

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our organization is made up of our target population. If an ex-offender comes to us through the outreach program we use outreach assessment to help them access needed resources. Our biggest asset is our combined voice. The needs of ex-offenders are also voiced at our bi-weekly meetings. We encourage you to join us.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ARRO BELIEVES IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

“Everyone can cause a ripple  
when their mind is set on restoration”

Everything you say and do affects someone else, like throwing a rock in a pond. One small stone creates a small ripple and a larger ripple and another; all from a small stone. Think of something you can do to restore a harm you have caused. It could have in a positive effect on yourself, the person harmed, your family, friends, neighbors, community and society. The first ripple represents yourself, the next ripple the person harmed, the next ripple your family and friends, the next ripple your neighbors and the last ripples are your community and society.

## NWI Staff

- John Bailey, Volunteer Tax Site Coordinator
- Joy Baldwin, Food Systems Project Coordinator & Webmaster
- Rick Bennett, Program Assistant
- John Bolan, AmeriCorps FSP Volunteer Coordinator
- Stephanie Campbell, FSP Nutrition Education & Physical Fitness Coordinator
- Elizabeth Collins-Jones, Office Assistant
- Lori Eva, Volunteer Youth Coordinator
- Renee French, Office Assistant
- Monica Jahner, ARRO Outreach Worker
- James Ramos, AmeriCorps Outreach Worker– Food Access Specialist
- Laymon Risper, Program Assistant
- Qosmon Sagataw, FSP Nutrition Education Assistant
- Ramona Spencer, FSP Garden Coordinator
- Peggy Vaughn-Payne, Executive Director
- Jessica Yorko, Westside Commercial Association

## NWI Board

- Cindy Cariano, Comerica Bank
- Michael Flowers, Lansing Board of Water & Light
- Margaret Groves, Old Oakland Neighborhood
- Nicholas Lynch, Mid-Michigan 2-1-1
- Joe McDonald, City of Lansing, Mayor’s Office
- Carol Skillings, Westside Neighborhood Association
- Vennishia Smith, Westside Neighborhood
- Rudy Wilson, Westside Neighborhood Association
- Angela Zamora, Old Oakland Neighborhood

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A NORTHWEST INITIATIVE  
PROGRAM

## ADVOCACY RE-ENTRY RESOURCES OUTREACH (A.R.R.O)

Serving Ingham County Residents



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ARRO PROVIDES A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR EX-OFFENDERS, PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO COME TOGETHER IN ORDER TO POSITIVELY ADDRESS ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN.

**WHAT WE DO:**

**Advocate:**

We advocate on behalf of ex-offenders and their families with challenges they face upon returning to the community.

**Resource Navigation:**

We connect ex-offenders and their families with quality resources in the following areas including but not limited to: housing, employment, medical coverage, mentoring, and transportation.

**Services:**

-We have qualified outreach workers that can **screen** for eligibility and **sign up** for the Ingham Health Plan B.

-Help you **fill out** the applications to access services from the Department of Human Services such as medicaid, medicare, food assistance program (food stamps), state emergency relief, child development and care, state disability assistance.

-We can help you fill out the application for the following services:

\*Safelink Wireless is a government supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers

\*Capital Area Transportation Authorities (CATA) Club Program is a free membership Program exclusively for CATA customers who have a disability-temporary or permanent-or are age 62 and older. Which helps with pay discounted cash fares on CATA services

-Depending on funding availability we can assist with obtaining your State Identification, birth certificate, and State Drivers License (we do not pay for driver responsibility fees)

-Free bread and bagel distribution every Thursdays between 11:00am and 4:00pm. and Fridays 10:00am - noon

**Facility Usage:**

If you call and make an appointment our computer room is open for the public use to do job searching, and internet access for employment or resource searching.

ARRO believes and acts on the principle that **human beings are a precious resource** that should not be "thrown away" even if they have broken the law.

ARRO believes and acts on the principle that **expensive and punitive measures for breaking the law are counterproductive.**

ARRO believes and acts on the principle that **human problems call for real solutions that work in the real world.**

**Current hours of operation:**

Monday: By appointment with Monica  
Tuesday: By appointment with Maria  
Wednesday: 9:30 - 3:30 WalkIn  
Thursday: 9:30 - 3:30 WalkIn

For appointment call 517-999-2894

**WHO WE ARE**

**ARRO** is an organization made up of ex-offenders, families of prisoners and advocates.



**Advisory Board Members**

Linda Archer, Chair  
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Robert Fluke  
Gabriel Garza  
Lisa Haston, Secretary  
Valerie Johnson, Treasure  
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**OUR MISSION**

To connect reentering ex-offenders with supportive resources in the community to assist them toward a successful reentry.

ARRO WORKS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGES EX-OFFENDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY AS FULL-FLEDGED CITIZENS.