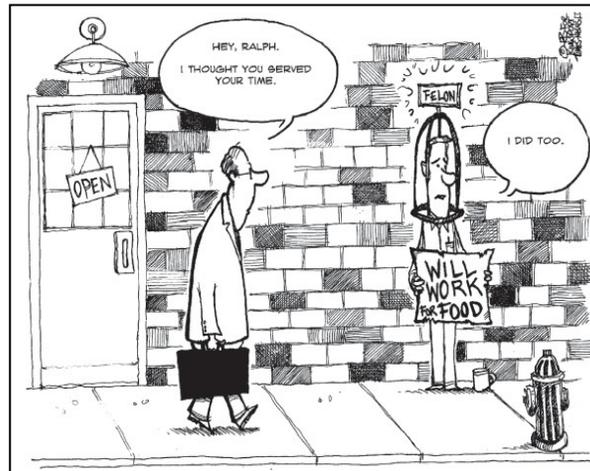


Responsibility of State and County Probation Agents

The goal of probation is to:

- ◆ Hold individuals accountable
- ◆ Promote a safer community for everyone
- ◆ Assist individual with integrating back into society successfully
- ◆ Supervising individual and conducting drug tests
- ◆ Ensuring the individual is enrolled in treatment or aftercare if needed

As a landlord, you will have no responsibility of supervising this individual; they need a safe and sober housing unit while they rebuild their life.



Unhoused → UNSTABLE

Unhoused → UNEMPLOYED

Unhoused → UNTREATED

Unhoused → UNSAFE

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"A bridge to the future"

Why rent to a person
with a prior criminal
background?

*A resource guide for current
and prospective landlords*

There ARE benefits!

There are multiple benefits to renting to a person with a prior criminal background, regardless of offense. Especially to those who are under supervision:

Oversight

- ◆ Many ex-offenders are monitored by a supervising agent and you will be able to contact the agent whenever you have the need.
- ◆ Many are required to wear electronic monitoring (GPS) bracelets so they stay out of trouble and have a lower risk of recidivating.

Behavior Restrictions

- ◆ Supervised offenders cannot possess or use alcohol, drugs, or weapons and may not reside in a home with these items. So you will not have to worry about disorderly tenants.

Reduce Vacancies

- ◆ There is a huge demand for housing for ex-offenders. With a consistent supply of tenants, you may be able to reduce vacancies

Avoid Costly Evictions

- ◆ If you have just cause for removing a tenant, an agent may have them removed quickly without a lengthy and costly eviction process.

Zero Liability for a Tenants Re-offense

- ◆ You, as a landlord, are not responsible for supervising your tenants' activities nor are you liable for any tenants' criminal behaviors.

Actual Risk of Re-offense?

There is a widely held belief that ex-offenders on supervision are highly likely to re-offend, especially sex offenders. Multiple studies have shown that the facts say otherwise.

YOU can help change that!

For so many with broken and aborted dreams; what is the answer? Buy more security locks, lights, and zone them out of our city? Wouldn't it be better to help them to dream again? By providing for their needs, offering them support groups and housing—hope and dreams return for the beginning of a new life.

Housing Instability and Recidivism

- ◆ Research has shown that residential instability is a predictor of criminal reoffending. Released offenders who live in temporary shelters are more likely to use alcohol or drugs, be unemployed, and to abscond from probation or parole.
- ◆ In fact, an unstable living arrangement has been shown to be the strongest predictor of an offender absconding from supervision.
- ◆ If a person has no housing, what will they end up doing? Affect community safety, you can help them stay off the streets and give them a foundation to build a crime-free and sober life.

Testimonials

“I believe everyone deserves a second chance. Most people do change. We are a society. We are the people to give others a second chance. If they don't get a second chance they won't have an opportunity to better themselves.”

-Cheryl M., Landlord

“I am in a wheelchair and at first had to go to a homeless shelter. Then I was able to find an apartment to rent, which led to getting a job and being successful on parole. Being in one place for five years has pushed me to save up money to buy my own home.”

-Tenant

“I enjoy housing ex-offenders on probation or ISR because of the free drug testing, accountability and knowing my property won't be damaged.

-Pastor Laidlaw

“Sex offenders have been renting from me for over five years – they are some of my best tenants and I have also learned that when someone is released from prison and reconciled to family and community, there is a positive impact and everyone benefits.”

-John H., Landlord

