

# Halfway Houses In Ohio

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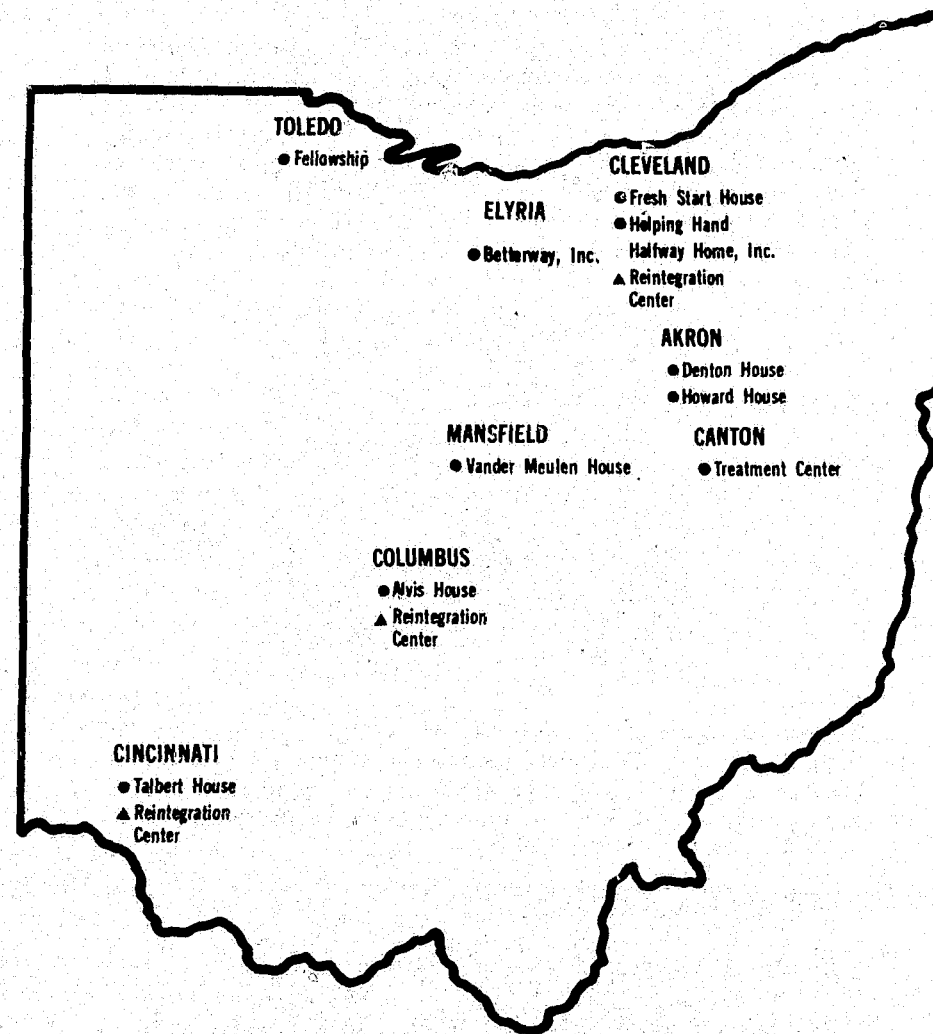
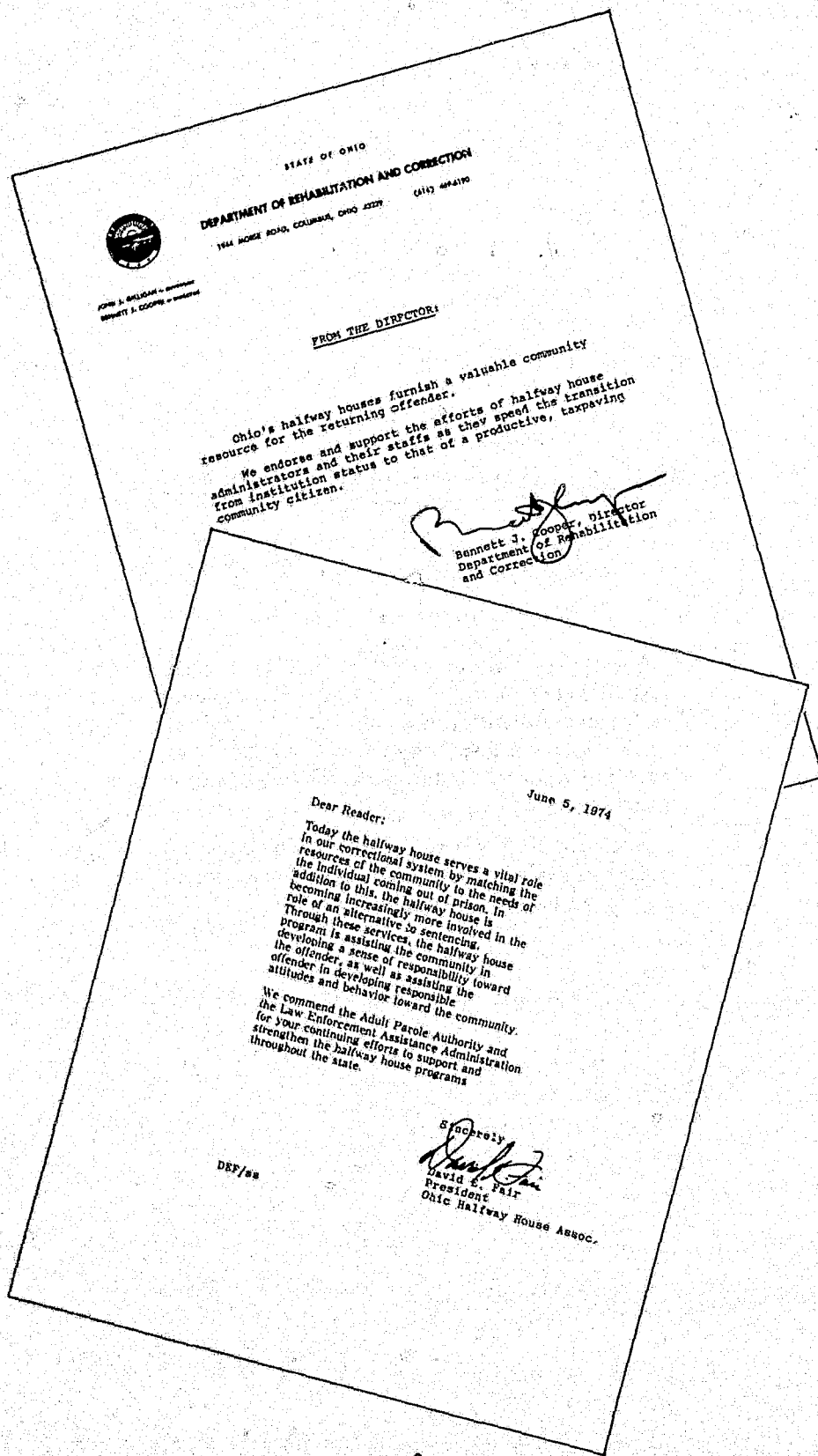
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Outline Map of Ohio, showing cities and halfway houses and reintegration centers.

# Alvis House

**Office:** 844 Bryden Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43205  
(614) 252-5270  
Maurice A. Breslin, Executive Director

**Philosophy:** The objective of Alvis House is to assist its clients in understanding and accepting the values of successful socialized living. This goal is to be reached through both in-house assistance to the resident and by close cooperation with other community agencies who provide additional services. Volunteer workers assist in bringing the resident into a successful relationship with society as a whole. Clients who successfully complete the program are eligible for out-client counseling if they require it.



**Alvis House No. 2**  
844 Bryden Road  
(614) 252-5270

Office and  
residence  
for advanced  
clients

**Territory Served:** Admissions are limited to residents of Franklin County (Columbus) and the counties surrounding it: Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union. Anyone released to this area by correctional authorities is considered a resident of the Columbus area.

**Limitations on Admissions:** None

**Housing Capacity:** 55

**Admission Procedure:** All interested parties should write to Alvis House for information. Referrals are accepted from different sources, but each applicant must personally apply. Potential residents will fill out and sign two copies of the "Admission and Release of Confidential Information" form, then have these papers witnessed and forwarded to Alvis House. Only then can anyone be considered for admission.

House staff members will attempt to interview all applicants before a final decision is made. If this is not possible, decisions will be based on a review of casework material. Written acceptance notices will be mailed.



**Alvis House No. 1**  
971 Bryden Road  
(614) 252-5279

Kitchen,  
dining room,  
and intake  
residence for  
new arrivals

**Program:** The key to Alvis House programming is individualized treatment. Each new arrival is referred to a house Treatment Team, which consists of an experienced senior caseworker and one or more professional and para-professional counselors. The team then designs a program for each of its clients, and will consult with residents before making decisions which will affect them. Reality Therapy underlies all aspects of treatment and assistance.

Alvis House assists a variety of ex-offenders, including federal, state, and local referrals. A separate Probation Diversion Program exists within the general treatment framework, and probation clients are generally housed separately from other residents. However, counseling and supervision are the same as for other men.

**Resident Obligations:** Must attend one-hour group meetings twice a week, obey house rules, and counsel with the Treatment Teams as required. Housework duties are assigned by resident councils and must be fulfilled. Employed residents will pay \$10 per week rent unless the conditions of their placement bar such payments.



**Alvis House No. 3**  
868 Bryden Road  
(614) 252-0179

Counseling  
offices and  
housing for  
probation  
diversion  
residents

# Betterway, Inc.

700 Middle Avenue  
Elyria, Ohio 44305  
(216) 323-2431  
Thomas Meehan, Assistant Executive Director

**Philosophy:** Betterway, Inc., conducts residential treatment for both adult and juvenile offenders. The purpose of these programs is to build or rebuild solid ties between the ex-offender and the community. The resident will be integrated or reintegrated into the life of the community.



**THE ANCHOR**  
611 Middle Avenue  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
(216) 323-1739  
James Corfman, Director

**Territory Served:** No geographical restrictions are imposed, but the majority of clients come from northern Ohio.

**Limitations on Admissions:** State furlonghees and federal prereleasees only.

**Housing Capacity:** 11

**Admission Procedure:** All interested parties should contact the Director of The Anchor. Potential clients must be recommended by state or federal authorities, and state referrals must be interviewed by staff members prior to final acceptance. When interviews are impossible, residents may be admitted after a review of casework material. Written notice of acceptance will be mailed.

**Program:** Milieu therapy is employed, with all efforts directed at establishing an open relationship between residents and staff. Through this technique, clients are encouraged to adjust to their problems in a socially acceptable manner.

**Resident Obligations:** Must obey house rules and participate in a weekly group meeting. Clients will also assist in daily housework and attend personal counseling sessions as required. Financial obligations will be those set by the conditions of furlough or pre-release.



**THE BRIDGE**  
222 West Bridge Street  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
(216) 323-2815  
Michael Gonsiorowski, Director

**Territory Served:** No geographical restrictions are set, but most clients come from Lorain County and the communities surrounding it.

**Limitations on Admissions:** Probationers and parolees only. Residents must be between the ages of 18 and 26, but exceptions may be made.

**Housing Capacity:** 15

**Admission Procedure:** Interested parties should contact the Director of The Bridge. Staff will interview potential clients before deciding upon acceptance. Written notice of acceptance will be mailed.

**Program:** Counseling and assistance are individualized as much as possible. Milieu therapy is employed to encourage residents to deal with their problems openly and honestly, and all efforts are geared to assisting the client to enter society in a law-abiding manner.

**Resident Obligations:** Must obey house rules and participate in a weekly group meeting. Clients will also assist in daily housework and attend personal counseling sessions as required. Employed residents will pay rent equal to 20 percent of their pay, up to a maximum of \$25 per week.



# Community Corrections and Treatment Center



609 Cleveland Avenue South  
Canton, Ohio 44702  
(216) 453-8401  
Robert K. Davies, Director

**Philosophy:** The Center bases its treatment upon the totality of its program. The staff includes individuals with a wide variety of talents, who together provide assistance to clients as the latter attempt to reverse the irrational and self-destructive behavior patterns of their past. All such assistance is offered within a comprehensive program. Residents participate in the planning process as it affects themselves.

**Territory Served:** Stark County and its municipalities.

**Limitations on Admissions:** Probationers Only

**Housing Capacity:** 30

**Admission Procedure:** Potential residents are referred by the local courts, probation officers, and jails. Applicants are then screened by the Center for admission. Anyone seeking further information should contact the Center.

**Program:** An individualized program is designed for each resident during the entry, or diagnostic, phase of the program. This is consummated in a written contract which is prepared jointly by the resident and the staff. The client then enters upon a course of action which is tailored to his needs yet which takes place within a highly structured setting. Counseling is based upon the concept of Rational-Emotive Therapy. The resident progresses through programmatic phases to the status of an out-client, and then gains his release.

**Resident Obligations:** Must participate in group and individual counseling sessions as required by each resident's program. Work schedules for house duties are formulated weekly, and all must assist. Clients who are employed will pay 25 percent of their take-home income as room and board.

# Denton House

**Office:** Akron YMCA, Room #409  
80 West Center Street  
Akron, Ohio 44308  
(216) 253-3181  
David E. Fair, Executive Director

**Philosophy:** Denton House attempts to provide a suitable environment in which men may learn to live responsibly. Each resident is viewed as an individual who possesses unique assets and limitations, and who therefore must be viewed differently. The philosophy of Denton House is based upon the principles of Christianity, and this is reflected in the daily functioning of the house. Just as Jesus never forced Himself or His lifestyle upon others, neither does Denton House.

**YMCA**  
80 West Center Street  
(216) 253-3181



Office and  
Probation-Parole  
Residence

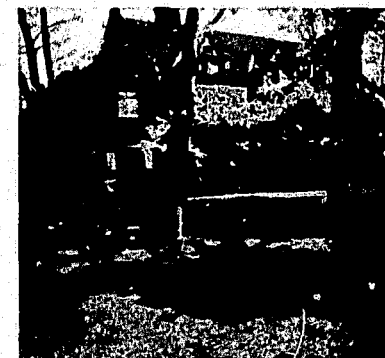
**Territory Served:** Summit County and surrounding communities. Referrals may be accepted from other areas with the approval of the appropriate supervising agencies.

**Limitations on Admission:** None

**Housing Capacity:** 75

**Admission Procedure:** Referrals are accepted directly from potential residents or from their families, friends, and supervising officials. Following the receipt of available casework material, a screening committee will decide upon admission or rejection. Criteria include need, desire for assistance, and adaptability to program. Written notice of acceptance or rejection will be mailed to the potential resident and to the appropriate supervising authorities.

**Denton Hall**  
715 East Buchtel Avenue  
Zip 44305  
(216) 253-5927



Furlough and  
Pre-Release  
Student  
Residence

**Program:** Denton House gears its treatment to the concept of individualized personal counseling and Reality Therapy. A new resident will be matched with professional counselor, and over the first two weeks of residence this staff member will assist the client in establishing specific personal goals in seven related areas. Weekly meetings then focus on the individual's progress towards achieving these goals. Group therapy is employed on a limited basis.

Each of the three residences serves certain categories of clients. Most probationers and parolees live in the YMCA. State furloughees and federal pre-releasees usually live at Denton House, if they are employed or seeking employment, or at Denton Hall, if they are part of a schooling program. In this manner the staff is able to meet the special supervision requirements which are part of furlough and pre-release programming without imposing them upon other categories of residents.

**Denton House**  
150 Furnace Street  
Zip 44309  
(216) 253-8090



Furlough and  
Pre-Release  
Worker  
Residence

**Resident Obligations:** Must live within the house policies, meet with counselors on a one-to-one basis at least once a week and attend additional sessions (individual or group) as required. Employed parolees or probationers must pay a rent of between \$15 and \$20 per week.

# Fellowship House



2371 Franklin Avenue  
P.O. Box #4536  
Toledo, Ohio 43620  
(419) 241-3231  
Garnett Phibbs,  
Executive Director

**Philosophy:** Citizens Aiding Public Offenders (CAPO), the corporate name of Fellowship, offers the ex-offender a residence which is therapeutic in nature yet informal in its life style. Here the public will find a community-based alternative to the impersonal and counter-productive penal institution.

**Territory Served:** Most residents come from Lucas County and adjoining counties, but previous residence is not a requirement for admission.

**Limitations on Admissions:** None

**Housing Capacity:** 10

**Admission Procedure:** A potential resident must formally request admission. A final decision will be made on the basis of information available, and the applicant will then be informed of the result. Upon arrival, a new resident meets with a member of the treatment staff and begins a one-week orientation period within the house.

**Program:** All residents enter a four-phased treatment program. It is individually geared to develop within each client a motivational level which will enable him to reenter society as a stable and productive citizen. This goal is achieved by challenging each man to assume greater degrees of responsibility for his actions.

**Resident Obligations:** Must attend once-a-week house meetings, a weekday evening educational program offered by the public library, and other meetings as may be required by individual treatment programs. All clients must also assist in house chores. Employed residents, except state furlonghees, must pay rent of up to 25 percent of their net income, to a maximum of \$25 per week.

# Fresh Start, Inc.

4807 Cedar Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103  
(216) 751-6899  
James J. Cooney, Program Director

**Philosophy:** Fresh Start conducts a transitional residential program for clients who admit to being alcoholics and who sincerely desire to achieve sobriety. The program is based upon the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).



**Fresh Start No. 1** (216) 431-4979  
4807 Cedar Avenue, Zip 44103  
George Thomas, Assistant Director

**Fresh Start No. 2** (216) 696-0275  
2219 Payne Avenue, Zip 44114  
David Messenger, Assistant Director



**Territory Served:** No geographical limits.

**Limitations on Admission:** Only admitted alcoholics who are employable and between the ages of 22 and 55 are accepted. Exceptions may be made as to age.

**Housing Capacity:** 30 in each house.

**Admission Procedure:** A potential resident will be interviewed twice, once by an Assistant Director and once by a representative of the county welfare department's Alcoholic Rehabilitation Unit. A conference between the two then determines acceptance or rejection. If an applicant is not available for personal screening, casework material will be used to reach a decision.

**Program:** New clients enter upon a thirty-day orientation period, during which they may not be employed. Thereafter they are encouraged to seek employment while remaining in the program. Ordinarily they will not stay more than six months, with the exact time of release to depend upon the staff's evaluation of a man's prospects for continued sobriety. Aftercare services are available through local AA groups.

**Resident Obligations:** All clients must attend a weekly AA meeting which is held in the house. In addition, new clients must attend AA orientation meetings once a week and assist in house maintenance. Employed residents will pay rent of up to \$30 per week, depending upon the level of their income.



# Helping Hand Halfway Home, Inc.

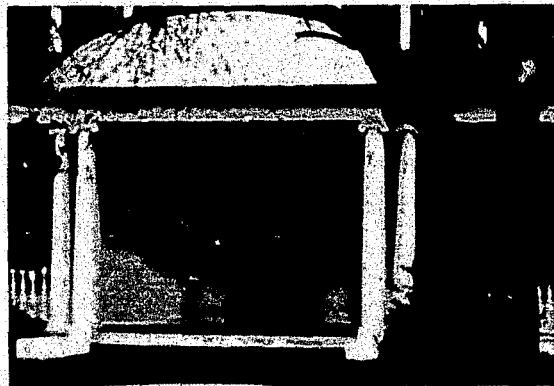


## Office:

1874 East 82nd Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103  
(216) 791-1155  
Rev. James Redding,  
Executive Director

**Philosophy:** The motto of Helping Hand Halfway Home is "In Service to God through Man." By providing a comfortable residential environment and personal assistance to former offenders who are seeking to direct their lives into law abiding channels, Helping Hand believes that it is improving the society around it and assisting in the Christian mission.

**Helping Hand currently operates two treatment facilities. These are:**



**MEN'S RESIDENCE**  
1827 East 63rd Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103  
(216) 431-2212

**Territory Served:** Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. However, previous residence within the county is not a prerequisite for admission.

**Limitations on Admission:** None.

**Housing Capacity:** 45.

**Admission Procedure:** Applicants may be self-referrals or be recommended by public correctional authorities. Whenever possible, a potential client is interviewed prior to his admission. A written notice of acceptance or rejection will be mailed when necessary.

**Program:** Residents consist of federal pre-releasees, state furloughees and parolees, and local probationers. These men receive transitional residential services and personal counseling while they attempt to gain employment and to reestablish themselves in the community. All clients are expected to obey the regulations prescribed by the conditions of their release.

**Resident Obligations:** Must attend weekly individual and group counseling sessions as scheduled by the director. In addition, residents will assist in properly maintaining the appearance of the house.



**WOMEN'S RESIDENCE**  
1839 East 85th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106  
(216) 421-9466

**Territory Served:** Cleveland and Cuyahoga County only, though this may change in the future.

**Limitations on Admissions:** Only women referred by the local municipal court are currently eligible for admission.

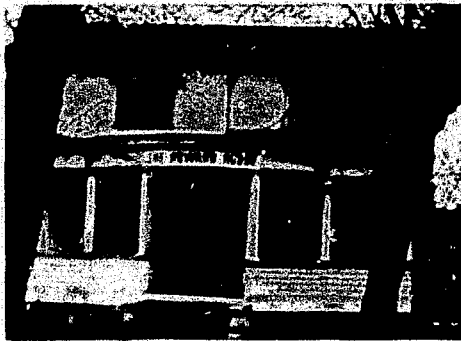
**Housing Capacity:** 30.

**Admission Procedure:** All residents are offenders who received short sentences from the Cleveland Municipal Court and were then placed in Helping Hand as an alternative to incarceration. In the future, other classes of clients may be accepted. Inquiries regarding changes in admission policy should be addressed to the house.

**Program:** In February, 1974, Cleveland closed the women's quarters of the city workhouse and placed all of its residents in Helping Hand's female facility. Here the residents are under continuous supervision and receive the assistance of a full-time social worker who designs rehabilitation programs for the residents. In addition, residents are in a position to seek the assistance of other community agencies who may be able to help them.

**Resident Obligations:** Must obey house rules and assist in the maintenance of the house. They will also attend all counseling sessions and other necessary appointments prescribed by the social worker.

# Howard House



369 Wooster Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44307  
(216) 762-8859

, Director

**Philosophy:** Howard House seeks to ease the transition from institutional confinement to community living by providing a positive home-like atmosphere in which the resident can accustom himself to society. Through individual interaction between staff and residents as well as through collective efforts, the former offender will be assisted in successfully reentering the outside world.

**Territory Served:** Primarily the Model Cities neighborhood of Akron, but referrals are accepted from all of Summit County areas.

**Limitations on Admission:** None.

**Housing Capacity:** 15.

**Admission Procedure:** Applicants must apply in writing. An interview will be conducted at the institution prior to release. The final decision will be based on a review of available casework material as well as upon interviews.

**Program:** Reality Therapy is the basis of the Howard House program. Residents are expected to participate in the life of the house and to positively re-inforce one another's attitudes. Individual and group therapy sessions are also employed, and the staff assists each client in his attempts to obtain employment or to advance his education. Representatives from other segments of the community assist in counseling in an attempt to break down the barriers between former offenders and other citizens, and every effort is made to involve a resident's family in the rehabilitative effort.

**Resident Obligations:** Must be present for evening meals and attend counseling sessions as required. In addition, clients must assist in maintenance chores throughout the house. Employed residents will pay \$18 per week rent.

# Talbert House

## Office:

2525 Victory Parkway  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  
(512) 221-3250

John M. McCartt, Executive Director

**Philosophy:** The primary goal of Talbert House is to assist former offenders in their attempts to function successfully in society. Starting with a residential program geared towards men leaving prison, the agency now sponsors a large number of supportive programs, both residential and non-residential. Talbert House is now engaged in the fields of juvenile corrections, drug treatment, and crisis intervention. Through all of these runs a continuing thread: assisting the socially disadvantaged who need help.

Talbert House currently sponsors four adult halfway houses. Three service the ex-offender, the fourth is a drug therapeutic community.

## Correctional Halfway Houses

1062 Wesley Avenue, Zip 45203  
(513) 421-6886  
Timothy Connelly, Program Director  
Capacity: 17 men



1105 McMillan Street, Zip 45206  
(513) 961-3100  
George Sahker, Program Director  
Capacity: 13 men



334 MacGregor Avenue, Zip 45220  
(513) 721-6444  
Mickey Haller, Program Director  
Capacity: 15 women

**Territory Served:** Greater Cincinnati, including portions of Kentucky. Applicants need not have prior residence in this area.

**Limitations on Admission:** None.

**Admission Procedure:** Male applicants should write to Mr. Connelly at Wesley Avenue, females to Ms. Haller. Referrals are

also accepted from public authorities. Decisions are based upon casework material and, whenever possible, personal interviews. Factors considered in reaching a decision include: need for program, suitability for group living, and the willingness to accept counseling and guidance.

**Program:** Both personal counseling and group interaction focus upon the solution to personal problems, vocational guidance, and referrals to other agencies for additional assistance. Transactional Analysis is employed as the basis of formal treatment. Residents are encouraged to obtain employment and to establish positive community contacts.

**Resident Obligations:** Assist in regular house chores and attend required weekly counseling sessions and house meetings. Employed parolees and probationers are expected to pay rent of \$17.50 to \$21 per week.

## Vedanta Drug Therapeutic Community

2214 Vine Street, Zip 45219  
(513) 241-2427  
Donald Morris, Program Director  
Capacity: 30 men and women



**Territory Served:** Priority is given to applicants from the inter-city area (Catchment Area II). Others may be accepted as space is available.

**Limitations on Admission:** Only individuals with a history of drug abuse and a sincere desire to abandon that way of life will be accepted.

**Admission Procedure:** Vedanta accepts both self-referrals and clients sent by the courts or correctional authorities. However, any acceptance is contingent upon favorable interviews with both staff members and with the current residents of the Vedanta Community.

**Program:** Vedanta offers a highly structured program from which a client will gain maturity and insight into his problems. Extensive resident interaction and encounter groups are employed in this process, which may last up to nine months. The community supports each of its members through the emotional turmoil which often accompanies the treatment program.

**Resident Obligations:** Obey all rules of the house and abstain from use of drugs.

# Vander Meulen

226 West 5th Street  
P.O. Box #1213  
Mansfield, Ohio 44901  
(419) 525-1540  
Terry Bartholomew, Executive Director

**Philosophy:** Vander Meulen exists to assist "released Offenders Who Want to Re-Adjust." It is founded on the conviction that a community residential program is a valid approach to rehabilitation, and it bases its philosophy upon the teachings of Jesus. The house believes that the values and teachings of Christianity can successfully guide the former offender to a successful life.

Vander Meulen No. 1  
226 West 5th Street  
(419) 526-9256



Vander Meulen No. 2  
232 West 5th Street  
(419) 526-9256

**Territory Served:** Primarily Richland and Ashland counties, but applicants are also accepted from other areas.

**Limitations on Admission:** None.

**Housing Capacity:** 18.

**Admission Procedure:** Potential residents may apply personally, and referrals are accepted from other sources as well. Whenever possible, casework material will be reviewed and an interview conducted prior to any decision to accept an applicant.

**Program:** A positive environment, personal counseling, and group therapy are the keys to Vander Meulen's program. The informal, family-style residence offers a positive alternative to an institutional atmosphere. Counseling focuses on the establishment and achievement of individual goals, while group therapy addresses the solutions of common problems faced by all residents.

**Resident Obligations:** Must attend required counseling sessions and house meetings. All residents will assist in house duties for an average of two hours per week. Employed residents will be expected to pay rent of \$21 per week.

## Other Types of Halfway Houses

Halfway houses also exist in related fields. Agencies sponsoring mental health, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and juvenile rehabilitation programs increasingly employ community-based residential treatment centers. In the juvenile field, such facilities are commonly known as "group homes."

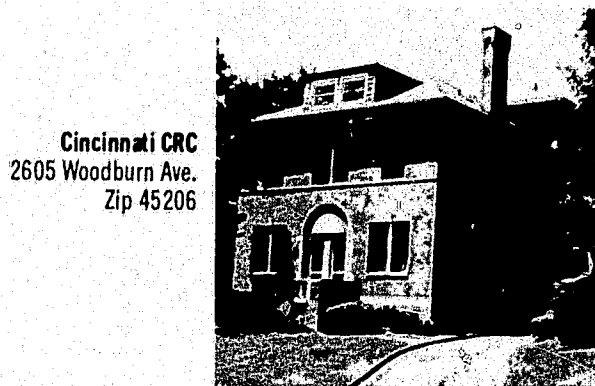
These halfway houses, like the ones in corrections, engage in a variety of programs. Some specialize in assisting individuals who have just left hospitals or prisons, others offer alternatives to institutionalization. Their sponsorship is as varied as their services. Federal, state, and local governments, together with religious and non-sectarian private corporations, all assist in establishing and funding these houses. Such varied sponsorship and programming is indicative of both the vitality of the halfway house movement and of the growing conviction that social problems must be solved within the community where they originated.

# Ohio Community Reintegration Centers

## Reintegration Center Program

1050 Freeway Drive North  
Columbus, Ohio 43229  
Robert L. Corder, Executive Director  
(614) 466-8488

**Philosophy:** The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is committed to the concept of community-based corrections. Three Community Reintegration Centers (CRCs) are one result of this policy. They are diversionary programs, designed to offer an alternative to the sentencing of men and women to prison even though they have demonstrated shortcomings while under supervision in an open society. Through an intensive intervention effort at this point, the department believes that it is possible to redirect such clients into productive channels and to avoid the social and economic costs of imprisonment.



**Cincinnati CRC**  
2605 Woodburn Ave.  
Zip 45206

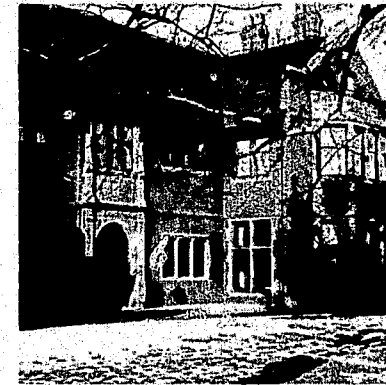
Joseph Porter  
Superintendent  
(513) 852-2802  
Capacity:  
25 men and  
women

**Territory Served:** Each center services the metropolitan area in which it is located. Applicants from other districts may be accepted if space is available.

**Limitations on Admission:** Applicants must be under some form of parole, probation, or furlough supervision by state or local officers within Ohio. Priority will be given to parole referrals, with others considered on a space-available basis.

**Admission Procedure:** Formal application must be made through an individual's supervising officer. Final decisions will be made by the Central Office of the Adult Parole Authority, and judgment will be based on the suitability of the client to the treatment programs which will be offered. Ordinarily residents will have received a revocation hearing and been declared a parole, probation, or furlough violator prior to being admitted to a center.

**Cleveland CRC**  
8615 Euclid Ave.  
Zip 44106



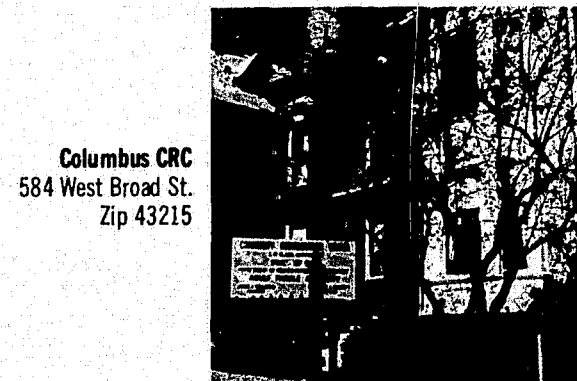
John C. Lander,  
Superintendent  
(216) 579-3013

Capacity:  
25 men and  
women

**Program:** New residents enter a structured counseling program which is designed to last twelve weeks. The goal is to enable them to function successfully within society after their release. All residents will participate in the Maturation Achievement Program (MAP), which is designed to aid participants in meeting daily problems in their life.

Residents will remain within the house during the first four weeks, working with counselors who will begin the treatment process. Thereafter, for six weeks clients may leave the residence on an approved pass basis, but only in the company of a staff member and usually as part of a group. Finally, in the last two weeks of the program those individuals who have earned the privilege may receive individual passes. These may be granted for recreational or employment purposes. Any resident who leaves the house without prior permission, or who overstays his pass, may be recommended for return to an institution.

**Resident Obligations:** Obey all rules of the center and participate in required individual counseling, group therapy sessions, and other treatment programs.



**Columbus CRC**  
584 West Broad St.  
Zip 43215

C. W. Clark,  
Superintendent  
(614) 466-8405  
Capacity: 25 men



For further information concerning  
halfway houses and community service  
programs, contact the Division of Parole  
and Community Services, 1050 Freeway  
Drive North, Columbus, Ohio 43229.  
Telephone 614-466-2195.



**Division of Parole and Community Services**  
1050 Freeway Drive North  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

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