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## Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program

*Shreveport, Louisiana*

**GRANTEE:** One Church One Offender of Louisiana (OCOO)

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$304,117

**PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED:** 100 ex-offenders in Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana

**MATCHING RESOURCES:** N/A

**PARTNERS:** City of Shreveport Workforce Investment Board; Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections; City of Shreveport Bureau of Workforce Development; Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department; Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department; Baptist Ministers Fellowship Conference; Office for Addictive Disorders – Region 7; Multicultural Development Corporation of Stonewall Baptist Church; Biedenharm Center for Women's Issues; The Buckhalter Recovery Center of Shreveport; Northwest Regional Center for Addictive Disorders of Shreveport.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A comprehensive faith-based reentry program with over ten collaborative partners that offers employment training, employment opportunities, mentoring, housing assistance, case management services, reentry services and referrals to other social service programs through a three-phase approach. OCOO's Employment Opportunity Service program provides seed money for entrepreneurial ventures. The Shreveport Bureau of Workforce Development provides employment, education training and workforce development tools. Biedenharm Center for Women's Issues provides housing for homeless single women and women with children. Program offenders are mentored through OCOO's Chaplaincy Mentoring Program. The Buckhalter Recovery Center and Northwest Regional Center for Addictive Disorders offer drug treatment to the program participants.

