



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 15, 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](#). 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](#). Let's turn the **SPOTLIGHT** on for Reentry.

Re-Entry Policy Council Online

The Second Chance Act

The Re-Entry Policy Council has compiled a list of informational resources for your convenience, including bill summaries, original news features, and the full text of the legislation. To view these resources, visit them at:

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

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

Restorative Justice Week Kicked Off

November 14, 2005 was the beginning of Restorative Justice Week for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The week began with the Restorative Justice Kick Off, which was held at the Office of Correctional Best Practices in London, Ohio. This half-day event brought community partners, correctional staff and parole officers all under one roof to learn how we all can work together towards a common goal. This year's theme was *Wisdom Gained through Experience*. The Kick Off took advantage of the theme so we could learn from each other. The morning opened with Robert Keyes the Deputy Director for the Office of Human Resources for ODRC and the Chairman of the Community Justice Cabinet welcoming everyone to the event. Michael Davis from the Office of Victim Services spoke on Homeland Security and what it has to do with Community Justice. In addition to the guest speaker, Candace Knight was introduced as the Executive Assistant to the Community Justice Cabinet. She spoke about the importance of everyone working together and remembering to include everyone in process. As part of the event, resource tables were available from a variety of community partners such as victim services, institutional programming and supervision. To build off the resource tables there were opportunities for those in attendance to participate in one of three breakout sessions, which focused on victim services, ex-offender services and community services. The feedback from those in attendance was very positive and attendees requested more events like this in the future. A special thanks goes out to the Restorative Justice Week Planning Committee for all their hard work for putting on a wonderful event. If you are interested in learning more about Restorative and Community Justice please contact Candace Knight 740-845-3222 or by email at Candace.knight@odrc.state.oh.us.



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](mailto:Candace.Knight).

Hocking Correctional Facility Reentry Day and Job Fair

On November 14, Hocking Correctional Facility hosted a very well attended Reentry Day and Job Fair. Several agencies and businesses from the Southeastern Ohio community participated in the Reentry Day and Job Fair including Carrington Health System, Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Veterans Administration, Social Security Administration, Tri County Vocational School, Adult Parole Authority, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Salvation Army, Black-Top Paving Company, Ohio University, and Wayne Cochran Trucking Company. In addition, many departments from Hocking Correctional Facility such as Unit Management, Education, Mental Health, and Recovery Services highlighted the reentry certified programs offered by their departments. The Recreation Department also presented activities they offer to assist the inmates with their improved community functioning. The offenders, community, and staff of Hocking Correctional Facility worked together to make the Reentry Day and Job Fair a success!

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE 2005

Hocking Correctional Facility Restorative Justice Week

Hocking Correctional Facility celebrated Restorative Justice Week from November 13 through November 19. The Restorative Justice Week celebration began with a very well attended Reentry Day and Job Fair. Several agencies and businesses from the Southeastern Ohio community participated in the Reentry Day and Job Fair including Carrington Health System, Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Veterans Administration, Social Security Administration, Tri County Vocational School, Adult Parole Authority, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Salvation Army, Black-Top Paving Company, Ohio University, and Wayne Cochran Trucking Company. Also, many reentry program providers from Hocking Correctional Facility such as Unit Management, Education, Mental Health, and Recovery Services highlighted and offered information on their reentry certified programs. In addition, the Recreation Department presented activities that they offer to assist the inmates with improving community functioning.

Restorative Justice Week continued with a Poster Contest for the offenders. Many offenders submitted posters that illustrated the theme of Restorative Justice Week 2005, "Wisdom Gained through Experience." In addition, the offenders made a promise to end violence against others by tracing their hands and pledging to use their "hands to help, not to hurt". The walls of Hocking Correctional Facility were decorated with hundreds of hands to represent the end of violence.

Hocking Correctional Facility also hosted a Community Volunteer Celebration to recognize the hard work that community volunteers do to ensure the offenders have a relationship with the community. In addition to the Community Volunteer Celebration, the Recovery Services staff held a Recovery Celebration to thank the community volunteers that assist Hocking Correctional Facility with various recovery groups. The week culminated with a presentation to the Nelsonville Food Bank of donations made by the staff and offenders of Hocking Correctional Facility. Thanks to the spirit of the staff and offenders, Restorative Justice Week was a wonderful success at Hocking Correctional Facility.

MCI Restorative Justice Week

Dr. Murthy Kola, Chaplin, kicked off Restorative Justice Week at MCI. He gave a message Sunday, Nov. 13th, called "Faith and Justice". The message was not condemning, yet it challenged offenders to look squarely at their crime and first look to GOD to make right their wrongs with him.

On Monday, Nov. 14 MS. Nicole A. Heidemann gave a Victim Impact Testimony based on her personal experience.

On Wednesday Mr. Junior Brown of Community Connection was our guest. As an ex-offender he spoke first hand regarding re-entry into the community. Also, he spoke to staff on this same day at our Brown Bag Luncheon. His message had a great impact on staff that attended. He spoke on "The positive impact staff has with offenders in their day to day interaction with them. We hold a key to help them to successful re-entry into society."

On Thursday MCI held their Victim Empathy Essay Contest/Reading. The topic was: "If I could speak to my victim I would say..." They received 50-60 entries from the residents. The staff judged the writings and chose 4 winners. The winners read their essays and were awarded goodie bags for their participation.

On Friday, Nov. 18 MCI held auditions in the Chapel for the Restorative Justice Recording project. About 40 singers and musicians gave it their best shot for an opportunity to make a contribution to the CD that will be recorded in Jan. 06. The residents will begin recording songs with a Restorative Justice theme. The music will then be professionally manufactured and packaged. Copies will then be made available for a donation of \$5 each. Proceeds will benefit various non-profit organizations.

On Saturday, the last day of Restorative Justice Week, MCI had Rev. Mark C. Olds as their special guest speaker. His message was called: "God is in the Restoration Business." He is an author, community leader, ex-offender, and in the ministry. He gave hope that they can change their lives and be restored to the community to make a difference.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AT GRAFTON

On the night of November 22nd Grafton Correctional Institution held a Restorative Justice event. There was good response from those in attendance. Our goal was to highlight some of the talent, skills, and abilities that are incumbent in the men here at Grafton Correctional Institution. We put on display many pieces of arts and crafts, but more importantly we presented exhibits of each of the inmate groups, and many of the programs and school activities. We especially highlighted our vocational school opportunities. We also had a display on the Braille program here at Grafton Correctional that is currently being run by two former inmates that worked in the Braille lab when they were inmates here at Grafton. Another success story that was presented was our Luv a Pup program. A former dog handler that was incarcerated here at Grafton now trains the trainers in that program. Local media was in attendance and they gave GCI a very wonderful write up in the local paper.

APA Regional Announcements and Events

Akron



◆◆ 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)

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Butler County Citizen Circles

The Butler County Citizen Circle met its first participant September 2005. Comprised of local social leaders, community members and APA staff, the Butler County Citizen Circle has remained committed to the strength-based approach fundamental to the circle process. Interestingly enough the referrals for participants have come from community members at large. So, in Butler County, the Citizen Circle is truly serving as a community wide resource for Butler County 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:

Contact 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 Brethren, 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>



**Ohio Adult Parole Authority
Lima Region Open House**

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

**Helping Create Safer Communities
December 2, 2005 11:00 a.m. -2:00p.m.
Lima Region Adult Parole Authority
137 W North Street, Lima, Ohio 45801**

December 2, 2005 Open House Agenda

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Open House

- Adult Parole Field Supervision
- Lima Regional Administrator Casey Moore, Administrative Assistant, Case Analyst, Unit Supervisors, and Parole Officers
- Regional Services Coordinator, Reentry Coordinator, Sex Offender Specialist, Chemical Dependency Specialist, Mental Health Specialist, and Lab Tech
- Reentry, Citizen Circles and Community Reentry Management Teams
- Seeking Reentry Program Approval
- Volunteering with the Adult Parole Authority
- Reentry Program Approval

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A WORD FROM OUR PROJECT DIRECTOR

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Holiday season. I look forward to our continued working relationship in 2006.

-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

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 at 970 Freeway Drive at the Office of Policy and Offender Reentry

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

AND MORE

BOOKS AND WEBSITES

▶ Centerforce website:

They provides services for prisoners, ex-prisoners, and family members of prisoners through direct services, its annual conference and through consultation and training for government agencies, community-based organizations and correctional facilities across the country and internationally

Check out their website to learn more about the services they provide: <http://www.centerforce.org/support/>

▶ Loving Through Bars: Children with Parents in Prisons

By Cynthia Martone, 2005
ISBN: 1-891661-48-5

▶ Mothering from the Inside: Parenting in a Women's Prison

By Sandra Enos
ISBN: 0-7914-4850-9

▷ **All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated**

By Nell Bernstein, 2005
ISBN: 1565849523

NEWS, RESEARCH AND REPORTS

▷ **Building from the Ground Up: Creating Effective Programs to Mentor Children of Prisoners (The Amachi Model)**

W. Wilson Goode, Sr., and Thomas J. Smith, July 2005,
http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/185_publication.pdf

▷ **A Civic Justice Corps: Community Service as a Means of Reintegration**

By Gordon Bazemore, PhD. and David R. Karp, Ph.D.
<http://www.cjcj.org/pdf/bazemore.PDF>

▷ **Prison education puts inmates on right path, advocates argue**

By Kim Bate, Blade, November 27, 2005
<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051127/NEWS08/511270307/-1/ARCHIVES30>

▷ **Do you believe in second chances?**

Nine years after his prison release, Roscoe Heaton is discovering he's a marked man
By Christine Van Dusen, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Published on: 11/27/05
<http://www.ajc.com/news/content/business/1105/27roscoe.html>

▷ **Felons' view of freedom often rosier than reality**

Many coming to Houston find a struggle they're not prepared for, survey indicates
By Peggy O'Hare, Houston Chronicle, Nov. 26, 2005
<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/3484796.html>

▷ **Rethinking America's Prisons**

State seeks to give real 2nd chance to inmates. Training, counseling offer key to new life
By Rex W. Huppke, Tribune staff reporter, Published November 27, 2005
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/content/education/chi-0511270295nov27.1.3289490.story?coll=chi-education-hed>

▷ **When the Gates Open: A national response to the Prisoner Reentry Crisis**

By Jushua Good and Pamela Sherrid, October 2005
http://www.njisi.org/pubdocs/red_111705_gatesopen.pdf

▷ **A Life-Course View of the Development of Crime**

Developmental Criminology and Its Discontents: Trajectories of Crime from Childhood to Old Age
Special Editors: ROBERT J. SAMPSON, Harvard University and JOHN H. LAUB, University of Maryland
Volume 602, November 2005
http://www.aapss.org/uploads/602_Sampson_LaubQRS.pdf

▷ **National Alliance of Gang Investigators Association**

2005 National Gang Threat Assessment
http://www.nagia.org/national_gang_threat_assessment.htm

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 Spaite 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>

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>

TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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 fbcid@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbcid.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

American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)

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.

▷ OJJDP Videoconference Focuses on Youth Gangs

On January 11, 2006, at 11 a.m. ET, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will air the 2-hour videoconference "Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America."

The videoconference program, which may be viewed via satellite downlink or on the Internet, will feature community programs and strategies that effectively address the problem of youth gangs. It will explore strategies to leverage resources, provide examples of partnerships across disciplines, highlight innovative strategies, and share information on faith-based responses and neighborhood efforts.

The broadcast is designed for anyone interested in addressing youth gangs.

To access further information and register online, visit <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj>.

For technical questions about receiving this videoconference, please visit <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj/faq.html>. You may also e-mail questions to gangconference@aol.com

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

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/oqss/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

▷ Grants to Support Projects for Improving State Courts

Deadline: February 13, 2006

The State Justice Institute (SJI) offers grants to support education, research, demonstration and technical assistance projects for improving state courts. The SJI Board will meet in May 2006 to determine the awards, which rarely exceed \$200,000. Continuation grants enhance the program or service begun with Project Grants. Applicants must submit letters of intent no later than 120 days before the end of their current grants. State or local courts can receive up to \$30,000 in a Technical Assistance (TA) grant to hire outside experts to provide technical assistance to enable a state or local court to adapt and deliver an education program previously developed and evaluated under a SJI project grant, or to support expert consultation in planning, developing and administering state judicial branch education programs. Applications for these and TA grants can be submitted any time.

SJI also offers scholarships of up to \$1,500 to enable judges and court managers to attend out-of-state education and training programs, covering tuition, travel and lodging costs. Application deadlines depend on the date of the target programs and are listed in SJI's guidelines. Information: Keven Linskey, 703/684-6100, www.statejustice.org

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 awards 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 go to: <http://www.psychfoundation.org/grants/callforproposals.cfm>

▷ American Express Foundation

Deadline: January 2006 & March 2006

Approximately \$500,000 will be available with grants ranging from \$15,000-\$30,000. The grants go to non-profits implementing or maintaining a financial literacy program. Programs funded in the past include those serving the disabled, homeless, domestic-violence victims, minorities, women, prisoners, new homeowners and former welfare recipients. Between 1999 and 2004, the Economic Independence Fund Grant awards have provided more than \$2.6 million to develop financial literacy programs that included training trainers, acquiring financial literacy materials, program outreach activities and related costs in implementing a start-up program. Nonprofits operating at the community/county level that may or may not have affiliations with state, regional and national groups are preferred. For more Information: www.nefe.org/amexeconfundrfp

▷ W.E.B. DuBois Fellowships

Deadline: February 1, 2006

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) provides funding to individuals to focus on policy-relevant questions related to crime, justice and culture in various societal contexts. Researchers might look at these board topics to guide their studies: immigration; crime and violence; trans-national crime; police community relations; corrections; and ethnographic studies investigating crime, violence, substance abuse and justice system interactions in particular cultural settings.

For more Information go online to: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

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_ameriCorps_nofa.pdf

▷ OVC HOPE Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) provides \$5,000 under the Helping Outreach Programs to Expand (HOPE) program to grass roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through program development, networking, coalition building and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach and recruit volunteers. Establish organizations and coalitions that do not receive federal victim assistance grant funding and operate with \$50,000 or less in annual funding are eligible.

Information: <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

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.ihtml.

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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