

Resources for Restored Citizens

Columbus State Community College Office of Student Conduct

<http://www.csc.edu/campus-life/student-conduct/criminal-history.shtml> - 614-287-2104

Columbus State is committed to being a statewide leader in college access as well as success, and we work to ensure that every community member has a safe environment in which to learn and grow. As a part of the application process, the College asks a series of questions about applicants' criminal histories. In particular, the College is concerned with any prior criminal activity involving a felony conviction. Having a criminal history is not a bar to admission, but there is a process applicants must follow to report that history and, if necessary, sit down with Columbus State staff to discuss the circumstances behind the offense(s) before enrollment can proceed.

The Office of Student Conduct assists restored citizens in navigating the college application process, as well as sponsors workshops and other events for Columbus State students and the community.

Franklin County Re-Entry Coalition

<https://www.franklincountyohio.gov/reentry/>

The Franklin County Re-Entry Coalition connects restored citizens with resources regarding:

- Food
- Clothing
- Housing
- Identification (State I.D. or Driver's License)
- Transportation
- Job Training
- Healthcare
- Legal Assistance

OhioMeansJobs – Columbus-Franklin County

<http://cowic.org/services/restored-citizens-ex-offenders/> - 614-559-5052 – info@omjcdc.org

The OhioMeansJobs – Columbus-Franklin County office is operated by the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC), the Workforce Development Board for Columbus, and Franklin County. They connect job seekers with training, resources, and employment services. Specific resources for restored citizens include:

- Job Seeker Services
- Restoration Academy
- Restored Citizens Job Expo

Legal Aid Society of Columbus

<https://www.columbuslegalaid.org/get-help/reentry/> - 614-241-2001 (Intake Line)

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus provides assistance and guidance to individuals navigating the legal system. They assist individuals with:

- Certificates of Qualification for Employment (CQE)
- Sealing of Criminal Records/Expungement