



# THRIVE COMMUNITIES

Restorative Reentry • Community Building • Constituent Leadership

# CALL *for* APPLICANTS

## RESTORATIVE REENTRY PROJECT:

*Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA)*

**Are you a  
returning  
person**

- **Over 25 years old?**
- **Being released within a year from jail or prison?**
- **Planning to return to Lowell or Lawrence, MA?**
- **Concerned about facing the challenges of reentry alone?**
- **Seeking opportunities for healing and reconciliation?**

*If this sounds like you, please consider contacting Thrive Communities for more information regarding our pilot initiative: Circle of Support and Accountability.*

**We welcome all applications regardless of offending history and gender.**

*Capacity for CoSA is limited, so please contact us today.*

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# What is a COSA?

A COSA is a **Circle of Support and Accountability.**

## Who is on the team?

The team includes you (Core Member), three community volunteers, and a reentry coach.

## What does the team do?

The team walks with you through the challenges and successes of reentering a community. Each week, everyone meets in a Circle for about one hour to share and support each other as well as work through the difficult moments. Volunteers will also meet with you outside of the circle meeting: for coffee, a shopping trip, to go to a job interview, etc.

## Why should I participate in COSA?

COSA has been shown to be very effective in helping people stay out of jail/prison, think through difficult decisions, and achieve personal goals. Everyone on the COSA team will support you in building a positive life.

## If I join COSA, what am I committing to?

You are agreeing to work with your team for at least one year. You are agreeing to live in a way that doesn't hurt people and honors the commitments that you make with your team. You are committing to be honest with your team about your struggles and challenges.

## Why do people volunteer for COSA?

Each volunteer is different, but all team members agree that they want to live in a community that is welcoming and safe for all people, including those returning from incarceration.

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