



BUILDING BRIDGES

2020 Community Experience

OCTOBER 1-2, 2020
9AM-3PM, ONLINE

WELCOME!

In the face of our country's current challenges, new hope and new opportunities are rising through deeper connections and broader collaborations.

The **Building Bridges of Opportunity: *Community Experience*** brings together several OCF and OPNFF leaders, community practitioners, ministry volunteers, and people with lived reentry experiences to discover our collective empathy, strength, innovation, wisdom, and connection for responding to reentry needs during the pandemic and beyond.

The **Building Bridges: *Community Experience*** offers participants a unique blend of safe and encouraging spaces, mutual learning communities and engagement opportunities designed to gather around issues of reentry and to move from sustaining silos to creating opportunities for true social change for fathers and families.

We believe that opportunity and hope emerge at the intersection of connection and collaboration. And these can only happen when people are in community. We look forward to being in community with you in October

--Building Bridges Planning Team

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
SEPTEMBER 1—27, 2020

Details available on the
Building Bridges Website:
www.westhioumc.org/buildingbridgesofopportunity

Cost: Free

NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL EXPERTS

Surface current opportunities
within your community's
emerging reentry reality



BRIDGE BUILDING BREAKOUTS

Learn about emerging pandemic
best practices and pivots from
boots-on-the-ground reentry
practitioners, professionals and
impacted persons



LUNCH & LEARNS

Experience collaborative efforts
among public, private, and
community organizations



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Discover what is truly needed to
support successful reentry from
those most directly impacted



BREAKOUT COMMUNITIES

Engage in meaningful learning,
restorative dialogue, and
solutions-based efforts for your
community context

SOME SESSIONS FEATURING OCF & OPNFF LEADERS:

BEST PANDEMIC PRACTICES & PIVOTS FOR MENTORING.

We are all dealing with a sense of losing connection with someone who is important to us. For those of us who are called to mentoring youth, families, or adults, we are struggling to find solid footing in our current shifting foundation. Join mentoring experts around the lunch table for a real and relevant discussion on best practices and pivots for effective pandemic mentoring. Each session explores setting realistic expectations for both mentors and mentees during this season of social distancing and effective ways to continue to be a life-giving presence and a stable relationship in these uncertain times. Each session's leaders discuss how to lead and support your own army of volunteer mentors. **Men's Session** with Carlos Christian, Starts Within; Burl Lemon, Forever Dads; and Rev. Eli Williams, Urban Light Ministries **Youth Session** with Daryle Cobb, Franklin County Children's Services and Amir Saleem, By Leaps and Bounds

CLOSING THE BASIC NEEDS GAP FOR FAMILIES DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Now more than ever, families are operating under stress and duress just to meet basic needs. But when families have their basic needs met, they are able to more easily support their family member's return from incarceration. In this session, a panel of front-line service providers offer real-time guidance on what family needs, what's working, what's not, and what collaboration is essential for addressing the basic needs in any community context. Participants will engage with panel members in surfacing strategies and solutions for increasing basic need support without wearing out, as well. **Panelists:** Twinkle Schottke, Moms2B; David Fluellen, Dads2B; Marcie Langendorfer, United Way of Greater Cincinnati; Moderator: Kimberly Dent, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

EMERGING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH-BASED GROUPS.

How do you regain momentum in your workforce development and holistic case management services? In this session, two faith-based community leaders unpack how they are navigating their organizations and their clients through the pandemic. They will discuss what has emerged for them as new ways to move forward faithfully and collaboratively with other groups and their clients to support resiliency in families and communities. Participants will engage with presenters in surfacing strategies and solutions for second chance workforce development pandemic practices and pivots, as well. **Presenter:** Dr. Brian Moore, Passages

PANDEMIC IMPACT, PRACTICES, PIVOTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT.

Recovery services are essential reentry supports for many returning citizens and their families. The widened gap in the delivery of recovery services has only exacerbated the traumatic impact of the current pandemics. In this session, a panel of front-line recovery practitioners and state agency representatives provide an overview of the gaps exposed by the pandemics and offer real-time guidance on what's working, what's not, and what collaboration is essential for addressing the recovery crisis. **Panelists:** Dr. John Sexten, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Harold Howard, Talbert House; Willie Knighten, Empowered for Excellent Behavioral Health; Moderator: Kimberly Dent, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

ABOUT BUILDING BRIDGES

Building Bridges is a collaborative effort between community members from public, private, and plural sectors representing government, state agencies, non-profits, businesses, faith communities, and health and education services. All planning team representatives are volunteers and receive no financial compensation for their efforts. Conference support and sponsorships go directly towards providing the best possible **Community Experience** and future collaborative opportunities. A full list of the planning team is available on the **Building Bridges** Website.

SOME OF OUR PLANNING PARTNERS:

