

# Jason Wilder

*Board Member — Peer Support & Community Outreach*

Life After Conviction Inc. | South Bend, Indiana

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## ABOUT

Jason Wilder served 24 years in the Indiana correctional system. During that time, he did not wait for the system to invest in him — he invested in himself. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Grace College while incarcerated, building the academic foundation that would define his reintegration before it even began.

Since his release, Jason has moved with purpose. Within 2.5 years he is working as a State Certified Peer Support Specialist on Oaklawn's Mobile Crisis Unit — one of the most demanding direct service roles in behavioral health — and leading a weekly group at the DOC South Bend Work Release facility centered on James Allen's *As A Man Thinketh*. He is not just reintegrating. He is actively pulling others through behind him.

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## CURRENT ROLES

- **Board Member** — Life After Conviction Inc.

Brings lived experience, peer support expertise, and active community presence to organizational governance and mission oversight.

- **State Certified Peer Support Specialist** — Oaklawn Mobile Crisis Unit

Serves on the front lines of behavioral health crisis response in South Bend, Indiana — meeting justice-involved and at-risk individuals at their most vulnerable moments and guiding them toward stability.

- **Group Facilitator** — DOC South Bend Work Release

Leads a weekly group study of James Allen's *As A Man Thinketh* — a structured mindset and personal development program for individuals preparing to reenter their communities.

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## EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

<b>B.S. Business Management — Grace College</b>	<b>Degree Earned During Incarceration</b>
<b>State Certified Peer Support Specialist — Indiana</b>	<b>Oaklawn Mobile Crisis Unit — Active Staff</b>
<b>DOC South Bend Work Release — Group Facilitator</b>	<b>Board Member — Life After Conviction Inc.</b>
<b>Lean Management Certification — Purdue University</b>	<b>5D Program Certification — Purdue University</b>

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### **CONNECTION TO THE MISSION**

Jason's presence on the Life After Conviction board is both strategic and symbolic. He is currently inside the system — working at the DOC, embedded in behavioral health crisis response, and facilitating personal development groups for people preparing to come home. No other board member has that proximity to the population LAC exists to serve.

His belief that economic stability is the foundation of true freedom aligns directly with LAC's Phase 1 anchor — employment and financial literacy as the precondition for everything else. Jason doesn't just agree with the mission. He lives it every day and brings others along with him.

24 years in. A degree earned behind bars. A career built in service within 2.5 years of release. Jason Wilder is what Life After Conviction is designed to produce — and what it is privileged to have leading it.

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