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What is Changing Perceptions?

Changing Perceptions is a non-profit organization that supports previously incarcerated citizens as they re-enter communities throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our organizational model is client-centered, proven effective and successful, and focused on initiating and expanding public-private partnerships into developing and implementing strategies that address barriers to reentry.

Connecting Our Clients With Services

- Birth Certificate Referrals
- Identification Card Referrals
- Voter Registration Application
- Social Security Card Application Assistance
- SNAP Benefits Application Assistance
- Health Insurance Application Assistance
- Case Management and Reentry Case Planning
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Email Creation
- Online Employment Application Assistance
- Indeed Employment Profile Creation
- LinkedIn Social Profile Creation
- Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
- Transportation Assistance (mentorship program participants only)
- Housing Stipend for Security Deposit and First Month's Rent (mentorship program participants only)
- Grocery Gift Cards (mentorship program participants only)

Looking to Partner?

Changing Perceptions partners with local businesses to offer training and employment opportunities to returning citizens.

Programs to Reduce Recidivism

Through a grant from the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), Changing Perceptions provides individuals released through sentence modifications from Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA) and the Second Look Amendment Act customized support for those who desire to be part of our Peer Mentorship Program.

IRAA/Second Look Peer Mentorship Program

Peer Mentors provide daily, one-on-one support to mentees navigating reentry services for up to one year.

Welcome Home Program

Assistance with retrieving essential documents, case planning, and ongoing case management.

Bridging The Gap Program

Upon completing the Welcome Home Program, our IRAA and Second Look participants can begin the path to earning a living by engaging in our supportive employment program in partnership with DC-based businesses. These basic professional behaviors, habits, and skills are implemented before finding employment elsewhere.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community-building initiatives are designed to expedite the reintegration of our participants. These activities include our participants, families, friends, volunteers, and other supporters in the community.

Brunch on Saturday – Monthly opportunity for the Changing Perceptions team and friends/stakeholders to come together and share goals and achievements with the broader community over a lovely brunch.

Green Thumb Initiative – Focused on community gardening, planting, and assisting with neighborhood-driven beautification projects.

Volunteering – Our participants are ready and willing to offer a hand wherever they are needed.