* Date\_02-23-2015 Location Re-Entry Training Center, Reibold Building, Dayton, OH 45402
* Name: Focus Group 2: Providers of Services to Citizens returning from Incarceration
* **Recap of session:**
* The MCOER works with a variety of community stakeholders to provide programming and services to the men and women who are returning to Montgomery County from state and local prisons and jails. The MCOER Reentry Collaborative serves as a community education assembly which promotes reentry provider networking, organizational support via resource building, and long-term sustainability through leveraged partnerships.

**Top 3 areas of Discrimination**

**Most Common:**

72% identified Race/Color as #1

67% identified Ethnicity as #2

22% identified Familial Status as #3

* **Noteworthy stats:**
* 17% identified Ethnicity, Disability and Gender Identity/Expression as #3
* **I know someone who was discriminated against.**
* 11 stated yes.
* 7 stated no.
* **Disability:**

3stated a person with disabilities resides in their home.

* **Current housing is accessible.**
* 5 stated yes.
* 13 stated no.
* **Opinion/thoughts about how willing landlords will help people with disabilities.**
* Very willing – 3
* Hesitant – 13
* Unwilling – 2

Tell us about your neighborhood.   
Does it or doesn’t it have:

* + Good Schools?

The main consideration when moving into a specific neighborhood stated by 18 individuals was good schools.

* + Groceries and shopping amenities that are plentiful and close?

Six individuals stated that having shopping convenient is important when considering where to live.

* + Health Care – is it close or far away?

No comments.

* + Community Center?

No comments

* + **Affordable** housing opportunities?

Eighteen individuals commented that there was a need for more affordable housing.

* + Easy **transportation** to everywhere in the county?

Eight individuals commented that having access to transportation was important.

* + Is there neighborhood **blight** or problems?

No Comments.

* + Is it accessible to **people with disabilities**

Four individuals stated we needed more accessible housing.

* + What else is important?
* One person felt that having persons with a record be considered as a protected class would
* help reentry clients better be able to obtain housing.
* Seven individuals felt that utilities and a sex offense on your record created the largest two
* barriers to those in the re-entry community.
* One individual commented that sometime the criminal record is used as a proxy for race
* discrimination, and also pointed out that a high number of African American Males have a
* criminal record.