

Rose City J.A.M bringing the Community Together

Overcoming Challenges Through Advocacy and Supported Re-entry

Christopher Lambert who is 41yrs old is the Rose City J.A.M Program Services Director, who recently returned to his community after spending over two decades in the Oregon's prison system. Christopher has overcome numerous hardships and adversity. Instead of allowing these challenges to define him he has become determined to bring about positive change within this community. He has dedicated himself to being a mentor and advocate for those who lack access to the necessary resources and support systems for success. His unwavering commitment is evident in his tireless pursuit of positive outcomes with the focus on at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated individuals. His lived experiences have shaped his understanding of the challenges faced by marginalized individuals, and he is determined to provide them with the necessary support and guidance to thrive. Christopher's stories exemplify the resilience and strength found in those who rise above their circumstances to make a

positive impact in their community. The inspiration for Rose City J.A.M is an alliance built and staffed by criminal legal system impacted people advocating for the well-being of people affected or at-risk of being affected by carceral systems. Their work centers around youth mentorship, advocacy, and supported re-entry. With Christopher serving 20yrs in prison and being released to that same environment, he personally had to overcome a lot to be in such a positive place in life. He lived experience which makes him an expert to walk with those impacted by the justice system to overcome similar challenges. Rose City J.A.M night sports speaks clearly that bringing the community together and providing an environment for everyone to give back to the community is essential. With night sports Rose City J.A.M wanted to bring that "Midnight Basketball Vibe" back and it did. The feedback has been amazing and they are thankful for all those that attended to make the first of many Night Sports a community success. Those who would like to contribute to advancing the vision at Rose City J.A.M can come to upcoming Night Sports to volunteer and build with community or donate to www.OregonJusticeNetwork.org. For more information Christopher Lambert can be reached by email at Rosecitychristopher@gmail.com.



Eddie Bynum Jr., Owner of Trap Kitchen PDX and Rose City J.A.M. 's Director of Operations and Christopher Lambert, Rose City J.A.M Program Services Director. Photo by Nykole Jackson.

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GAMBLING IN THE NEW YEAR?

In every December there comes a time when the decorations are put away and celebratory meals are nothing but festive memories. During these quieter days, many of us become introspective as we begin to think of the coming year, wondering what we can do to improve our lives in the months ahead.

TAKE A PAUSE

You may know people who have put a pause on drinking by participating in "Dry January." It's an opportunity to reflect on a habit, take stock of its impacts, and gain a sense of accomplishment — all without committing to a lifelong change.

The same benefits are available to those who may be reconsidering the role gambling plays in their lives. Putting gambling on pause, even for a month, can be a great way to explore a different path forward.

WE CAN HELP

If you're considering cutting back on gambling — for January or forever — we can help. Oregon Problem Gambling Resource (OPGR) has free online assessments and tools to help you take charge. Visit us at OPGR.org. It just might be your first step toward a positive change and a brighter new year.

Visit OPGR.org to explore options for change. Your timeline. Your way.