS, to be able to drive in a limited capacity.

This limited driving ability is conditioned upon the minimum monthly payment of $25.00 to DPS toward the satisfaction of all outstanding driver license reinstatement fees. In order to qualify for the PDLP, the person must be otherwise eligible to reinstate to full driving privileges; must have an unexpired driver license; must have current liability insurance in their name; must obtain a photo Oklahoma Identification Card; must pay a non-refundable $50.00 enrollment fee to DPS to enter the program; and the person’s suspensions or revocations must not have been as a result of certain offenses which by statute would disqualify the person from entering the PDLP.

Driving under this program is limited to the person’s need for driving between their place of residence and their place of employment or potential employment; during the scope and course of their employment; between their place of residence and a college, university or technology center; between their place of residence and their child's school or day care provider; between their place of residence and a place of worship; or between their place of residence and any court-ordered treatment program by statute.

There is no requirement for the installation of an ignition interlock device under the PDLP. The Provisional Driver License that is issued by DPS is a paper license, with the words "Provisional Driver License" printed thereon, which also lists where and when driving is authorized.
Operation Hope Prison Ministry provides a pathway from prison to community

It is a fearful and forbidding experience to come out of prison into society. It requires a literal “leap of faith.” - Ex-Offender

An ex-offender needs hope and courage to successfully transition from prison into society. They come from a world of limited decisions to a world outside the prison with endless possibilities. Operation Hope helps men and women as soon as they are released to navigate the obstacles in order to meet their basic needs like housing, employment, and community.

OHPM receives referrals from:
- Oklahoma Department of Corrections
- Case Managers, Halfway Houses and Work Centers
- Churches
- State and Federal Parole Officers
- City and County Jails
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Family, Friends and Past Clients
- Other Prison Ministries

Pre-Release Programs:
Incarcerated Veterans: OHPM works with incarcerated veterans from Jackie Brannon, Dick Conner, and John H. Lilley Correctional Centers. These special groups make hats and scarves for the homeless, stuffed animals for children's organizations, and American flags to be presented to honor veterans in the community. OHPM helps members with their projects, provides lunch for Memorial Day and Veterans Days, and provides needed services for veterans while incarcerated and after their release.

Bedtime Stories: OHPM’s Bedtime Story program provides incarcerated dads and grandfathers an opportunity to read and record a story which is sent (along with the book) to their child at home. Hearing the voice of their father helps a child “keep in touch” and remember that they are not forgotten.

Pathway to Community - Reentry Classes:
OHPM’s re-entry classes help prepare inmates for successful transition back into community living. OHPM works with case managers and prison chaplains to get the re-entry program started one year prior to their release.

Post Release Programs:
Mentoring: Trained volunteers help clients make appointments, complete applications, register for classes/training and connect them to the community. Mentors are prayer partners and encouragers.

Basic Needs: Men and women meet with OHPM’s caseworker and receive felon-friendly job and apartment listings as well as referrals to health providers. Clients also receive practical help, such as toiletries, bus passes, or help obtaining a State ID, driver’s license or birth certificate if needed.

Clients with special needs: Special programs are available for clients with special needs.

"Pay It Forward" Scholarships: Clients may qualify for scholarships for continuing education classes, specialized training programs, or equipment.

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TEEM's Reentry Services program serves incarcerated individuals who are six to nine months from being released from prison. Services begin pre-release and continue 12 months post-release. This program works to prepare participants to secure and maintain meaningful employment, encouraging success and self-sufficiency and helping ease incarceration costs for the state by reducing recidivism.

If interested, please let a recruiter or your case manager know.

Services Offered:

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- Job-placement assistance
- GED preparation and testing
- Case management
- Mental health and substance abuse referrals
- Social services
- Legal assistance
- Mentoring
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Voter Rights for Convicted Felons

TO: Releasing Inmate
RE: Voter Registration Information

You are eligible to register to vote if you are a United States citizen, a resident of Oklahoma and at least 18 years of age. A convicted felon may not register for a period of time equal to the time of the original sentence. A convicted felon who has been pardoned may register.

To register to vote you must fill out a voter registration application form. Voter applications are available at your county election board, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations. You will be offered a voter registration application when you get your driver's license and when you apply for assistance at some government agencies.

You may also download an application form from www.ok.gov/-elections/ or send a request to receive a form by U.S. mail. The application form asks for: your name and address; your political affiliation; your birth date; your driver's license number; and the last four digits for your Social Security number (required if no driver's license).

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Fair Shake Mission
Fair Shake is dedicated to reducing the recidivism rate through personal and community focused ownership and engagement opportunities for inmates and former felons in connection with families, employers, property managers, corrections and the community.

Why Fair Shake?
Walking away from prison and returning to the community is just the first step in restarting your life after incarceration. From there any number of overwhelming challenges may occur. This could include finding employment and securing housing, paying restitution or fines, and developing and restoring relationships. Central to all of these challenges, and all too often overlooked or ignored, is developing and sustaining your self-confidence, your motivation and your determination, and discovering or maintaining a positive outlook. The challenges can then amplify when coupled with adjusting from the low-tech isolation of prison into today’s often overwhelming, yet essential, electronic world!

Fair Shake sees the value in all of these pursuits and has developed an interactive blend of electronic tools combined with reentry, education and employment resources, to help you develop your reentry plan. We offer non-traditional assistance focusing on responsibility, tenacity, positive and realistic thinking and self-empowerment to support your pro-social commitments to engage in society, technology and employment. Fair Shake encourages formerly and currently incarcerated people, and related stakeholders, to participate in your successful reentry.

Other Stakeholders Important to Reentry
Check out the resources and benefits we’ve pulled together for other stakeholder groups who can also support your reentry success!

- Family and Friends
- Employers
- Community
- Property Managers
- Corrections and Reentry Professionals

Learn more!

Find Fair Shake Online
Step 1:
Find a computer. Public libraries have free computers with internet access. Restaurants, cafes, and many other businesses offer free internet access for customers who bring their own computers.

Step 2:
Open Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

Step 3:
Move the arrow to the address bar (the http:// area). Click once, press backspace and type www.fairshake.net. Then press the Enter key.

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