



2007 Annual Report

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Chair and President's Message

Dear Friends of Alvis House,
Since 1967, Alvis House has been helping people learn how to make better and healthier personal choices and the agency's mission reflected a focus on working within the criminal justice system and providing programs and services to offenders.



During that same period, the number of people incarcerated in the United States has grown more than fourfold and Alvis House has grown from being one facility serving 60 men in its first year to being a multi-dimensional human services agency operating 25 programs in 12 locations in Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Chillicothe, Ohio serving more than 3,000 men, women, young adults and children a year.

Last year, we formally acknowledged that the need for services provided by Alvis House is not just limited to former offenders, stating,

"Our mission is to serve communities by providing research-based programs and services that promote healthier families, personal responsibility and public safety."

Alvis House's programs include family support programs, supportive living services for individuals with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, employment services for individuals with significant barriers to employment and an array of other services.

Our new mission statement acknowledges that we can't just keep doing what has been done in the past. It is simply inadequate to address the needs of the growing number of individuals, families and neighborhoods who are affected by incarceration, reentry and related issues.

Alvis House works with local, state and federal agencies, fellow human services agencies and community partners to improve public safety. This is not just a corrections issue - it is a community issue that must be addressed at the community level. For true reintegration to take place, it requires effort on the part of the individuals coming out of prison, their families, human service agencies, churches, government, employers AND the larger community as a whole.

The more people are invested in their community - by having a job, having a family, belonging to a church, having health care, having safe and adequate housing - and the more the community is committed to individuals and families - the safer we all become.



John A. Connor
Chair, Board of Trustees



Denise M. Robinson
President and CEO

Alvis House Leadership



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Fast Facts

The Issue:

Ohioans spent more than **\$1.6 billion** on incarceration and correctional services in FY 06.

The Solution:

Clients in Alvis House programs are responsible for financial obligations. They work and/or attend school while participating in treatment services. Last year, Alvis House clients paid more than \$60,000 in restitution, fees, court costs, fines, etc. Community reentry programs have been proven to reduce recidivism and are cost-effective.

The Issue:

Nearly 95% of all the individuals who are incarcerated will return to the community. Ohio alone releases more than 70 individuals every day, of which nearly 18% return to counties in Ohio where Alvis House operates programs.

The Solution:

A critical component of ensuring public safety is providing effective programs. In annual studies conducted over the past eight years, more than 85% of Alvis House clients stayed crime-free (measured one year after program completion).

2007 Highlights

Community Relations

Alvis House's 40th Anniversary Celebration - Opening Doors, Rebuilding Lives, held at the Ohio Statehouse, was attended by more than 500 legislators, government and social service agency leaders, and others.



*Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann
40th Anniversary Keynote Speaker*

Corrections professionals from the Singapore Prisons Service and The Netherlands visited the agency to learn more about community corrections programs and gain a better understanding of the agency's cognitive treatment program.

Awards/Accreditation/Certifications

The Center for Children and Families (CFC) awarded Alvis House the "Outstanding Member of the CFC Family" award in recognition of the work that Alvis House, Talbert House and CFC have done together on the Children of Incarcerated Parents program.

Alvis House received a five-star rating from the Employer Support of Guard and Reserves (ESGR), a Department of Defense organization that works to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve.

The Alum Creek and OhioLink residential facilities were re-accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA). Alvis House has seven programs/facilities that are ACA accredited.

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addictions Services (ODADAS) audited and certified 1991 Bryden Road to provide outpatient chemical dependency treatment services.

New Contracts/Programs

A new residential program serving transitional control clients referred by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction opened at 40 W. Long Street. This program is provided in partnership with the ColumbusYMCA.

2007 Highlights

New Contracts/Programs

The Federal Bureau of Prisons awarded Alvis House a 10-year contract to provide Performance-Based Residential Reentry Center services to clients returning to the Columbus area.



The OhioLink program in Toledo was awarded a contract to provide residential and treatment services to older youth referred by the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services awarded Alvis House a contract to provide employment readiness training at their Opportunity Centers.

Alvis House was awarded a new contract to provide outpatient substance abuse education and treatment services for Community Corrections Act (CCA) clients referred by the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Alvis House was awarded a new, three-year contract to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment services in Franklin County for the US Probation Office.

The Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch awarded Alvis House a Reclaim Ohio contract to provide Life Skills and Job Readiness Services for youth.

Staff and Volunteers

Alfred Young, Director of Employment Services, was honored for 25 years of service at Alvis House.

Agency staff accumulated more than 13,000 hours of training.

Volunteers contributed nearly 1,000 hours of service devoted to activities such as life skills education, literacy tutoring, creative writing, spiritual enrichment and other topics.



Alfred Young

Fast Facts

The Issue:

More than 3.2 million children have a parent in prison, on parole or who has recently been released from prison.

The Solution:

Alvis House operates family-focused reentry programs and family support programs that provide evidence-based programming to help participants to work on improving parenting, communication and conflict resolution skills.

The Issue:

Increases in the rates of incarceration are not evenly distributed across America's communities - arrests, incarceration and re-entry are highly concentrated in communities that already face high rates of poverty, crime, disinvestment and inadequate social services (The Urban Institute).

The Solution:

Alvis House works to build vibrant neighborhoods and is committed to the community. A recent Urban Institute study noted that, "Residents indicated a need in their communities for more transitional services such as correctional halfway houses and intensive case management" in order to address the challenges in their neighborhoods. Alvis House programs help neighborhoods and communities to be safer, families to be reunited, families to become less likely to be dependent on the social welfare system, and children of former offenders to be less likely to become involved in the criminal justice system.

Fast Facts

The Issue:

Since 1990, the number of female defendants convicted of felonies in state courts has grown at more than twice the rate of increase of male defendants. These women are most likely to be mothers with histories of trauma and substance abuse.

The Solution:

Alvis House provides services that meet women's greatest needs: comprehensive treatment for chemical dependency, mental health and trauma recovery. We also provide education and training in job and parenting skills; counseling for relationship issues; and safe and sober housing.

The Issue:

The incidence of serious mental illnesses is two to four times higher among offenders than in the general population. More than 70% also have substance abuse issues.

The Solution:

Alvis House's Reflections Program provides an integrated treatment for individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health issues. None of the individuals who successfully completed the program last year recidivated (measured 6-9 months after completion), compared to a 60% recidivism rate for individuals who did not complete the program.

Client Statistics

In 2007, Alvis House provided:

- *Residential services for 1238 clients.*
- *Nonresidential family reentry programs for 312 clients.*
- *Outclient services such as electronic monitoring, home confinement, Global Satellite Position monitoring and remote alcohol monitoring for 525 clients.*
- *Employment readiness training and job placement services for 640 clients.*
- *Family support services for 204 clients.*
- *Outclient chemical dependency treatment for 134 clients.*

Of the clients served by Alvis House, 78% are male and 22% are female.

Alvis House residential clients completed more than 5,000 hours of community services for organizations including the Red Cross, UnitedWay of Central Ohio, the Franklin County Animal Shelter, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, St. Stephen's Community Center, Toledo's Uptown Civic Association, Boy Scouts of America and Salvation Army.

Financial Report

	2007	2006
Revenue		
Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction	\$4,230,565	\$3,458,337
Federal Bureau of Prisons	1,461,046	1,330,641
Medicaid	1,226,078	1,374,496
United Way and Contributions	355,789	410,779
Other Government Contracts	1,157,222	1,261,597
Affiliate Cost Reimbursement	459,391	367,288
Miscellaneous	131,911	199,869
Total Revenue	\$9,022,002	\$8,403,007
Expenses		
Staff	\$5,001,597	\$4,511,592
Staff Benefits & Payroll Taxes	1,153,117	693,030
Facility Operations & Client Food Service	1,513,808	1,237,250
Adoption of FASB 158 Pension	482,746	----
Other	1,379,555	1,833,694
Total Expenses	\$9,530,823	\$8,275,566

The financial statements of Alvis, Inc., d.b.a. Alvis House, for the year ending December 31, 2007 were audited by Nipps, Brown, Leppert and Collins, Inc., Certified Public Accountants.

Major Funding for Alvis House Provided by:

- ◆ Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation
- ◆ Federal Bureau of Prisons
- ◆ Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board
- ◆ Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
- ◆ Laura Stanley Gunnels Trust for the Benefit of Alvis House
- ◆ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- ◆ Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- ◆ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
- ◆ Ohio Department of Youth Services
- ◆ Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
- ◆ Private Contributions
- ◆ United Way of Central Ohio



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