

NISRE INC. MISSION

Nothing Into Something Real Estate (NISRE) Inc. is a faith based nonprofit Community Development Corporation that provides affordable housing solutions and a range of economic empowerment initiatives designed to alleviate poverty and revitalize neighborhoods in low and moderate income communities.

EXIT PROGRAM MISSION

To help formerly Incarcerated men and women rebuild their lives and become law abiding citizens by providing access and support through housing and supportive services upon post release from prison.

I. AGENCY INFORMATION

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I. AGENCY PROFILE

NISRE, Inc. is licensed and certified by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections as a Community Residential Center (CRC) provider. Our main program The EXIT Program®, (*Ex-offenders In Transition*) specializes in working with restored citizens and delivers effective supervision and critical resources which help ex-offenders meet the strict guidelines required by Ohio law and reduce the threat of future victimization. The facilities are designed for lower risk (moderate - low) offenders having completed programming to address needs or engaged in services within the community to target needs. We provide clean, drug and alcohol free living environments with monitoring, case management and supportive services for restored citizens that have no viable home address.

Empowerment, Accountability and Transformation are the core values of NISRE Inc. that guide our organizational practices and serve as a basis for the work that we do. We believe offender reentry is a worthwhile cause and that through our empowerment efforts we can help make a difference. We believe in offender accountability to the community as well as their victims. And lastly, we believe that former offenders possess the ability to change, however the process of transformation is up to them.

Our mission is to help restored citizens. rebuild their lives and become law abiding citizens by providing housing and reentry services upon release from prison. The residents are given the support they need to help them make productive steps to transition successfully back into mainstream society.

The EXIT Program works diligently to manage the risk to community by getting homeless ex-offenders, particularly sex offenders off the street. We then supervise them and hold them accountable for their whereabouts and behavior. We ensure that residents are following their

probation or parole stipulations. We also support them in their honest attempt to stabilize and reintegrate back into society by providing assistance with obtaining employment and benefits.

We serve offenders that would otherwise be living at home if he/she had a viable home address. Community Residential Centers, therefore, operate under different requirements than halfway houses. Differences between these types of facilities are highlighted below:

- Community Residential Centers provide housing, access to food storage and appliances/utilities to cook meals, monitoring for accountability, daily documented checks at the facility, overnight monitoring at the site and basic case management (familiarity of community resources such as, food pantries, location of Job & Family Services, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, bus routes and schedules).
- Community Residential Centers have established program rules to ensure safety of the community and residents, order within the facility, substance free facility, etc.
- Community Residential Centers are not required to provide programming, treatment or food service for residents.
- Community Residential Centers are not required to contact the Adult Parole or Probation outside of business hours regarding incidents, AWOL's or no shows. These notifications will occur with the Parole or Probation Officer (or duty supervisor) during Adult Parole or Probation business hours. The Bureau of Community Sanctions (BCS) licensing standards require Incidents to be reported within 24 hours or the next business day.
- Transitional Control (TC) offenders are required to be monitored via GPS during entire stay in a Community Residential Center.

NISRE, Inc. currently operates Community Residential Centers in Akron, Columbus, Chillicothe and Mansfield, Ohio. We serve adult men and women in separate facilities. The EXIT Program purposes to promote safe neighborhoods by increasing public safety and ensuring offender accountability. We exist to manage the risk and threat of future victimization that already exists in the community without proper management.

All participants in The EXIT Program are monitored by program staff in an effort to increase public safety and ensure offender accountability. Offenders are also supervised by their assigned Parole or Probation Officer.

The typical length of stay is 90 days or less, however, 30-day extensions can be granted on a case-by-case basis. During the 90 days, each resident is required to sign in and out of the facility by documenting the date, destination, time of departure, expected time of arrival and the purpose, prior to leaving the facility. Curfews are enforced 7 days a week at 10pm and every evening, with exceptions only for those who are verifiably employed and scheduled to be at work during this time. Staff are also provided at each facility to monitor and ensure offender accountability. All participants are provided a resident handbook, outlining the program rules and expectations.

Monitoring of The EXIT Program includes the use of round the clock staffing or live-in monitors who provide client monitoring and rule enforcement on-sight between the hours of 10pm- 6am,

7 days/wk and 10am- 6pm on weekends. Monitors and program staff are responsible for performing (3) dally documented checks at the property during their assigned shifts. Security cameras are used to monitor and control ingress and egress of the program site and provide 24-hr. surveillance. Monitoring of these cameras are accessible on-site and remotely through the Internet.

<u>A typical day in The EXIT Program includes:</u>	
7am-	Wake up/Hygiene/ Breakfast
9am- 5pm	House Chores/ Programming Time i.e. Job search, employment, counseling, appointments, community service, case management, school, supervision meetings
5pm- 9pm	Support groups i.e. AA/NA/CA, treatment groups, employment
10pm	Curfew/House Chores

Resident meetings are held frequently in the program to address resident house matters and resolve problems that arise in the program. A formal grievance procedure is also in place, to address matters that a participant feels is unfair, in a professional and diplomatic way.

A successful discharge is attained when a resident acquires an approved place to live, and able to sustain themselves financially.

Successful completers are celebrated on their last day and recognized with a Certificate of Successful Completion in an EXIT Interview with program management. This Certificate makes them eligible to step over into private housing rental units from NISRE, Inc. in our STEPOVER HOUSING PROGRAM. Graduates are welcome to come back to The EXIT Program to receive wraparound services i.e. counseling, food pantry, clothing, referral, linkage etc. at no additional cost.

Since our inception, we've assisted over 5000 offenders reintegrate successfully into the community, expanded The EXIT Program® into new cities, raised community awareness about offender reentry issues, formed alliances with local community stakeholders, and built a solid reputation for operating highly effective, quality programs and services with a high level of offender accountability.

Since 2007, NISRE, Inc. has successfully contracted our housing program with various public and private entities in need of transitional housing placements for adult offenders in Ohio. Past and present contracts include: U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development. United States Department of Justice-Second Chance Act Grant, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Ohio Department of Youth Services, United States District Court (undefined), Warren County Probate Court, Office of Criminal Justice Services, Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs & Columbus Area, Inc., Franklin County Youth Build, and private tenants.

II. PAST & CURRENT PROJECTS

NISRE has worked hard to develop a solid reputation for operating highly effective programs and services with a high level of offender accountability-as demonstrated by our 96% success rate of The EXIT Program ®. In 2006, we secured our first contract for Independent Housing with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and were considered to be a prototype model for developing and operating an Independent Housing program. In 2007, we implemented cognitive behavioral programming in The EXIT Program and secured our first contract with Ohio Department of Youth Services for sex offender treatment. In 2008, The EXIT Program® was featured in an article of a local community newspaper-Street Speech, Titled, "Ex-offender's Have Hope for Housing" and received the 1st Community Advisory Council (CAC) Award by the Ohio Rehabilitative Services Commission (RSC) for being nominated an "Outstanding Employer." In 2009, The EXIT Program® expanded our Independent Housing program to Akron, Ohio. In 2010, the organization achieved full certification as a Sex Offender Treatment Program by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and secured new contracts and grants with United States District Court, Warren County Probate Court, Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs, and the Office of Criminal Justice Services.

In 2011, NISRE, Inc. partnered with Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and Columbus Area, Inc. on a Second Chance Act Grant and was awarded funding by the US Department of Justice. In 2012, NISRE, Inc. led a project involving a statewide collaboration with local UMADAOPs (Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program, Inc.) in Akron, Columbus, Mansfield and Cincinnati in an effort to provide more comprehensive housing support services to offenders in those communities. In 2012, NISRE, Inc. was awarded its first Permanent Supportive Housing contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to expand housing operations in Hamilton County to include 24 new beds for homeless ex- offenders. In 2013, NISRE acquired two additional housing programs, for which we are now the parent company, including Jessie's World, LLC., a family reentry program for women in recovery and their children and Rahab's Hideaway, LLC., a specialized group home for domestic minor sex trafficked victims and runaway youth.

III. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

NISRE, Inc. is more than just a housing organization. We are an agency that is passionate about helping people make long term life changes for the better. Along with our core values Empowerment, Accountability and Transformation, our program is intended to help answer the question, "How do we reduce the likelihood that offenders will return to prison after release?" We believe that the answer is to give individuals the assistance they need to make the life changes that truly matter. Our clients get the hope they need to inspire change. Our customers get open communications and a timely response to their needs and requirements.

Housing (alternatives)

For individuals that are ready and able to live on their own and manage their own housing expenses, NISRE, Inc. provides "Step over Housing" opportunities. In such cases, clients are afforded the opportunity to "step over" from transitional housing into their own private home for which they pay privately as a tenant of NISRE, Inc. Step over housing is provided in each city

where The EXIT Program operates. Step over housing is similar to home detention whereby the resident lives at home but is still accountable to the agency and therefore monitored by our staff. Step over residents make periodic check ins at the administrative office to pay their financial obligations, meet with staff and attend a support group. Staff also monitor step over residents by making unannounced periodic home visits and telephone calls to ensure resident accountability.

WHO WE HELP

The EXIT Program® serves adult male and female offenders convicted of county, state, and/or federal offenses. Our uniqueness is that we specialize in working with all categories of offenders including those with developmental disabilities, co-occurring disorders, mental illness, sexual offenses, and substance abuse. We are a recognized, trusted organization in reentry that has a solid reputation for assisting the hardest to house offenders successfully reentering the community.

WHY WE HELP

Crime prevention is victim prevention! The EXIT Program® proposes to promote safe neighborhoods. What matters most to our organization is that our community is a better, safer place as a result of the efforts we have made. We are a recognized, trusted leader in reentry housing in Ohio by local, state and federal agencies.

HOW WE HELP

Services provided at The EXIT Program Community Residential Centers include:

- Housing (transitional and permanent)
- Security and monitoring
- Community linkage and referral
- Ohio Benefit Bank services
- Case Management
- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment
- Sex Offender specific treatment
- Workforce Development
- Job placement and referral
- Food and Clothing Resources
- Transportation to critical appointments
- Community service
- Electronic monitoring/ GPS tracking

IV. PLACEMENT

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Based on the findings of a recent study conducted by the University of Cincinnati, placing "high risk" offenders and "low risk" offenders in the same setting, increases the likelihood of recidivism.

As a Community Residential Center, we provide transitional housing and supportive services to adult low and moderate risk offenders in select cities in Ohio. Our admission criteria is as follows:

1. Adult
2. Low and moderate offender (as determined by a validated assessment i.e. ORAS, OYAS)
3. On supervision (i.e. probation, parole, post release control, transitional control)
4. Ambulatory
5. Willingness to participate

NOTE: County and State referrals must be approved by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction prior to admission to any EXIT Program Community Residential Center to be funded by ODRC. Federal referrals must be approved by US Probation prior to admission into any EXIT Program Community Residential Center to be funded by USDC. Juvenile probation referrals must be approved by the Ohio Department of Youth Services prior to admission to any EXIT Program Community Residential Center to be funded by ODYS. Non parole cases can be referred, however, will not be funded by ODRC, USDC or ODYS.

REJECTION CRITERIA

1. Under 18
2. High risk offender
3. No supervision
4. Non ambulatory
5. Unwillingness to participate

NOTE: All genders and offender populations are welcome and will be given equal consideration as long as the above criteria are met.

V. RESOURCES

NISRE, Inc. is a progressive organization with a proven organizational track record and established community support. In just nine short years, NISRE, Inc. has successfully leveraged the following resources to accomplish our organizational objectives and expand our business.

1. Capital (annual operating budget of approx. \$3.4M)
2. Human resources

3. Volunteers
4. Property
5. Vehicles
6. Beds
7. Furniture
8. Appliances
9. Office machines {computers, printers, fax machines}
10. Supplies (office and household)
11. Computer and printers
12. Phones
13. Professional services (accounting, legal, consulting, maintenance, extermination)
14. Insurance {Professional/ General/ Property/ Employee Theft),
15. Security systems
16. Equipment (Electronic monitoring/ GPS (Global Positioning System) devices
17. Established policies and procedures and resident handbook
18. Fire Safety and General Emergency Plans
19. Graphic floor plans
20. Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
21. The EXIT Program ® Online Client Management Database

VI. COMPETENCY

For the past 16 years, NISRE, Inc. has successfully provided transitional housing to specialized offender populations in community residential settings. With a demonstrated ability to operate and maintain highly effective programs and services in multiple cities, we believe that we have developed the necessary competencies required to complete a project of this size and the resources it takes to absorb the additional workload that results from it.

We recruit, equip and retain highly skilled professionals with experience in the fields of Criminal Justice, Social work, counseling, substance abuse, human services, human resources, forensics, accounting, housing, security, business administration and management.