

Ohio Integration Institute



After several members of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) attended an Integration Institute, their program director and program administrator worked closely with the Resource Center's project director to develop a strategic plan for the department. To date, they have held five community engagement events to drive a strategic plan for how to better facilitate healthy family engagement and interaction.

Families of the incarcerated, community agencies, and professional personnel were invited to attend these events and discuss

challenges and facilitators to staying connected with incarcerated individuals. Their input, along with information gathered during eight inmate focus groups, helped ODRC determine the next steps to take in facilitating healthy family engagement.

The information gathered from these forums is being used in conjunction with other ODRC data to inform specific recommendations to improve family engagement in prison facilities and in the community.
