



The Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition, Inc. was founded on July 31, 2012, by State Representative Al Williams, Hinesville Mayor Pro Tem Charles Fraiser, Liberty County Sheriff Steve Sikes, and a group of community-minded individuals. Representative Williams led the organization in its early years and continues to actively support the initiative.

In 2014, the Coalition identified community-based reentry services as a key strategy to reduce recidivism, strengthen public safety, and empower individuals to live free of crime. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Daisy Jones was appointed to chair the Steering and Implementation Team to conduct a countywide needs assessment, engage the community, and build organizational capacity. Team members included Morris Cockerm, Michele Freeney-Washington, and Victoria Allen. The Coalition hosted monthly stakeholder meetings during a 24-month program design and implementation process, including focus groups with formerly incarcerated and justice-impacted individuals.

The SOAR Re-Entry Center, a community-based adult reentry program, officially opened for direct services on September 14, 2016. Hundreds of stakeholders attended the launch of what has since become a flagship model recognized across Georgia and the nation. Liberty County was selected as one of seventeen Georgia Prison Re-Entry Initiative sites by the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry (GOTSR).

Although the Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition, Inc. has never received state funding, the organization has strategically sustained the SOAR Re-Entry Center through strong support from the Liberty County Board of Commissioners, in-kind contributions, grants from the Cities of Hinesville and Flemington, and funding from local agencies. The program also benefits from recurring support from Rivers of Living Water Church and past financial partnerships with Live Oak Church of God, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Baconton Missionary Baptist Church, and St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, demonstrating deep community investment in second-chance success.

In 2024, the United Way of the Coastal Empire (Savannah, GA) selected the Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition as the regional incubator for a highly competitive Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) workforce grant initiative—an extraordinary endorsement of LCRC's leadership and credibility in the reentry space. The application process advanced the region one step closer to coordinated workforce solutions designed to create upward mobility for the second-chance population.

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