

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS REINVESTMENT PROJECT

*CPR - a public safety improvement program*



## COMMUNITY

The Community Partners Reinvestment (CPR) Project increases public safety by meeting the unique transitional needs of young men, 18 to 25, returning to the community after incarceration. CPR is designed to reduce their risk to re-offend by connecting them to the community through positive channels.

CPR received the Meritorious Service Team Award from Multnomah County for volunteering with flood relief efforts in rural Oregon.

*"I've done a lot of bad things in my life, but I just wanna thank you guys for giving me the opportunity to do something to feel good about myself."*  
~ Jose, CPR Participant



*"CPR's investing in my family's future."  
~Brian, CPR Participant*

## PARTNERS

Together, the CPR team of private and public partners provides *integrated case management*. Treatment counselors, parole officers, family educators, and employment specialists combine incentives and sanctions to encourage the young men to get involved in positive activities, stay out of trouble and get back on track when they make mistakes.

Brian benefited from CPR's cognitive therapy and alcohol and drug treatment before and after his release from the Oregon State Penitentiary. With support from his counselors and parole officer, he earned his GED, attended the Northwest College of Construction and completed an apprenticeship program. The result - a \$20/hr union job to support his family. CPR helped with parenting classes; rent, clothing, and furniture assistance.

### Our Community Partners

Oregon Department of Corrections  
Multnomah County Department of  
Community Justice  
City of Portland Bureau of Housing &  
Community Development  
Volunteers of America Oregon  
SE Works, Inc.  
Metropolitan Family Service  
Irvington Covenant CDC  
Portland State University

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## REINVESTMENT

Since 2004, this state-of-the-art program has served nearly 300 young men and their families. CPR's work has resulted in significant system changes such as creation of the Governor's Reentry Council, Oregon's federal *Prisoner Reentry Initiative* award, and the development of a statewide reentry curriculum. Statistically significant outcomes reported by Portland State University's evaluation show ***CPR has improved the health of the community by reducing:***

- ↓ Overall risk to re-offend
- ↓ Mental health symptoms
- ↓ Substance abuse and severity of addiction
- ↓ Recidivism

*Volunteers of America Oregon operates the CPR Project with the support of local funders and a 4-year, \$408,000 matching grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships. Working with local funders - the Northwest Health Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Local Funding Partnerships joins the resources of a national foundation with local grantmakers and nonprofit organizations, so better health can take root in our communities. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supports ambitious new community solutions that meet people where health is happening— not just in hospitals or clinics but where they live, learn, work and play.*