

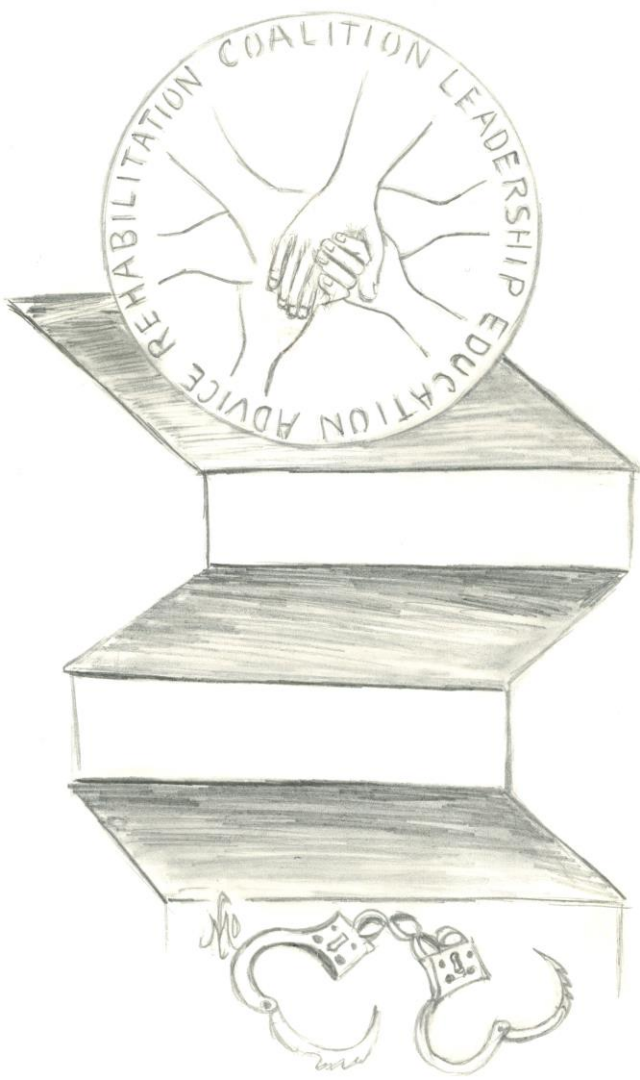
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## Grand Rapids Police Strategic Plan

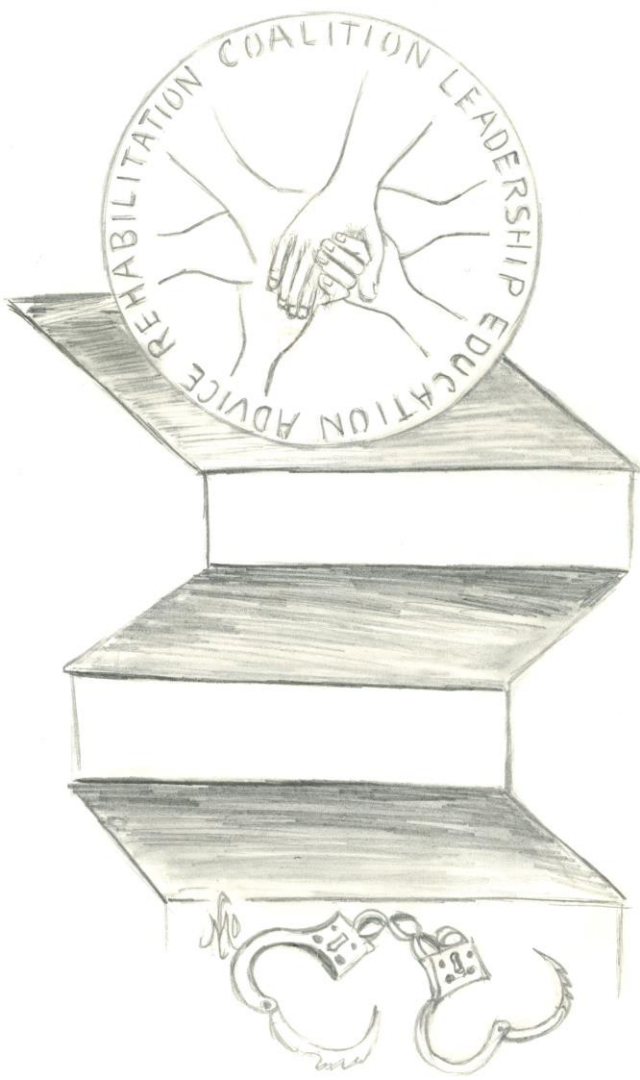
Safety – Participation in the C.L.E.A.R. program has proven to reduce recidivism.

Engagement- Enhance communication with individuals returning to society. Develop relationships with returning citizens and service providers.



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## Mission Statement:

CLEAR exists to break the cycle of recidivism by building community and law enforcement relationships to lead, educate, and mentor returning citizens, thereby creating safer communities and improving lives.



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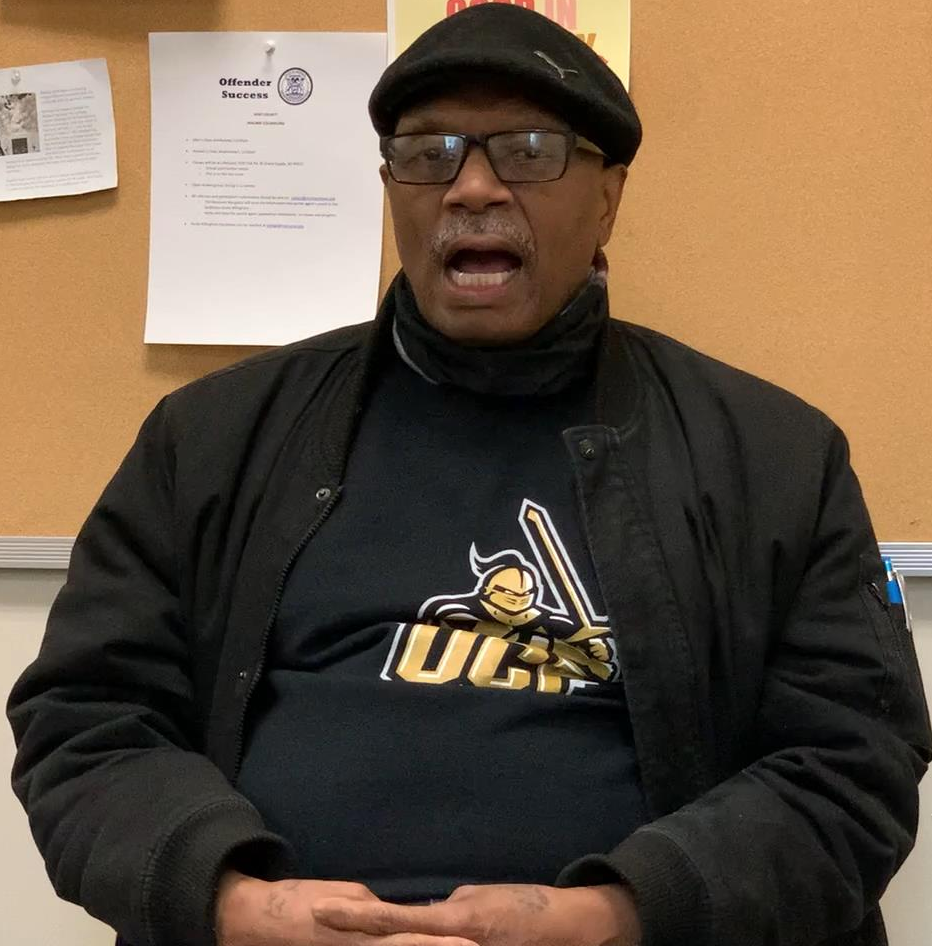
Because you will only waste your time and money if you don't...  
You are not the only one who...  
You are not the only one who...



Future Outlook, Better Life  
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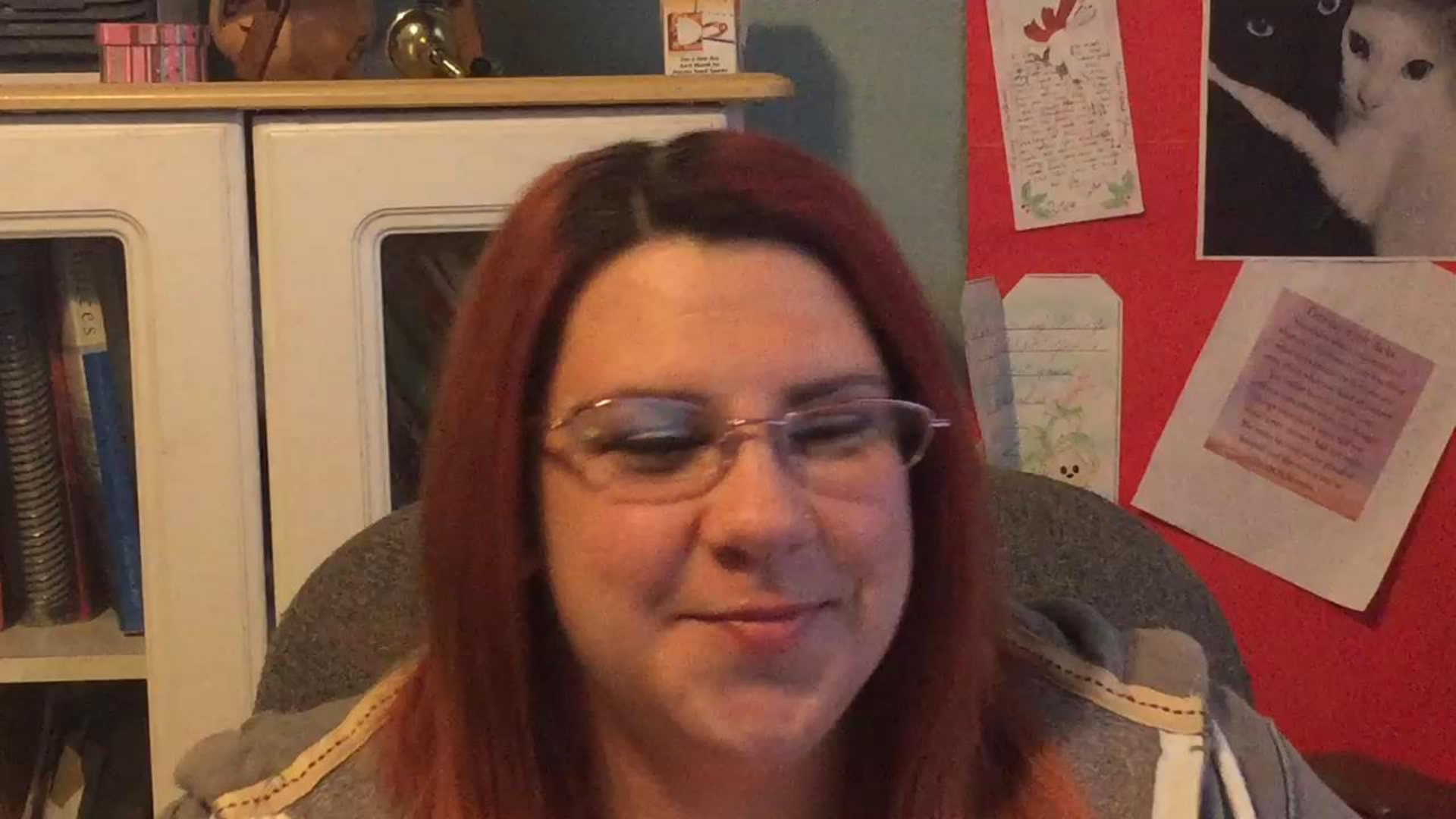
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**GOOD...  
BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
GOOD IN...**



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I wanted no part of hangin' out with convicts! The Chief of Police initiated my involvement. Now I am part of this men's group. There is a value in Police and Parolees breaking bread.

“

You just might not be the enemy . . .  
Like I was taught you was. (Darnell,  
returning citizen, in regards to Police  
and Parole Agents)





## WHAT IS C.L.E.A.R.?

- ▶ Collaboration with M.D.O.C.
  - ▶ Mentoring
  - ▶ In-reach
  - ▶ Law Enforcement
- ▶ Partnership of Officers and Returned Citizens
- ▶ In-reach at Correctional Facility
- ▶ Weekly meetings at Oakdale C.R.C. and Urban Family Ministries



## HISTORY OF C.L.E.A.R.

- ▶ Began in 2013 with Lt. Mason wanting to ‘have a conversation’ with parolees.
- ▶ It became too much one on one, the group model that is currently use was formed
- ▶ 2018 the womens group was founded

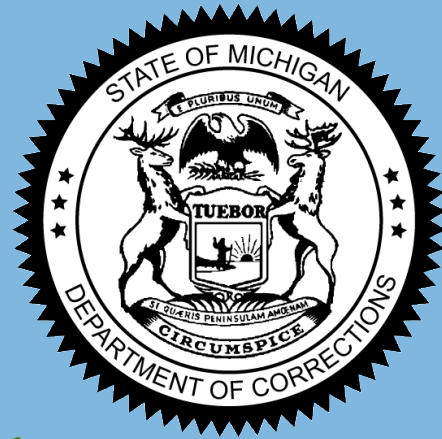


## WHAT DOES C.L.E.A.R. PROVIDE?

- ▶ A Safe Environment
- ▶ Peer Support / Recovery Coach
- ▶ Connection with resources and supports
- ▶ Open door support anyone welcome
- ▶ Shared experiences



# PARTNERSHIPS



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Never Be a Prisoner of  
Your Past. It Was Just  
a Lesson, Not a Life  
Sentence

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Because you will only waste your time if you  
emotional good health. You are not for them and  
they are not for you. This is not their cup of tea  
and they are not yours.

Buildly wear them sitting and you those party on  
well. Talk to share your gift with those who  
adoptive and appreciate your gift. Who you are  
be who you are  
You are not everyone's cup of tea and that is OK.

MAY NOT BE  
**GOOD..**  
**BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
GOOD IN  
IT.**



Have Outlook, Have Life



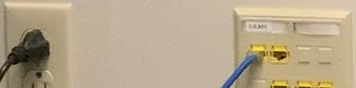
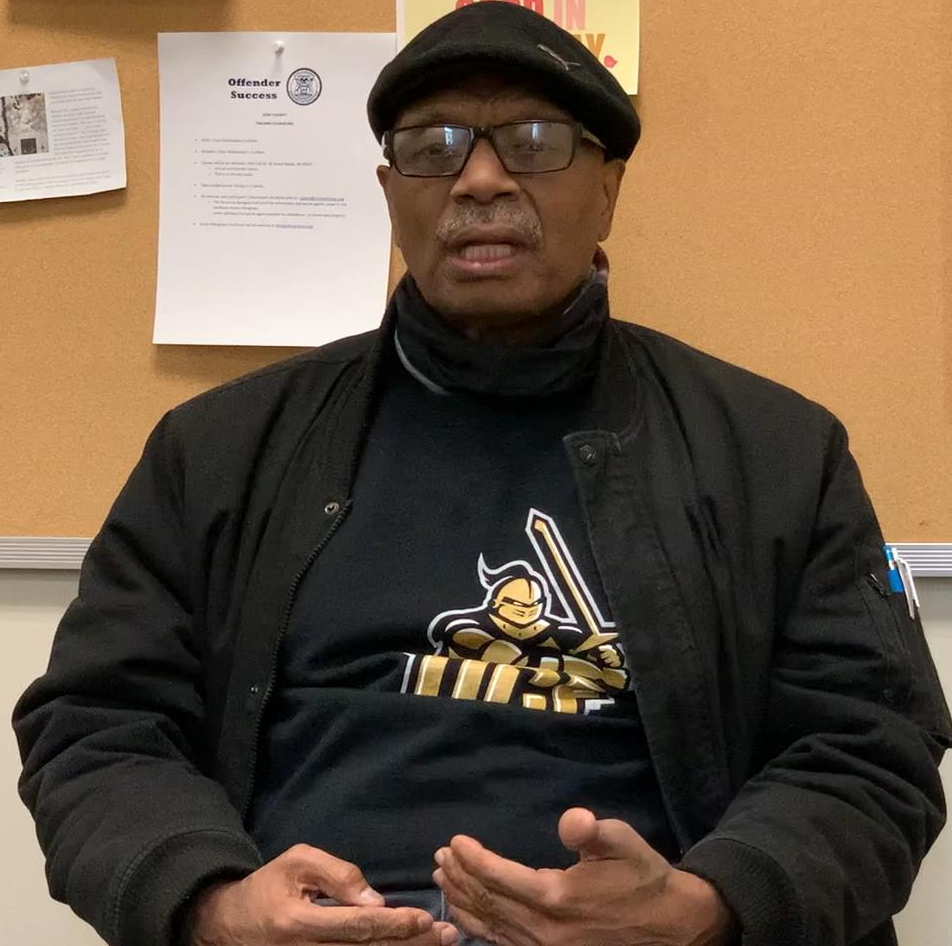
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**Offender  
Success**



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## C.L.E.A.R. Topics Include :

- ▶ Managing / Adjusting to Life After Prison.
- ▶ Family Reunification
- ▶ Emotional Conflict / Conflict Resolution
- ▶ Overcoming Barriers
- ▶ Substance Abuse
- ▶ Communication / Life Skills
- ▶ Healthy relationships



## Is C.L.E.A.R. Effective?

- ▶ As of 2018 M.D.O.C Recidivism rate was approximately 28%.
- ▶ C.L.E.A.R. members who have attended four of more meetings it drops to 15%.

**The program value extends far beyond any statistical data.**





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IN AMERICA

## RELEASED & REJECTED: THE EFFORT TO HELP EX-INMATES

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