



THE REENTRY, CORE AND MORE UPDATE

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REENTRY

◆◆ Did you miss an issue of the UPDATE? ◆◆

Come visit us online at www.drc.state.oh.us/web/offenderreentry.htm for back issues of the Update, or visit on the DRC Intranet under the Employee Information tab. We are under Newsletters then select Offender Reentry. The next issue of the Update will be out December 1, 2005

WELCOME TO THE UPDATE

The Reentry CORE and MORE Update is a way of keeping everyone up to date about what is going on not only in the department but also around the nation with reentry. In each edition of The Reentry, CORE and MORE Update, there will be information on what is happening with reentry around the department, updates on the CORE Grant and in our MORE section, information on books, websites, news, research and reports, training opportunities, and funding resources. The Update will go out the first and third Thursday of each month. If you have information you feel would be an asset to the Update, please forward all information to [Candace Knight](mailto:Candace.Knight@ohdhs.gov). Please feel free to share the Update with all of those who have an interest in reentry.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Each month the Reentry CORE and MORE Update will highlight something new and interesting in Reentry. If you have any reentry websites, books, movies or resources that you feel have a good theme around reentry, please forward that information to [Candace Knight](mailto:Candace.Knight@ohdhs.gov). Let's turn the **SPOTLIGHT** on for Reentry.

www.svori-evaluation.org

Visit the Multi-Site Evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative website. This website is full of great information about the SVORI grant nationally. What will you find at this website?

- **Background and SVORI site information**
- **Background, implementation, impact and economic analysis in reference to the evaluation**
- **Resources, reports and presentation**

When you visit the site sign up to receive updates from the site so you will be update on what is going on with SVORI.

REENTRY UPDATES

U.S. Department of Labor Awards Nearly \$20 Million in Grants for President's Prisoner Re-entry Initiative

"Congratulations OHIO"

The U.S Department of Labor on November 9, 2005 announced the 30 grants awarded for the President's Prisoner Re-entry Initiates. Ohio's Talbort House of Cincinnati was awarded one of the grants. To see a complete list of the grant recipients and read more on the initiative visit <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/reentryfactsheet.htm> and <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20052123list.htm>

Prison Re-Entry: Issues and Answers

This is a 4 page information booklet about prison reentry that was published the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiative. To view the booklet http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/images/Prisoner_Reentry.pdf

Institution Announcements and Events

In each issue of the Reentry CORE and MORE Update we will highlight upcoming events around reentry at the department's institutions. We will also highlight Reentry Day events. If you would like to advertise your event please send the information to [Candace Knight](#).

LoCI Holds a Combination Reentry-Job Fair- Health Fair



London Correctional Institution held their combination Reentry Day / Job Fair / Health Fair on October 27. There were representatives from the Adult Parole Authority, Housing Placements, Veteran Administration, Workplus Center, Workforce Development, and Chemical Dependency. The LoCI nurses, who offered blood pressure checks and glucose checks, sponsored the Health Fair.



◆◆Akron APA Region Open House◆◆

When: December 7, 2005 from 10am to 2pm

Located: The Morley Health Building Auditorium 177 South Broadway St. Akron Ohio 44308

The Open House will provide an opportunity to learn about the daily operations of the Adult Parole Authority, our Correctional Institutions and our Community Partners as well as our current Reentry Initiatives in the Akron Region. There will be opportunities to meet/network with people committed to offender Reentry. Come be a part of the Reentry effort in the Akron Region.

Representatives will be available to provide information in the following areas:

- Reentry efforts in four of our Correctional Institutions
- Adult Parole Field Supervision
- Sex Offender Management
- Offender Mental Health issues
- Offender Substance Abuse intervention
- Offender Employment initiatives
- Citizen Circles
- Seeking Employment with the Adult Parole Authority
- Volunteering with the Adult Parole Authority
- Seeking Reentry Program approval
- Tours of the Akron Adult Parole Authority Office (Hourly)
- Community Agency Partners in the Akron Area
- And more...

For more information please contact: John Geras (330 643-1472) and James Dowdell (330 643-1055)

APA Regional Announcements and Events

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Butler County Citizen Circles

The Butler Co. Citizen circle met its first participant September 2005. Comprised of combination of local social leaders, community members and APA staff, the Butler Co. citizen circle has remained committed to the strength-based approach fundamental to the circle process. Interestingly enough the referrals for participant have come from community members at large. So, in Butler Co., the citizen circle is truly serving as a community wide resource for butler co. residents who have been convicted of a felony and can benefit for the support provided by citizen circles.

In addition to the strengths discovery process the circle members facilitate action plans and provide contact persons who are available to the participant between monthly meetings.

The Circle meets @ the Booker T Washington Community Center third Friday of each month 1:30 – 3:30. Persons interested in receiving additional information or becoming a circle member they should contact Steve Cahill at 513-868-6600 ext 15.

Columbus:

Franklin County Citizen Circle accepting applications

Central Ohio Citizen Circle East is taking applications for ex-offender participants. The Circle meets at the Columbus Urban League (788 Mt. Vernon Avenue) from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Knowledgeable and dedicated Circle members provide participants with referrals, resources, support and accountability as they strive to meet their goals.

Contact Carol Hill (614-752-0831) or Lisa Morgan (614-995-3771) with referrals, or to learn how you may become part of a Citizen Circle in the Central Ohio area!

Lima:

Good News Lima from the desk of Patti Filipski, Regional Services Coordinator-Patti.Filipski@odrc.state.oh.us

We would like to extend an invitation to all faith communities and social services that are interested in getting involved in Citizen's Circles ...all are welcome!

▶ Lima Citizen Circle:

Lima Citizen's Circle covers Allen County and all surrounding communities for offenders with transportation.

Meeting Day/Time: Third Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm.

Meeting Place: Grace United Methodist Church, 25 W. Kibby Street, Lima, Ohio.

Mission Statement: Through positive asset discovery, the Lima Citizen Circle will assist participants in taking a responsible and proactive role as a community member. Lima Citizen's Circle is a group of dedicated citizens and community partners. They have an understanding of the barriers our offenders face and their families. The service professionals have increased their agency's interactions with our offenders. These concerned professionals and citizens have given countless hours, resources, and energy. Their dedication has impacted our offenders' lives as well as their families. They have truly made a difference in their community!

▶ Darke County Citizen Circle covers a service Area of Darke County.

Meeting Day/Time: Second Thursday of each month at 12:00pm.

Meeting Place: Greenville Church of the Brethern, 421 Central Avenue, Greenville, Ohio.

Darke County Citizen's Circle is a group of dedicated citizens and community partners. They have an understanding of the barriers our offenders face and their families. The service professionals have increased their agency's interactions with our offenders. These concerned professionals and citizens have given countless hours, resources, and energy. Their dedication has impacted our offenders' lives as well as their families. They have truly made a difference in their community!

▷ **North Toledo Citizen's Circle.**

NTCC meets first Thursday of every month at noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2934 Stickney Avenue, and Toledo.

NTCC's Vision Statement: "Empowering North Toledo Citizens to develop safer communities and improved quality of life for its members"

NTCC's Mission – To create partnerships that will increase opportunities for productive community membership. NTCC is a group of dedicated citizens and community partners operating over two years. They have an understanding of the barriers our offenders face as well as their families. These service professionals have increased their agency's interactions with our offenders. These concerned professionals and citizens have given countless hours, resources, and energy. Their dedication has impacted our offenders' lives as well as their families. They have truly made a difference in their community!

For Information on Citizen Circles in your area visit our website at: <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/Citizen/citizencircle.htm>

C.O.R.E

A WORD FROM OUR PROJECT DIRECTOR

As the year draws to an end let us continue to work together to see the grant through, your motivation and dedication is making such a difference in so many lives. It is your commitment that is drawing attention to CORE and reentry nationally. On November 3, 2005, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones testified in front of the House Judiciary Committee on the Second Chance Act of 2005. In her testimony she cited CORE as a prime example for the need of addressing the reentry needs of offenders.

-Angi Lee, Reentry Administrator

CORE COMMITTEE NOTES

Don't forget your November **Monthly Reports and Summations** are due December 7, 2005. Local Project Directors don't forget to email them to both Angi Lee and Candace Knight. All local partners are to start using the new Monthly Report Form. If anyone has questions while completing the new form please email Candace.

The **CMAT** and **CSAT** surveys are **past due**. Please make sure to make copies for your records. We are requesting that the surveys be sent via mail and not FAXED.

REMINDER: It is time to send in file copies

- It is that time again to hand in copies of CORE File documents. Please refer to your CORE Users Guide on page 48. Team members need to work together to make sure all copies are handed in. All CORE sites will be responsible for handing in copies of paperwork for the months of March 1, 2005 – October 31, 2005. This paperwork is to Candace Knight by December 9th. Please **DO NOT FAX THIS PAPERWORK**
- Please use the following guide for sending future copies:

November 1, 2005 –December 31, 2005 is due on January 15, 2006
January 1, 2006 – February 28, 2006 is due on March 15, 2006
March 1, 2006 – April 30, 2006 is due on May 15, 2006
May 1, 2006 –June 30, 2006 is due on July 15, 2006
July 1, 2006 – August 31, 2006 is due on September 15, 2006

◆◆ SVORI Multi-Site Evaluation ◆◆

Official Website for SVORI Multi-site Evaluation: <http://www.svori-evaluation.org/>

Two New Reentry Research in Action Briefs:

▷ **Reentry Research In Action: Implementation of SVORI Programs:** A two page brief about the implementation of SVORI programs, including their current status and barriers encountered
http://www.svori-evaluation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_reports

▷ **Reentry Research In Action: Characteristics of Prisoner Reentry Programs for Juveniles:** A four page brief highlighting various dimensions of SVORI programs exclusively serving juveniles
http://www.svori-evaluation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_reports

STATE AND LOCAL CORE PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any of our State or Local partners have any announcements or upcoming events please forward your information to [Candace Knight](#).

The next Local Level CORE Meeting will be December 13, 2005 at 9:00am

The next State Steering Committee Meeting will be December 8, 2005 9am at 970 Freeway Drive at the Office of Policy and Offender Reentry.

Columbus:

Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, Inc. holds a monthly **Local CORE Steering Committee** meeting and all are welcome. If you are interested in more information please contact [Dawn Chodorow](#) at 614-252-0660.

AND MORE

BOOKS AND WEBSITES

New CSOM Web Page

A new page has been added to the CSOM Web site visit the *Other Resources* page at <http://www.csom.org/ref/ref.html>.

OAR: Offender Aid and Restoration of Richmond, Inc

Take a look at this agencies website to see what they are doing to help with reentry. The mission of Offender Aid and Restoration of Richmond, Inc. (OAR) is to provide community managed services aimed at restoring the individual offender as a responsible member of the community. <http://www.oarric.org/default.asp>

Reentry.Net

Reentry Net National Reentry Research and Policy Library

<http://www.reentry.net/index.cfm>

Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Website

Check out their Community Reentry Manuel and their PowerPoint on returning home successfully.

<http://www.cor.state.pa.us/reentry/cwp/view.asp?a=475&q=133549&reentryNav=%7C>

Texas Inmate Families Association (TIFA)

Check out this website that is for inmate families.

<http://www.tifa.org/>

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEBSITES AND BOOKS

Restorative Justice Online

Prison Fellowship International

<http://www.restorativejustice.org/>

Restorative Justice Resources

Correctional Service of Canada

http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/prgrm/rjust_e.shtml

The Centre For Restorative Justice: Simon Fraser University

<http://www.sfu.ca/crj/>

Restorative Justice: Healing the effects of Crime

<http://www.restorativejustice.com/>

Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking

An International Resource Center In Support of Restorative Dialogue Practice, Research and Training

<http://2ssw.che.umn.edu/rjp/>

Restorative Justice Project

Restorative Justice Implementation CORP Resource and Training Center

<http://www.fresno.edu/pacs/rjp/>

Restorative Justice On-Line Notebook

NIJ

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/rest-just/>

Restorative Justice Consortium

<http://www.restorativejustice.org.uk/>

Pinellas Ex- offender Reentry Coalition

<http://www.exoffender.org/>

The Little Book of Restorative Justice

By Howard Zehr, 2002

ISBN: 1-56148-376-1, www.goodbks.com

Transcending: Reflections Of Crime Victims

Portraits and Interviews by Howard Zehr, 2001

ISBN: 1-56148-333-8, www.gookbks.com

Doing Life: Reflections of Men and Women Serving Life Sentences

Portraits and Interviews by Howard Zehr, 1996

ISBN: 1-56148-203-X, www.goodbks.com

NEWS, RESEARCH AND REPORTS

▷ **Bridging the Gap Fall 2005 Reentry Review**

Learn more about the Lucas County Reentry Matrix and Cleveland's strategic plan for reentry.

<http://namiohio.org/bgnl2005fall.pdf>

▷ **The Mentally Ill and the Criminal Justice System: A Review of Programs**

Mark Davis of the Institute has released a comprehensive research study of diversion programs for mentally ill offenders for the Study and Prevention of Violence at Kent State University and Paul Spaitte of NAMI-Ohio. The study reviewed several diversion programs including ACT Teams, CIT, Mental Health Courts and Community Linkage. The full report was funded through a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services and can be accessed electronically from NAMI-Ohio. Hard copies of the report are also available from NAMI-Ohio and can be requested by calling: 1-800-686-2646. To view an electronic version visit:

http://www.namiohio.org/REVIEW_PROGRAMS.pdf

▷ **Street Gangs and Interventions: Innovative Problems Solving with Network Analysis**

By; Jean M. McGloin of the University of Maryland, NCJ 211993

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1616>

▷ **Engaging the Community In Offender Reentry**

Douglas Young, Faye S. Taxman, and James M. Byrne, May 2003

http://www.bgr.umd.edu/pdf/May_2003_Community.pdf

▷ **Offender Reentry: Federal Document Clearing house Congressional Testimony**

November 3, 2005

Statement by Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs Department of Justice.

<http://www.knowledgeplex.org/news/125711.html>

▷ **Focus on Basics: Re-Entry and Corrections Education**

National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy

By Kathy Goebel

<http://www.ncsall.net/index.php?id=819>

▷ **Inmates get new help as they prepare for freedom**

By Judy Putnam, Lansing Bureau, October 30, 2005

<http://www.mlive.com/news/statewide/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1130362802178010.xml&coll=1>

▷ **NAVIGATING THE HIDDEN OBSTACLES TO EX-OFFENDER REENTRY**

By Anthony C. Thompson

Boston College: Boston College Law Review, Volume 45, 2004- Issue 2

http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/lawreviews/meta-elements/journals/bclawr/45_2/45_2_toc.htm

▷ **Understanding the Challenges of Offender Reentry in Allegheny County, Phase II: Human Services Supply Gaps and Policy Simulation Model.**

August 2005

By Kevin Fleming, Wendy Hirsch, and Wil Gorr (Faculty Advisor)

http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/systems/report/32_PrisonerReentry.pdf

▷ **Turbulent Re-Entry:**

By Bill Alexander, June 2003

<http://www.youthtoday.org/youthtoday/a%20june2003/story1.html>

▷ **DOC wants to partner with community groups to aid inmate re-entry**

By Marti Goodlad Heline, Tribune Staff writer, Reprinted on November 10, 2005

<http://www.in.gov/indcorrection/news/111005reentry.htm>

▷ **Employment Dimensions of Reentry: Understanding the Nexus between Prisoner Reentry and Work**

Urban Institute Reentry Roundtable

By Anne Piehl, Harvard University, May 19-20, 2003, New York University Law School

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/410856_Piehl.pdf

Re-Entry Policy Council

Senate Leaders Introduce Second Chance Act of 2005

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/SCA.Introduced.php>

Re-Entry Policy Council

Minnesota Bill would Define and Catalog Collateral Sanctions

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/Collateral-Sanctions.php>

FASTEN: Sharing knowledge, strengthening connections, and improving outcomes.

Fasten offers networking opportunities and informational resources to equip faith based practitioners, private philanthropist and public administrator seeking to collaborate effectively to renew urban communities.

<http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=Home>

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Drug Facts, Street Terms: Drugs and the Drug Trade

The Street Terms database contains over 2,300 street terms that refer to specific drug types or drug activity. Police officers, parents, treatment providers and others who require a better understanding of drug culture use the database.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/streetterms/>

Offender Reentry: Statistics and Solutions

PowerPoint by Meredith Lyon Assistant City Attorney and Community Prosecutor

http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/committee_briefings/briefings/QOL-Offender_Reentry_files/frame.htm#slide0001.htm

Power Point on North Carolina's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/sas/tasc/re%20entry%20NASADAD.ppt>

Developing and Evaluating Community Based Offender Reentry Programs: Challenges and opportunities for Applied Research

PowerPoint by Anthony E.O.King PhD from the School of Social Work, Wayne State University

<http://www.culma.wayne.edu/spc/ResearchPublications/PublicationsAssets/KingPresentation2Dec04.pdf>

Reentry Policy Council: Charting the Safe and Successful Return of Prisoner to the Community

Check out the section on housing options for ex-offenders

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/report/ps19-housing.php>

HJR 273: Joint Subcommittee Studying Prison Reentry into Society

September 12, 2005

<http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/legisrec/2005/sjr273b.htm>

Future Trends in State Courts 2005

Richland County Model Reentry Court

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Trends/2005/ProAltReentryCt.html

Prison Reentry: A Pathfinder

Lloyd Sealy Library, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Prepared by Lloyd Sealy Librarians Barbara Carrel and Catherine Stern

<http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/research/pathfinder.html>

Alcoholics Anonymous and treatment seem to work best together

Back to Addiction Science Made Easy

The Addiction Technology Transfer Center National Office provides funding for this Addiction Science Made Easy project, under the cooperative agreement from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of SAMHSA. Articles were written based on the following published research: Moos, Bernice S. (October 2005). Paths of entry into alcoholics anonymous: consequences for participation and remission. *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*.

<http://www.nattc.org/asme/details.asp?ID=0511b>

The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

This website is full of justice and public safety information
<http://www.search.org/>

Breaking the Cycle of Drugs and Crime

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Volume 20, Number 3 (October 2005)
http://www.drugabuse.gov/NIDA_notes/NNvol20N3/BBoard.html#Breaking

Understanding the Challenges of Offender Reentry in Allegheny County

February 2005
<http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/dhs/JailInit/OffReentryP1.pdf>

Offender Reentry Panel Member

United Way of Chittenden County, October 14, 2005
<http://www.volunteersolutions.org/chittenden/org/opp/8858995.html>

Fast Research Facts: Ex-offender reentry programs

<http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=PrisonerReentry>

Texas Offender Reentry Initiative: Training Reentry Volunteering and Mentorship

National Alliance of Faith and Justice
<http://www.nafj-nabcj.org/programs/tori.php>

U.S. Department of Justice awards federal grant to Wisconsin DOC for state offender reentry initiative

June 29, 2005, Federal grant strengthens Wisconsin's efforts to promote greater community safety
http://www.wi-doc.com/Reentry_Initiative.htm

TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES



Veterans' Job Search Workshop

Resume not getting you anywhere?
Choppy work history?
Want to work for the government?
Dealing with discrimination?
Not sure how to interview?



Want to know what really works when looking for a job?

Whatever your situation, there are things you can do that **GET RESULTS!**
Get the job you really want.
Find out about your veteran benefits.

Come to the Veterans' Job Search Workshop on

When: December 6 and 7 (9am-4pm)

**Where: Franklin County Opportunity Center
1055 Mt. Vernon Ave, Columbus, Ohio**

*** Parking is free**

For more information or to register for the event, call

Robert O'Keefe, (614) 251-6385

Reserve a seat no later than
December 5!
Limited Seating is available.

▷ **Web-Based CSOM Training Curricula**

The CSOM Training Curriculum *Overview of Sex Offender Treatment for a Non-Clinical Audience* To access this curriculum, please visit <http://www.csom.org/train/treatment/index.html>, or to obtain a copy on CD-ROM, contact Rachel West at rwest@cepp.com or (301) 589-9383.

▷ **Ohio Coordinating Center for ACT's Workshop Catalog FY06 Now Available**

The Ohio Coordinating Center for ACT was created to promote Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) as an evidence-based practice within the state of Ohio. When implemented according to the model, ACT teams can expect certain results with clients, such as housing stability, treatment compliance, and other measures. The Ohio Coordinating Center for ACT is a resource for current and future Ohio ACT teams and for Ohio communities who are interested in learning more about the ACT model. For more information on the training available go to <http://register.healthfoundation.org/>

▷ **White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

Date: December 8, 2005

Location: Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, 2100 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please register by Friday, December 2. The conference is part of a series of regional conferences that are being held around the country. These conferences will provide participants with information about the federal funding process, available funding opportunities, and the legal requirements that come with the receipt of federal funds. They will also offer practical information on the grant-writing process, provide the opportunity to inform state and local officials about equal treatment regulations, and facilitate opportunities to network with government officials. For more information, please call 202-456-6718, send an email to fbc@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbc.gov.

▷ **Bridges Out of Poverty: Exploring the Implication of Economic Class and Violence Against Women**

Date(s): December 15 and 16, 2005

Location(s): Mt. Sterling and Perrysville, OH

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services will host a one-day training entitled *Bridges Out of Poverty: Exploring the Implication of Economic Class and Violence Against Women* presented by Phil DeVol. In this workshop participants will learn about the environment and hidden rules of wealth, middle class, and poverty. Participants will be encouraged to expand on the information and draw conclusions about the influence that economic class has on violence against women and how it is treated in our society. For more information, please visit the Supreme Court of Ohio website: http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/spec_dockets/events/default.asp#bridges

National Offender Workforce Development Conference

Call for Presentations

Deadline December 1st, 2005

The National Offender Workforce Development Program Committee is soliciting this call for presentation for their 2nd Annual conference scheduled for April 11th-13th, 2006 at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

The National Offender Workforce Development Conference seeks innovative and informative presentations that address issues, legislation, best practices, programs, products and ideas that relate directly advancing the employability of ex-offender populations. The presentation sessions are 2 hours in length and we recommend that you allow 15 minutes for questions and answers.

Please feel free to contact Terrell Whitener at 314-209-9400 with any questions concerning your proposals or e-mail me at twhitener@proworkdev.com. You should also feel free to e-mail your proposals to twhitener@proworkdev.com also. If you choose to mail in your proposal, please mail your proposal to:

Productive Workforce Development L.L.C., 540 Northwest Plaza, St. Ann, Missouri 63074
Attn: Terrell Whitener

Proposals received after December 1st will not be considered. Please make sure that your proposal is in Microsoft Word format, to assure that the information is readable.

When submitting your proposal please also include the following;

- + Workshop title
- + Presenters name (only two presenters will receive complimentary conference registration)
- + Audiovisual requirements
- + One paragraph biographical sketch of presenter's
- + Primary presenter contact information.

At this time the National Offender Workforce conference is unable to pay for transportation or lodging for the conference. If this situation changes prior to the conference, we will inform the presenters. If your workshop is selected we will forward information about printing and other services available to presenters at that time. All presentations submitted will receive a response from the program committee.

2006 Winter Training Institute

Date: January 8-11, 2006

Location: Austin, Texas

Call Kris Chappell at (859) 244-8204 for more information or visit www.appa-net.org.

The 4th National GAINS Center Conference

System Transformation at the Interface of the Criminal Justice and mental health Systems

When: April 5-7, 2006

Where: Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA

The conference is currently requesting calls for presenter check out the website for more information.

http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/pdfs/conference/Call_for_Papers.pdf

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

▷ OCJS Offering RSAT Grants:

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program funds projects focused on developing a plan to provide substance abuse treatment services in correctional institutions and community-based programs using the model and requirements of the federal RSAT Guidelines. **Projects may apply for 12 months of funding. Applications must be postmarked or received at OCJS by 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2005. Applicants may apply for RSAT funds online, using OCJS' online system at:**

www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ogss/start.aspx

▷ Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant:

OCJS has announced 2006 Family Violence Prevention and Services Request for Proposals. FVPS funds will be awarded to prevent incidents of family violence, and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents.

Please visit the OCJS web site: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Funding/currentsolicitation.htm for more information and application materials. Applications are due December 15, 2005.

Ohio State Bar Foundation Grant

Grants are given in three funding categories and are to meet the foundation's mission. The three categories are: Short term Project-Based funding, Long-Term Partnerships/ Alliances and Capacity building. Their mission statement is: The Ohio State Bar Foundation strives to be a catalyst, convener and collaborator in promoting public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio.

The Foundation's Trustees consider proposals twice each year. Deadlines for submitting grant applications are **February 15** and **August 15**. Proposal decisions are made by June 30 and November 30. For more information about OSBF Grants go to:

http://www.osbf.net/grant_home.html

Community Advocacy Project

Deadline: Ongoing

The Open Society Institute's (OSI) Community Advocacy Project awards grants to national, state and local tax-exempt organizations committed to reducing over-incarceration and to assisting marginalized people, such as ex-offenders, their families and at-risk youth.

Information: Open Society Institute, 400 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10009; 212/548-0363; or online at

<http://www.soros.org/crime>

Public Welfare Foundation Funds for Service Needs

Deadline: Ongoing

The Public Welfare Foundation (PWF) is a nongovernmental grant-making organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Areas of interest include criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly and youth, environment, population, health, community and economic development, human rights, and technology assistance. Award amounts range from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and may fund specific programs or general operating support to accepted foundations. Eligibility is flexible so that PWF can respond to requests that address new, unusual and immediate problems as they arise. New applications-including both requests for first-time support and projects that have not received funding from the foundation in the recent past-should be submitted in the form of a three-part letter of inquiry in English. However, the foundation does not accept requests to fund scholarships, graduate work, individuals, government projects, academic research or foreign study. Funding for conferences, seminars or workshops, publications, or video or media production is only awarded when there is a close connection with current work at the foundation.

Information: www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp; www.publicwelfare.org/grants/grants/2005_grants.asp

▷ Enhancing Practice Improvement in Community-Based Care for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Abuse or Co-occurring Drug Abuse and Mental Disorders

Application Deadline: December 19, 2005

This initiative aims to help develop research capacity in a group that historically has been the object rather than the initiator of research-to-practice investigations. Accordingly, this request for applications (RFA) is intended to enhance the capacity of community-based providers of drug abuse prevention/treatment services, including services for individuals with co-occurring mental disorders, to conduct practice improvement research. For more information go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-06-001.html>

▷ **Advancing Public Understanding of Mental Illness**

Application Deadline: January 6, 2006

Due to a large number of requests for funds in 2005, the American Psychiatric foundation has moved the next deadline for funding requests to January 6, 2006 with grant rewards to be announced in March 2006. The Foundation is looking to fund new and innovative ideas and programs that will promote awareness of mental illness and the effectiveness of treatment, the importance of early intervention, access to care, and the need for high quality services and treatment.

For more information got to: <http://www.psychfoundation.org/grants/callforproposals.cfm>

▷ **Public Safety Interventions**

Application Deadline: February 15, 2006

Organizations may apply for the *Public Safety Interventions* grant to conduct process and outcome evaluations to improve public safety interventions at the local level. Successful applicants will build on existing research on gangs and career violent offenders and focus specifically on law enforcement-led strategies for responding to gang and firearm violence; evaluate strategies to disrupt drug markets at the community level; or conduct evaluations of situational crime (environmental and opportunity factors) prevention interventions. The maximum amount of individual awards is \$250,000. Further details are in the solicitation for applications at:

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000738.pdf>

▷ **Community and International Justice Program Funding**

Application Deadline: Ongoing

The Justice, Equality, Human Dignity and Tolerance (JEHT) Foundation was established in 2000 to provide funding for community and international justice programs. Letters of inquiry are reviewed in October, March and July.

For more information go to <http://www.jehtfoundation.org/index2.html>

Seed Funds for Social Justice, Media and Campaign Reform

Deadline: March 1, 2006 and September 1, 2006

The Arca Foundation offers grants of \$50,000 to include worker justice, campaign finance reform, government or corporate accountability, civic participation or media and First Amendment rights. Grants will be awarded based on interests to pursue social equity and justice efforts that affect public policy. The Arca Foundation sees itself as a "seeder" that provides initial funds for new projects of progressive policy. It sometimes supports former grantees if their work merits continued funding or occasional multi-year grants. Nonprofits that can educate the general public and impact policy are eligible to apply.

Information: Donna Edwards, Executive Director, Arca Foundation, 1308 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, 202/822-9193 or by e-mail request at grants@arcafoundation.org

AmeriCorps Grants

The 2006 AmeriCorps Grant Guidelines and application instructions are now available. Faith-based and other organizations operating a national and community service program in two or more states may apply as a new applicant for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant. The grants support the operation of national and community service programs. A total of \$20 million will be awarded. The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope of the proposed project.

Applications for each of these AmeriCorps funding opportunities are due February 14, 2006. The entire program announcement is at:

http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/05_0802_ameri_corps_nofa.pdf

Foundation Funding to Prevent Domestic Violence

Application Deadline: Open

The parent foundation of the Target store chain offers an array of funding through its Community Giving grants program, which includes family violence prevention-substance abuse is usually a factor in most domestic violence-among its three areas of focus-the others are the arts and reading. Support for family violence prevention, includes funding for parenting education, crisis nurseries, family counseling, after-school programs and abuse shelters. Most grants will range between \$1,000-\$3,000. Applicants must be nonprofits or public agencies. Organizations in Alaska, Hawaii or Vermont are not eligible.

For more information, visit: http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.jhtml.

▷ **The After Prison Initiative from the Open Society Institute:**

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/after_prison/guidelines

Application Deadline: Inquiries are accepted on a rolling basis.

The After Prison Initiative will consider proposals from advocacy groups, community groups, scholarly or research institutions, government agencies, associations of elected officials, and nonprofit business associations or initiatives. Priority will be given to organizations in which people with criminal convictions have a leadership role and/or meaningful participation. The After Prison Initiative does **NOT** provide funding for: Programs or direct services, Lobbying activities, Start-up costs or seed monies, Annual fundraising drives, Projects undertaken by individuals, General support (for first-time grantees), Capital costs, including equipment or real estate purchases/renovations, Film production or post-production.

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