

“Recidivism” Defined:

“The behavior of a repeat or habitual criminal. A measurement of the rate at which offenders commit other crimes, either by arrest or conviction baselines, after being released from incarceration.”

The Free Dictionary by Farlex

Recidivism Rate of MCFOAR Clients

MCFOAR uses a three-year span of time to calculate its clients’ recidivism rate. This is the same method the state of Michigan uses to calculate the statewide recidivism rate.

The recidivism rate for the state of Michigan is approximately **30%** and across the U.S. it is closer to **50%**!

Of the 141 former prison inmates received as clients since March, 2016 only 7 are now incarcerated. That’s just a **4.9%** recidivism rate for MCFOAR clients.

Did you know?

The budget for the Michigan Department of Corrections is over \$2,000,000,000 for 2019. With 47,000 inmates in custody, that amounts to \$47,000 per year to incarcerate each one.

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Would you share with us your email so that we can send you our quarterly newsletter to you electronically and save paper?

Email MCFOAR at mcfoar@yahoo.com and put “Sign me up” in the subject line!

Value of Volunteer Hours

MCFOAR is happy to report that our volunteers contributed 2750 hours to administrative work, client services, or Board work in 2018. Along with other nonprofit organizations across the country, MCFOAR values volunteer hours at the rate of \$24.69 per hour. This amounts to approximately \$68,000 of in-kind donations. Thank you, volunteers! Your donated time greatly impacts MCFOAR’s success!

2nd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament Fundraiser 2019

Saturday, June 22 | 9am
Bay County Conservation & Gun Club

We are still in need of sponsors and participants for this event. The cost per participant is \$100. Cost per team of five is \$500. The cost provides the participant with morning snacks, lunch, shells for shooting, and an enjoyable time in the great outdoors.

Call MCFOAR at 989-423-1124 if you need more information about this event or if you need a registration form (or sign-up through our website by following the link).



Annual Report and Dinner Fundraiser 2018

What a blessed night we had at our Second Annual Dinner Fundraiser! Thank you to all who attended, including Prosecuting Attorney J. Dee Brooks and Councilman Marty Wazbinski.

The evening’s activities included a delicious meal provided by Villa D’Allesandro and Tuscan Hall and a program provided by the MCFOAR staff and Board of Directors. Several former offender clients gave testimony to the positive manner in which they were served by MCFOAR. Indira Oskvarek (Board Member) and the Rev. Dr. Wallace Mayton challenged us to give of our resources for the betterment of our community and for the welfare of the former offenders attempting to make a successful transition back into our community.

A special “Thank you!” goes out to our sponsors for the evening:

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During our gathering we received \$14,291 in donations!

Rob Worsley, MCFOAR Executive Director, writes, “We appreciate the Midland community for coming alongside of MCFOAR and supporting its mission to serve ‘the least of these.’ We look forward to having many join us for the next Annual Dinner Fundraiser in November, 2019. Until then, God’s Blessings!”

NEW Program: Substance Use Disorders Assistance

Most of MCFOAR's clients have a substance use disorder: in fact, approximately 80% of our clients have such. Many of the crimes they've committed have to do with using drugs, distributing drugs, stealing in order to secure funds for drug purchases, or committing other crimes in a drug-altered state of mind.

MCFOAR has begun providing assistance to our clients by providing resources necessary for them to fulfil their court-mandated substance use treatment. Though the courts mandate the treatment, it is up to the client to pay for the treatment. Most of our clients have such limited financial resources that they're unable to do so.

J & A Counseling and Evaluation, Inc. (J&A) is the organization to which the courts send substance use offenders. For those clients with demonstrated need, MCFOAR is making the fees more manageable by subsidizing the clients' resources. Where appropriate, MCFOAR will pay half of the fees related to the following J&A services:

- Intake Assessment Fees
- Drug / Alcohol Testing Fees
- Evaluation Fees
- Counseling for Sobriety Fees

For MCFOAR's purpose of having continuing influence with these clients, we meet with them regularly as they request further assistance with fees and with other resources.

MCFOAR Needs

- \$10 Gas-only Gas Cards from Speedway
- 3 gently-used mountain bikes (frame sizes Medium to XL)

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**Midland Community
Former Offenders
Advocacy and Rehabilitation**



Our Mission:

Our mission is to assist Midland community former offenders by providing resources that help them become self-sufficient and break the cycle of crime.

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Midland Community Former Offenders Advocacy and Rehabilitation (MCFOAR) is a one-stop case management and service provider meeting transitional needs of former offenders in the Midland community.