



CHANCE FOR LIFE

Re-integrating Older Returning Citizens
to AAA Communities

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Conference

Monday, July 20, 2026

10:45 am – 11:45 AM

San Diego, CA

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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**
- **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

| 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 Michiganiaan 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 Michiganiaan 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.



Why Chance for Life



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







30 years or
more in
prison



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.

CFL 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

Case Management

Case Coordination
and Support

Meet with Client
to identify need

Complete Individual
Service Plan

Continuous
Follow-up

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



Connecting to
community resources
and services



Accessing training
programs and services



Fostering a sense of
belonging and
purpose.



Accessing healthcare,
education, and other
services.



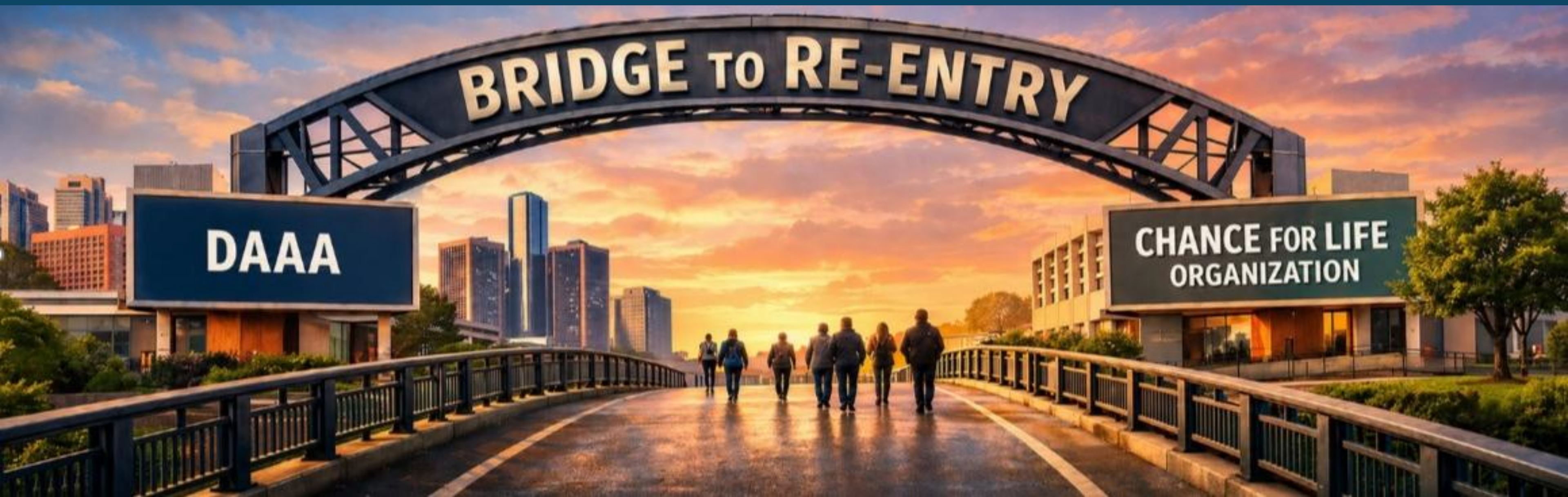
Managing your daily
needs, and living your
life with autonomy



SUIT & BOOT



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 Drug Dependency



A faded background image showing a group of approximately 15 diverse people, including men and women of various ages and ethnicities, standing in front of a sign that reads "SEMCA" and "East Michigan Construction Academy".

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

CFL Provides Scholarships to Qualified Clients

- Construction Trades
- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Technology



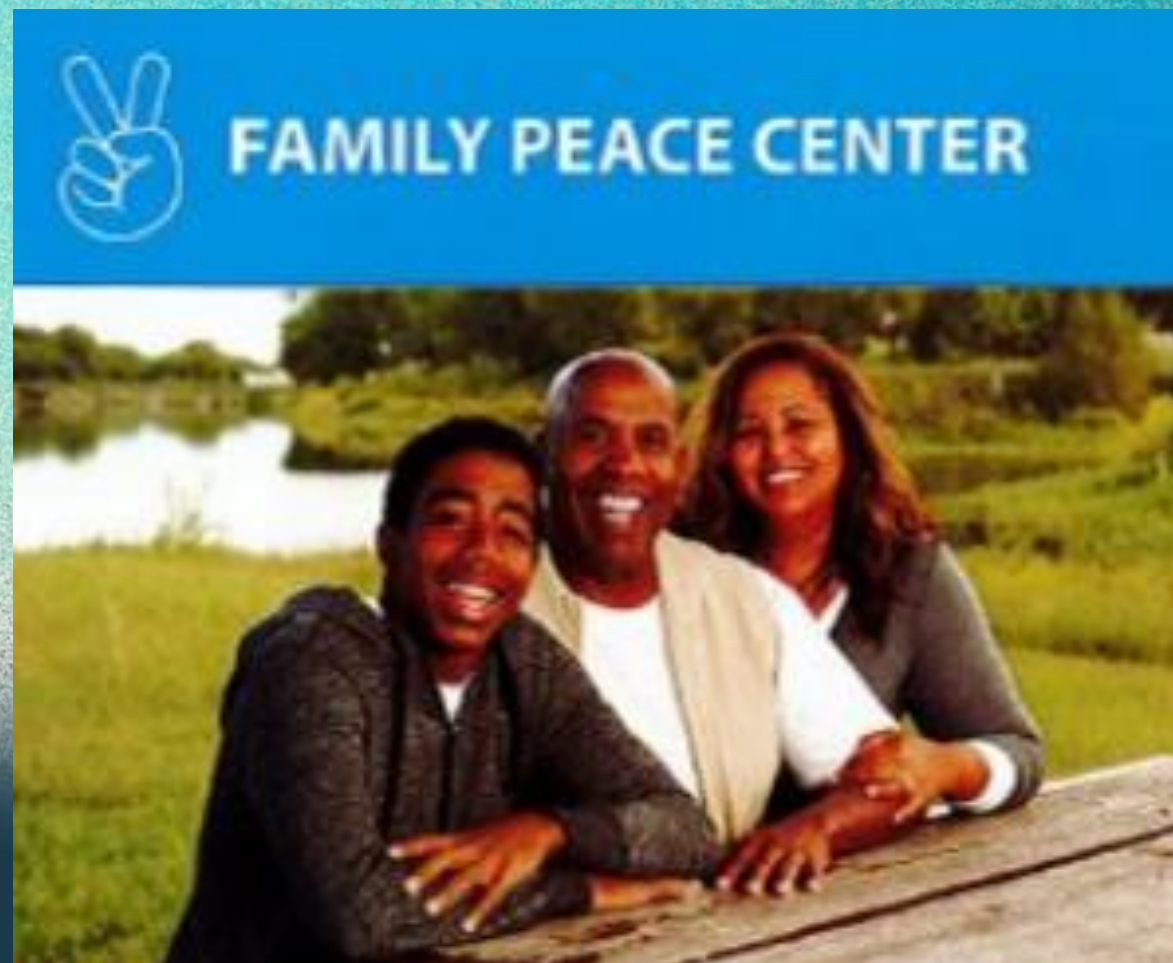
SENIORS WITH DISABILITIES

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.



Anthony S.
Program Participant



CFL HELPS FAMILIES

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

CFL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Strengthen Senior
Involvement through
Outreach

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

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

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Ronald Taylor
President & CEO of DAAA

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QUESTIONS

THANK YOU!



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