Enter Date

Dear Enter Participant Name,

You have been selected to consider participating in the OARS program. OARS stands for Opening Avenues to Reentry Success. The program is designed to work with residents who have mental health needs to enhance their success in the community. Only some residents who will be released to community supervision from a state correctional facility and have at least six months of supervision time in the community are eligible.

Admission to the program is voluntary. The program uses an individualized and comprehensive treatment program that starts before your release and continues while you are on supervision in the community. The program team may help with your transition back into the community by:

* Providing assistance finding housing and maintaining it.
* Providing assistance getting mental health services and medications.
* Helping find vocational rehabilitation, education, employment resources, or other structured activities.
* Providing assistance finding transportation resources.
* Providing assistance budgeting your finances.
* Supporting participation in the community and developing a treatment plan for you.

There will also be some expectations and commitment the program staff will require from you. To be in the OARS program you must:

* Attend and participate in mental health services.
* Consistently take medication as prescribed by your psychiatrist.
* Participate in the development and review of your Individualized Service Plan (ISP).
* Build a schedule with your team and engage in structured activities.
* Meet with your assigned case manager and community corrections agent as required.
* Follow all of your rules of supervision.

I hope that you will carefully consider this invitation to enroll in the OARS program. Please review the enclosed documents and contact your unit social worker if you have any questions or concerns about this program.

Sincerely,

Enter OARS Program Specialist Name

DHS OARS Program Specialist

cc: Institution Social Worker

Community Case Manager

DCC Agent