

Better People

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Class Schedule

Portland Office:

Program	Schedule	Time
Orientation	Monday	10:30 am- 1:30 pm
MRT® Class	Monday/ Wednesday	5:55-7:15 pm
MRT® Class	Tuesday/ Thursday	6:00-7:15 pm
MRT® Class	Wednesday/ Friday	9:30-11:00 am
Job Readiness*	Tuesday- Friday	1:00-5:00 pm

* Classes meet every other week

Milwaukie Office:

Program	Schedule	Time
Orientation	Monday	10:30 am-1:30 pm
MRT® Class	Monday/ Wednesday	5:30-7:00 pm
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Our mission is to significantly reduce the rates of recidivism in the Portland metropolitan area. We help our clients change their lives to become more productive citizens.

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In 30 years of law enforcement I have never heard of or seen a greater program than Better People: Clients finding and staying in jobs that pay a living wage. They have a better self image, a new outlook on life, and concern for their community! The clients I have met are genuinely changed. I am very impressed.

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What is Better People?

Founded by now-Oregon State Representative, Chip Shields, Better People is a privately funded social service agency that works with individuals having legal histories. We assist clients in obtaining employment paying a minimum of \$8-\$9 an hour with benefits while also helping them change their lifestyles.

What do we offer?

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy classes (using MRT®)*
- Job Readiness Classes
- Assistance Gaining Permanent Employment
- Employment Retention Services

Admissions Criteria:

- Have a legal history
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a minimum of 30 days clean and sober
- Commit to attending twice-a-week cognitive behavioral therapy classes
- Be responsible for a one-time, non-refundable enrollment fee of \$35
- Must be able to show picture I.D. and social security card

Overview of Services:

- Twice-weekly MRT® group sessions to learn more about yourself, and to set and achieve long-term goals
- Access to temporary employment once you attend a class
- Job preparation through job readiness class
- Assistance in gaining permanent employment
- Advocacy for you to potential employers through our Job Developers
- Employment retention services to help you retain employment long-term

Call us to arrange to attend an Orientation.

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* Moral Reconciliation Therapy is a cognitive behavioral therapy program developed by Gregory L. Little and Kenneth D. Robinson, Correctional Counseling, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee. Refer to enclosed information.