



What is MORCA?

The Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA) provides information, support, and services to returning citizens. MORCA's mission is to empower returning citizens to realize their full potential - as individuals, as family members, and as residents of the community. Our doors are always open for people who may need a little extra help to get back on their feet.

Outreach

MORCA is here to serve as a resource and a guide for returning citizens. We work with local organizations - like shelters, halfway houses, court agencies and community-based organizations - to identify returning residents who may need some assistance.

Connecting Residents With Services

Returning citizens have access to a lot of government services, but they may not know it. MORCA works with individuals to assess their needs and figure out what kind of support they may need. With that assessment in hand, MORCA then connects those individuals with agencies that can help them - whether that means finding an affordable place to live, getting trained for employment, connecting to mental health services, or something else.

Educating the Public

Unfortunately, there are a lot of stereotypes and myths about returning citizens. It is no secret that the stigma of incarceration leads to barriers to employment, housing, and educational and training opportunities that make it harder for citizens to return to society. MORCA works to break those stereotypes by educating employers, landlords, and the general public about challenges that returning citizens face. And MORCA works with these groups to help them better understand the many strengths that returning citizens bring with them.