



## OUR MISSION

“Peer 2 Peer is a safe and supportive social network where returning citizens can gather with peers in the development of strategic planning for success. Our aim is to have a positive impact by encouraging independence and self-sufficiency.”

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## WE UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN THERE TOO

**Peer 2 Peer** in a mentor-based support group of ex-offenders and community advisors who offer support and guidance to those individuals who've recently been incarcerated and are now faced with reentering society.

Our facilitators were in prison and have successfully overcome the obstacles and behaviors of their past that resulted in their incarceration. Facilitators have completed the requirements to become a mentor to those returning citizens in need of assistance and have shown by their deeds and actions a dedication to help returning citizens succeed in their own reentry to society.

As a group and one-on-one we encourage members to find new ways and alternatives to live life on life's terms without going back to the behaviors and patterns that landed them in jail in the first place.

### Accountability

As a group we hold each other accountable to continue our personal journeys while conducting ourselves with integrity and dignity. Overcoming the stigma of our past lives can be a real struggle at times and can be difficult to navigate on our own. Peer 2 Peer offers help along the way.

### Services

Through our experiences and with the help of our community advisors, we can steer returning citizens to much needed resources such as housing, job training and placement, clothing, bus passes, state IDs, drug & alcohol treatment, mental health needs and much more. Community advisors are present during a portion of our meetings to answer questions and help meet the needs

of those attending. Some meetings include a speaker who has special areas of expertise such as: domestic relations, housing, medical, mental health, transportation, food pantry access, small business finance, to name a few.

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## HOW WE DO IT

### Meetings

We gather together twice per month in a support group setting to share our struggles and victories while offering support and guidance to those still struggling to make their way. We provide a safe, caring environment where everyone can expect to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their past.

### ONE-ON-ONE

Mentor facilitators and community advisors make themselves available to anyone with a need or to simply listen and offer suggestions about any struggle or obstacle one may be facing. As mentors we reach out for help through our **Peer 2 Peer** community advisors. Their reach is wide and can often cut through red tape which would delay the needed help for our members.

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## WHY WE DO IT

We realized that if we wanted our lives to be better, we would need to change our behavior patterns, attitudes and choices. During our own struggle to change how we were living, there were people who helped us along the way. Now we try to return the favor to the next returning citizen. We know getting out of prison can be tough and it takes a great deal of courage to reenter society. Having a friend, mentor or group to lean on can make the transition much easier. That is why **Peer 2 Peer** is here for you.