



City of Boston
Returning Citizens

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Events, Resources and Announcements

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ORC?

We're excited to resume our monthly newsletters after a brief pause!

During this time, we've been hard at work advancing our mission to expand access to resources and foster community among returning citizens. Over the past few months, we've established a new Advisory Board, launched two grant opportunities, welcomed new team members, and proudly celebrated Second Chance Month in April.

New ORC Advisory Group

As part of our commitment to community engagement, we've created ORC's first-ever advisory group. This group will play a vital role in shaping the future of the ORC's grant opportunities and supportive programming, ensuring that our initiatives align with the needs and perspectives of returning citizens and our community.



Dr. Dominique Price Conley and Payton Renfroe

Welcoming New ORC Staff

Dr. Dominique Price-Conley, Director of Reentry and Case Management Services.

Dominique is a Boston native and social work professional with a passion for supporting justice-involved individuals.

With experience at both the state and federal levels, she brings a deep understanding of reentry and case management. A proud graduate of Hampton and Howard Universities, Dr. Price-Conley holds a Doctorate in Social Work. Outside of her professional work, she enjoys traveling, live music, and connecting with friends

Payton Renfroe, Community Outreach Specialist. Originally from Nashville, Tennessee, Payton has proudly called Boston home for the past seven years. Payton Renfroe has background in International Affairs and a Master's in Security and Resilience Studies from Northeastern University. Payton is passionate about LGBTQIA+ advocacy, youth empowerment, and green recidivism. She's committed to building resilient, engaged communities and enjoys swing dancing, book clubs, live music, and spending time with her family.

International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) Delegation Meeting

The Office of Returning Citizens recently participated in a youth-focused community safety meeting alongside delegates from the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The IVLP group included five visitors from the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Uruguay, along with two liaisons.



The discussion covered prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk youth, support for gang-involved individuals and their families, and expanding re-entry services for returning citizens. The meeting fostered a meaningful exchange of ideas on reducing violence and promoting positive outcomes for youth globally and in the Boston community.

Returning Citizen Housing Support Grant

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A total of \$300,000 has been awarded to 7 organizations through the Returning Citizen Housing Support Grant program. These funds are dedicated to organizations with a strong track record of providing housing stability services for individuals returning from incarceration. These organizations will use the funding to assist with transitional housing, and other supportive housing-related services.

The City has awarded \$607,000 in Returning Citizen Support Grants to 38 organizations. These grants—up to \$25,000 per organization—will fund a broad range of reentry services for individuals returning to Boston from federal, state, or county correctional facilities. Funded programs may include job training stipends, housing support, peer mentoring, food assistance, and community integration services.

APRIL RECAP: SECOND CHANCE MONTH

Second Chance Month Workshops

In recognition of Second Chance Month, the ORC organized a series of workshops aimed at empowering our returning citizen community. In partnership with Emerge, we offered free CDL training workshop, while Harvard Law School collaborated with us on an Economic Empowerment workshop. EPOCH Healthcare led an On-Spot hiring day for open positions. Additionally, Harvard Law Defenders led a CORI Sealing Clinic, and TD Bank hosted a Financial Literacy workshop and a Small Business Seminar.



ORC Resource Fair

On April 9th, we held a resource fair at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, proudly featuring over 60 vendors providing services in employment assistance, community engagement, housing support, and career development for returning citizens.

The Second Chance Celebration

The Second Chance Celebration, on April 28th, was a resounding success, bringing together community members, partners, and leaders to celebrate the power of second chances. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and contributed to this meaningful event. A special thank you goes to our dedicated community partners for their unwavering support and collaboration. We were honored to have Mayor Michelle Wu join us, underscoring the city's commitment to providing opportunities for all residents. Together, we continue to build a more inclusive and supportive Boston for everyone



Second Chances: The Journey of Reentry and Empowerment_

[YouTube](#)

Premiered in April 2025 during the Second Chance Celebration, this powerful short film highlights the voices of individuals returning from incarceration who are reshaping their lives with resilience, purpose, and support from their community. It sheds light on the real challenges and significant victories of reentry, reminding us that everyone deserves the chance to be seen, heard, and empowered.

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Drop-in sessions are held weekly on Mondays from 2-5pm for tips and tricks on getting internet access, creating accounts, navigating web pages, and more.

[Learn More!](#)

Register now to schedule your free appointment and visit the ORC Workwear Wardrobe for FREE professional clothing and essential job-readiness tools!

Held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month from 1:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[Register Here!](#)

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Working Credit Workshop

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | 30 Dimock Street

This workshop, facilitated by Working Credit, covers the secrets to credit building, scams you need to watch out for, and how a strong score can help you lower expenses and achieve your financial goals.

Questions? Contact Working Credit at 773-275-0900, or email program@workingcredit.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?

Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation **WORC²** Workforce Opportunity Resource Center

Resource & Training Fair

WEDNESDAY May 28, 2025
11:00AM - 2:00PM
2511 Washington Street
Roxbury
 Join us for community resources and job training opportunities!
<https://formstack.io/3085C>

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JOBS REBUILD BOSTON '25

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE & CAREER FAIR

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025
 REGGIE LEWIS TRACK AND ATHLETIC CENTER @RCC
 1350 TREMONT ST, BOSTON

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[5/28 Resource & Training Fair Register Here!](#)

[6/5 Community Conference and Career Fair Register Here!](#)

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Bowdoin Street Health Center Open House

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | 230 Bowdoin Street Dorchester, MA 02122

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The Fountain Fund: Freedom Financed: Rebuild, Repair, Rise

1:00pm | Multi Week Zoom Sessions

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Mother's For Justice & Equality: Community Resource Fair

10:00am - 12:00pm | 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA

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Nurturing Father's Institute's Grand Opening

10:00am - 12:00pm | 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA

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Afro Biz Pop Up Market

3:00pm - 7:00pm | 1290 Blue Hill Ave Boston, MA



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We envision a Boston where returning citizens can return to their families, flourish in their communities, and regain their sense of dignity.

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