

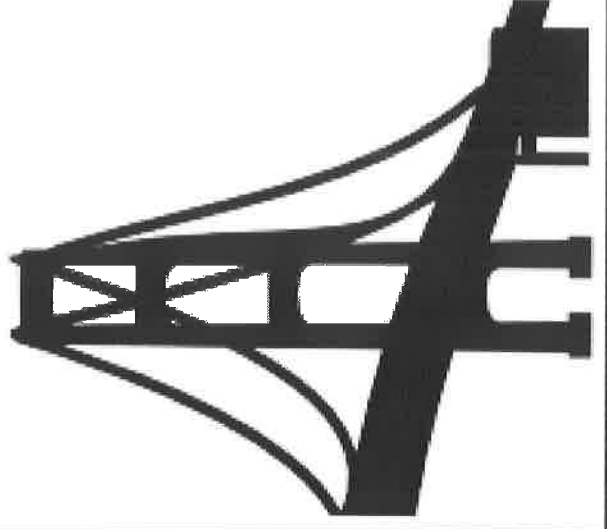
# **COOSA**

## **Volunteering**

### **Winooski Community Reentry Program**

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### **Volunteers Wanted, Needed, and Appreciated!**

The Winooski Community Reentry Program is looking for volunteers to make a difference. The program will work with offenders transitioning from prison to the Winooski area. For a list of ways that you can help, see inside.

To volunteer, please call the  
Winooski Community Justice Center  
Reentry Coordinator at  
(802) 343-8650.



# About the Program

People are coming out of prison and returning to the Winooski community on a monthly basis. These are not new members to the community. These are people who have significant ties to the area; they are returning to their families, communities, and jobs.

High risk offenders are carefully screened to become eligible to participate in the Community Reentry Program, which utilizes Circles of Support and Accountability to improve community safety and promote successful reentry.

The Winooski Community Reentry Program is designed to improve the safety of victims and the community by providing offenders with both support and accountability. Each year, the program will begin work with two offenders who have committed serious crimes and who are returning to the Winooski area. We need your help.

## Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)

As a volunteer in the Circle of Support and Accountability model, you will work very closely with an offender returning to the Winooski community. You will work on a weekly basis to offer mentorship and support to an offender who has expressed the desire to change and a commitment to cause no more harm. You also will work in a larger group to establish clear expectations with the offender in regards to community behavior and responsibility.

COSA volunteers will work in teams of three with a single offender. The commitment is for one year of service. COSA volunteers will receive intensive training, supervision, and support by program staff.

The COSA volunteer has a central role in the Winooski Community Reentry Program. Your participation will make a difference to both the community and participating offenders.

For more information on becoming a COSA volunteer, please call the Winooski Community Justice Center Reentry Coordinator at (802) 343-8650.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Here are some specific ways you can participate in the Winooski Community Reentry Program.

- Become a volunteer of a Circle of Support and Accountability
- Provide transportation
  - Donate household items
  - Lead a training or workshop

