CHANCE FOR LIFE

Re-integrating Older Returning Citizens to AAA Communities

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Why This Matters:
A Growing Challenge We Cannot Ignore

The aging of America's incarcerated and returning citizen population is creating a new social and public health challenge that communities must be prepared to address.

- Miami-Dade County
- Longer sentences
- Chronic health conditions, limited family support, housing instability, and other needs
- Reentry support
- Challenge in Detroit and communities across Michigan

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For DAAA, supporting older returning citizens is not a criminal justice issue—it is a healthy aging, equity, and community stability issue.

- Every individual deserves a meaningful opportunity to rebuild their life
- Barriers to healthcare, housing, employment, transportation, and social support.
- Poor health outcomes and community instability
- Traditional reentry programs
- Aging expertise and resources

"A person's past should not determine whether they have access to healthcare, housing, employment, dignity, and the opportunity to age safely in their community."

Ronald S. Taylor, DAAA President & CEO

Why Chance for Life

Partnership creates a bridge between reentry services and aging services that neither organization could build alone.

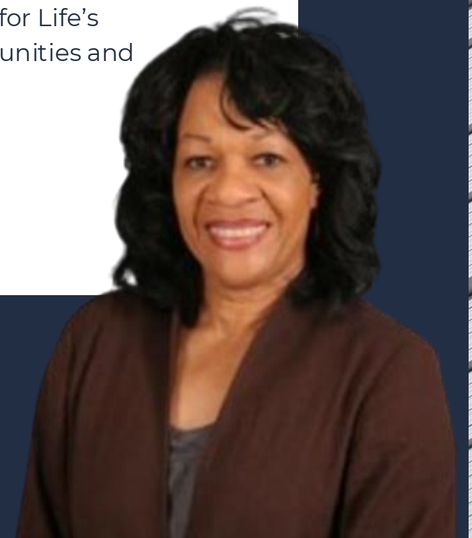
Leadership

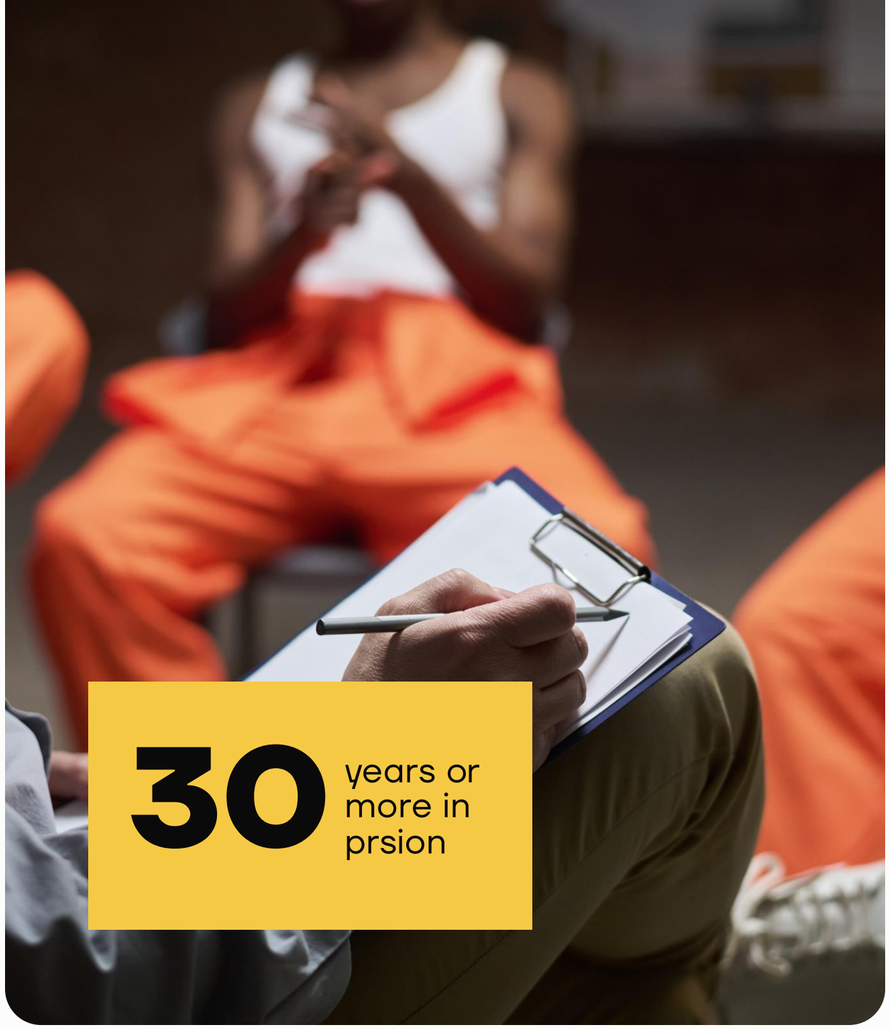
Thomas J. Adams

is the President and visionary leader behind Chance for Life in Southfield, MI. A Detroit native and Tuskegee University graduate with more than 30 years of senior leadership experience, he has dedicated his career to justice reform and community transformation. A recipient of the 2009 Dahlberg Peace Award and the 2023 Detroit News Michiganian of the Year, Mr. Adams has served in numerous state and community leadership roles, strengthening partnerships across Michigan. His leadership drives Chance for Life's mission to create second chances, reduce recidivism, and build safer, stronger communities.

Jessica Taylor

is the Executive Director of Chance for Life in Southfield, MI, where she leads efforts to support returning citizens, their families, and other at-risk individuals. A respected business professional and award-winning community leader (Detroit News Michiganian of the Year, 2023), she brings extensive experience in mediation, public service, and criminal justice reform. With an MBA from Cornerstone University, Jessica strengthens Chance for Life's mission to build safer communities and create real second chances.





Life Changes...

Many returning citizens have **served 30 years or more in prison** and are now **older adults** facing unique challenges as they re-enter society.

The focus includes helping long-term incarcerated individuals understand and adapt to the significant social, technological, and economic changes that have occurred during their incarceration.

Our Locations

Headquarters

2000 TOWN CENTER
SOUTHFIELD, MI

Highland Park

Detroit East

Bloomfield

Dearborn

Detroit West

Chance For Life 30-Hour Transformational Training

The training provided participants with evidence-based cognitive restructuring tools, decision-making skills, personal accountability practices, and strategies for successful community reintegration.

DiSC Personal Profile

What is DiSC®?

Understanding Yourself and Others | In the Workplace and Personal | Relationships

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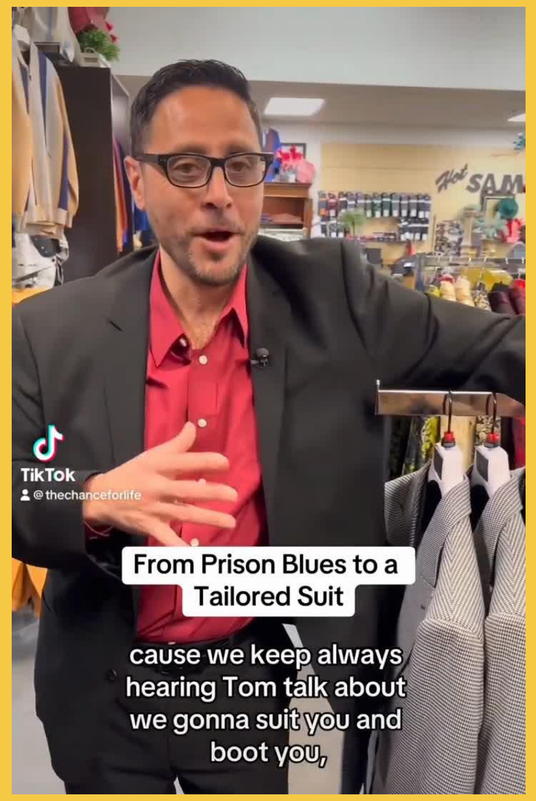
TikTok
@thechanceforlife
From Prison Blues to a Tailored Suit
cause we keep always hearing Tom talk about we gonna suit you and boot you,

We collaborate with organizations that share our commitment to participant success. Through their support, CFL can provide valuable resources designed to help our participants succeed.

CFL Relationships with Parole and Probation Officers

Employment & Workforce Development

Provide employment opportunities through personal relationships

- Construction Companies
- Small businesses
- Healthcare

Partner with local businesses, workforce agencies, and community organizations.

- Catholic Charities
- Detroit Area Agency on Aging
- Department of Corrections
- Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network
- Eternal Light
- Focus Hope
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drugstore Dependence

Seniors with Disabilities

The CFL program provides help for disabled seniors post incarceration.

- Directed to the Bureau of the Blind.
- Eye Learn Cares offers Braille, Technology, and advocacy for the blind.

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Ronald Taylor

President& CEO of DAAA

Anthony S.
Program Participant

Case Management

Case Coordination and Support

Complete Individual Service Plan

Meet with Client to identify need

Continuous Follow-up

A unique program exclusively designed for formerly incarcerated seniors, aimed at

Resources — Connecting to community resources and services

Skill Development — Accessing training programs and services

Social Inclusion — Fostering a sense of belonging and purpose.

Health & Wellness — Accessing healthcare, education, and other services.

Independence — Managing your daily needs, and living your life with autonomy

CFL HELPS FAMILIES

Reconnecting with family, community resources, and expand social awareness.

Career Advancement

CFL Provides Scholarships to Qualified Clients

- Construction Trades
- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Technology

CFL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Strengthen Senior Involvement through Outreach

Connect residents with vital resources Foster Positive Relationships Promote Resilient Support System.

Collaborative partnerships enhance access to specialized resources and increased service coordination.

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