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February is
National Black History
Month

For resources go to:

[http://www.ed.gov/fre
e/bhm.html](http://www.ed.gov/fre
e/bhm.html)

[http://creativefolk.com
/blackhistory/blackhisto
ry.html](http://creativefolk.com
/blackhistory/blackhisto
ry.html)

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 us 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 **February 16, 2006**.

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.

Reentry UPDATES

Policy Updates

Please be advised, the revised edition of the *Reentry Programs (02-REN-02) and Inmate Visitation (76-VIS-01)* policies has been signed off by the Director and will be in effect February 12, 2006. Please ensure staff is made aware of the revisions, as there are substantial changes within it."

Pilot Offender Newsletter Unveiled

The Office of Policy and Offender Reentry recently developed a quarterly newsletter for our offenders. This two-page newsletter contains very short articles about successful ex-offenders in the community, reentry initiatives, community events (for those offenders returning home, recently released offenders, or even for those offenders who may have family members interested in participating in the events), a question and answer forum, and a section for miscellaneous information. Currently the newsletter has been distributed to all of the APA Regions along with Allen Correctional, Franklin Pre Release, Richland Correctional, and Noble Correctional. The newsletter will go out to all institutions in March.

"I am glad to inform you that your newsletter has been read. I am glad that such a newsletter has been developed for us." Incarcerated Offender at Franklin Pre-Release Center, 2006.

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.

Correction.com

February is Inmate Reentry and Reintegration month

Visit Correction.com's website for web cast events and articles on this topic this month.

<http://www.corrections.com>

▷ **UPDATE from last month. Mr. Brown did pass his GED. Congratulations Mr. Brown and MEPRC.**

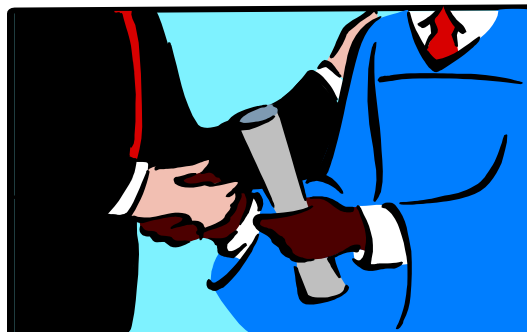
Montgomery Education & Pre-Release Center's Commitment to Excellence in Reentry

Inmate Brown had been enrolled in GED classes since 6/29/05 at MERPC. He was a compliant and very motivated student and often struggle with required work. He needed to retest on the Writing section of the Pre-GED in order to pass and staff assisted him with improving his essay writing skills. As a result he was able to raise his score from a 0 to a 570!

Once he passed, Brown and School Counselor Christopher Webel completed the GED application and scheduled for the examination. The test was on 12/1/05 and his release date was on 12/2/05. Brown attempted to complete the exam during testing hours on 12/1, but he was short one section. Brown and Mr. Webel discussed several options and agreed that completing this exam prior to leaving was important and an academic goal for him. He was given information about GED testing centers and retesting in case he was not able to pass this effort.

Mr. Webel discussed the plan with Karla Williams, Principal, who agreed with the plan to come in at 7:00 A.M. on 12/2, begin the final section prior to the other testing inmates, finish the GED, and have Brown released at that point. Brown was comfortable and involved with the plan and was not concerned that his mother might need to wait a little while for him to be officially released. He felt that she would be proud of his efforts and decision. Brown met Mr. Webel bright and early the morning of his release and completed the remaining section and was on his way. Brown was very appreciative of the staff at MEPRC.

This is a tribute to Warden Bogan, Principal Williams, Mr. Webel, and the department as a whole. Brown is just an example of the motivation and academic goals the Education Department at MEPRC attempts to develop in their students. Warden Bogan is a strong advocate for education and the positive effects it can have on an inmate's life, benefits to the community, and reduction to recidivism. This is a testament to the mission and philosophy of their efforts.



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](#).

CMC Hold 1st Annual Father-Child Christmas Gathering

CMC held its first "annual" Father-Child Christmas Gathering (in two sessions due to our space limitations) on December 17th and 18th. In preparation for the event, the cadre fathers spent hours decorating the holding cell area of the clinic and made handcrafted cloth Christmas stockings to give to each of their children. The event included 19 cadre fathers, 19 caregivers, and 34 children ranging in age from 3 to 17. The children shared a meal with their fathers and caregivers (in most cases a mother, aunt, uncle or grandparent), and were then taken to the clinic area for the festivities. The latter included making each other Christmas cards, decorating and eating Christmas cookies, board and card games, carol singing, a visit with CMC's puppies and even a visit from Santa Claus courtesy of several of our community volunteers. We are also thankful to the ManCI VVA chapter whose members provided a donation to help make this event possible.



APA Regional Announcements and Events

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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 pro-active 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.

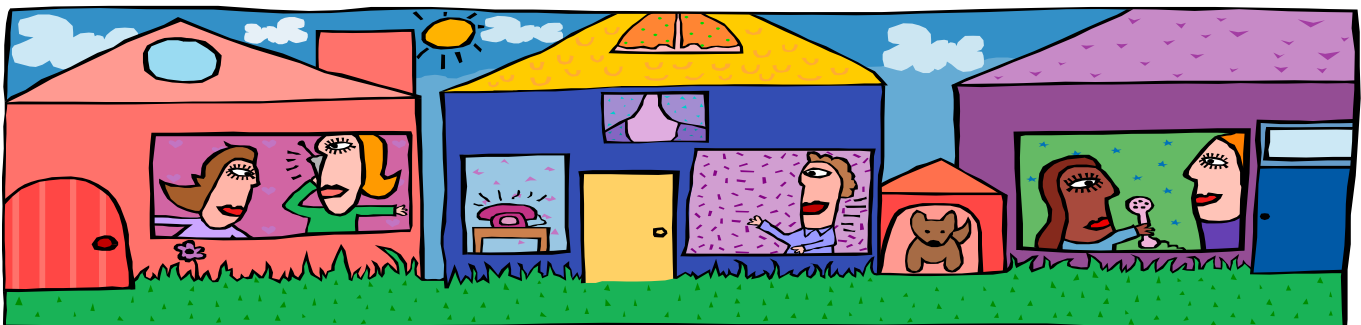
Meeting Place: Greenville Church of the Brethren, 421 Central Avenue, Greenville, Ohio.

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!



Mansfield:**Mansfield Region Citizen Circles**

The Mansfield Region currently hosts four local Citizen Circles in the counties of Ashland, Lorain, Marion, and Richland. The various Citizen Circles in the Mansfield Region have the same central goal: to offer support to those under supervision by helping them shed the label of “offender” and become productive members of their local communities again. To get involved with any of these Circles, please contact Jay Glauner at (419) 521-3750 or Lisa Fernandez at (419) 522-2441.

Ashland County Citizen Circle

Meets: Second Wednesday of each month from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Location: Transformation Network, 317 Pleasant Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805

Lorain County Citizen Circle

Meets: Second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Location: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 300 Third Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035

Marion County Citizen Circle

Meets: Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Location: Calvary United Methodist Church, 219 East Church Street, Marion, Ohio 43302

Richland County Citizen Circle

Meets: Third Thursday of each month from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Location: Richland County Mental Health Board, 87 E. First Street, Suite L, Mansfield,

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 we begin to our last six months together on this grant, I would like to once again say ‘thank you’ for all your hard work and dedication. It has been an exciting endeavor and a great opportunity to meet new people.

-Angi Lee,
Reentry Administrator

CORE Committee Notes

Don’t forget your December **Monthly Reports and Summations** are due February 7, 2006. 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.

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](#).

AND MORE**Books and Websites****◆ FASTEN’s**

Fasten’s newest resource topic can help. Our ex-offender department contains 80 practical, informative resources that can help practitioners: Get oriented to the field of ex-offender reentry; Start new programs in this field; and Obtain manuals, curricula, tips and more on operating jobs, life skills, housing, mentoring, and substance abuse recovery programs for ex-offenders. <http://www.fastennetwork.org/display.asp?page=oct05>

◆ **Road to Re-Entry for Hoosiers**

Indian Department of Correction

This is their departments Reentry website. It is full of information about their programs, partnerships and resources.

<http://www.in.gov/indcorrection/reentry/services/>

◆ **24-Hour Resource for Citizens**

GovBenefits.gov connects people in need to government assistance programs. GovBenefits.gov is the official benefits web site of the U.S. government. The site provides citizens with a central location to find more than 1,000 federal and state benefit programs that meet their needs. The Web site includes information for disasters or other emergencies, employment services, small-business loans and more. Visit the website and order your free brochures. (www.GovBenefits.gov)

◆ **National Employment Law Project**

Visit their website to learn more about what they are doing.

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

◆ **Corporation for Supportive Housing**

Visit this website for free downloads of publications on housing programs and resources put out by the Corporation for Supportive Housing: <http://www.csh.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=42&>

For information about all major federal capital, operating, and services financing sources, please visit CSH's newly updated, comprehensive *Financing Supportive Housing Guide* at <http://www.csh.org/financing>

◆ **The National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women and The Violence Against Women Office.**

Visit this website for an online toolkit to end violence against women: <http://toolkit.ncjrs.org/>

◆ **We Care America**

National Grant Center

Visit this website to get help with setting up your 501(c) 3, Information on finding funding for your project and how to get grant training. Check this website to learn more.

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

◆ **Ohio Strengthening Families Initiative**

Visit this website for CURRENT funding opportunities

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

◆ **The office of Victims of Crime website update**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has an online and interactive National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events. There is a centralized resource that can keep you up-to-date on what's taking place around the Nation, or in your own backyard.

Visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovccalendar> for OVC's latest Web tool designed to keep professionals informed about what's happening in the field.

Prison Reentry and Crime in America

Cambridge Studies in Criminology, August 2005

Contributors: Jeremy Travis, Christy Visher, Joan Petersilia, Alfred Blumstein, Allen J. Beck, Rick Rosenfeld, Joel Wallman, Robert Fornango, Anne Morrison Piehl, Stefan F. LoBuglio, Shadd Maruna, Hans Toch, Todd Clear, Elin Waring, Krisin Scully, Christopher Uggen, Sara Wakefield, Bruce Western. ISBN: 10-0521613868

<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=0521613868>

A World Apart: Women, Prison and Life Behind Bars

By Cristina Rathbone, 2005

ISBN 1-4000-6166-0

Growing Up Fast

By Joanna Lipper, 2003

ISBN 0-312-42222-9

Doing Time on the Outside: Incarceration and Family Life in Urban America

By Donald Braman, 2004

ISBN: 0-472-11381-x

15 to Life: How I Painted My Way to Freedom

By Anthony Papa and Jennifer Wynn, 2004
ISBN 1-932595-06-6

The Man Who Outgrew His Prison Cell: Confessions of a Bank Robber

By Joe Loya, 2004
ISBN: 0-06-050892-2

[News, Research And Reports](#)

◆ A death row blogger's advice for life: Activists use new technologies to press case against capital punishment

Eric Rich, The Washington Post, January 27, 2006
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11055189/>

◆ For Ex-Inmates, Getting a Job is the First Step to Stability

By Hurbert B. Herring, The New York Times, January 29, 2006
http://www.nytimes.com/2006/01/29/jobs/29jmar.html?_r=1

◆ Dutch open 'Big Brother' prison

By Toby Sterling, StarTribune.net, Associated Press writer. January 25, 2006
<http://www.casparstartribune.net/articles/2006/01/25/features/science/33cb86d8ee0bbd1c872570fe0026856f.txt>

◆ Help awaits former inmates

By Janice Morse, Enquirer, January 23, 2006
<http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060123/NEWS01/601230361/1056>

◆ ReEntry Network engages ex-offenders in the community

Good Samaritan Ministries Bulletin – January 11, 2006
http://www.goodsamministries.com/Web/whats_new.asp

◆ Sustainability of SVORI Programs

The Multi-site Evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Initiative
By Christine Lindquist, *RTI International*, December 21, 2005
<http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/RRIA-Sustainability.pdf>

◆ Minnesota Comprehensive Offender Reentry Plan

Backgrounder, Minnesota Department of Corrections
December 2005
<http://www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/backgrounders/documents/MCORP.pdf>

◆ Vermont County Develops Cooperative Regional Re-Entry Housing Plan

Six municipalities in Chittenden County (VT) have endorsed a strategic and targeted response to address the housing needs of people returning to the county from jail and prison.
<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/VT.Housing.Plan.php>

◆ Financing Transitional Jobs Programs: A strategic Guide to Federal Funding Sources

By Institute for Youth, Education and Families and the National League of Cities
<http://www.transitionaljobs.net/Resources/Downloads/FinancingGuide.pdf>

◆ Have Prison, Need Reentry

By Solangel Rodriguez, Weed and Seed IN site
http://www.ncjrs.gov/ccdo/in-sites/reentry_2.html

◆ Successful Reentry Through Volunteers and Partnerships

Caridad Palerm and Kathleen Severens, CCDO Staff
Weed and Seed IN site
http://www.ncjrs.gov/ccdo/in-sites/reentry_1.html

◆ **Mapping Prisoner Reentry: An Action Research Guidebook**

By Nancy G. La Vigne, Ph.D. and Jake Cowan
September 2005, Urban Institute Justice Policy Center
<http://nicic.org/Library/020985>

◆ **Learning to Live at the Community Re-entry Center**

By Lieutenant Randy Demory, Kent County Correctional Facility, Grand Rapids, Michigan
2005, LNJ Exchange 2005
<http://nicic.org/Library/period277>

◆ **Pre-Release Re-Entry Program Offender Handbook**

Indiana Department of Correction, 2005
<http://nicic.org/Library/020885>

◆ **Chicago Communities and Prisoner Reentry**

By CHRISTY VISHER and JILL FARRELL, September 2005
Urban Institute
<http://nicic.org/Library/020855>

◆ **Policy Brief: Offender Reentry**

National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc
August 2005
http://www.nasadad.org/resource.php?base_id=495

◆ **Wyoming's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative: An Evaluation of Phase 1 Institution-Based**

Reentry Programming for Adults and Juveniles
Laurel Parker West, Ph.D. Tiffany Comer Cook, Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center University of Wyoming
WYSAC Technical Report No. CJR-510, September 2005
<http://www.uwyo.edu/wysac/CrimJustice/OffenderReentryInitiative/docs/FinalSVORIEvaluation.pdf>

Research and Policy Library on reentry.net.com

Reentry.net is in the process of developing a clearinghouse for research and policy materials on reentry issues. The Prison Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice will manage this.
<http://www.reentry.net/library.cfm>

John Jay College of Criminal Justice- Prisoner Reentry Institute

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/centersinstitutes/pri.asp>

Ex-Offenders: What Now?

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism
<http://www.jrn.columbia.edu/studentwork/coveringideas/exoffenders.asp>

Workforce Resources for those who assist ex-offenders

Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Chicago Jobs Council as a project of the Governor's Working Group on Community Safety and Reentry, put together a website of workforce resources available to those assist ex-offenders.
<http://www.ides.state.il.us/ExOffenders/default.asp>

Caring for Ex-Offenders

A faith based website around the ALPHA program
<http://caringforexoffenders.org/gettinginvolved/how/default.htm>

National and Federal Initiatives on Prisoner Reentry

NGA Center for Best Practices, The Social, Economic and Workforce Programs Division Thomas MacLellan,
November 2004
<http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/REENTRYNATIONAL.pdf>

The Challenges and Impacts of Prisoner Reentry

NGA Center for Best Practices, The Social, Economic and Workforce Programs Division Thomas MacLellan,
November 2004

<http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/REENTRYBACKGROUND.pdf>

Improving Prisoner Reentry Through Strategic Policy Innovations

NGA Center for Best Practices, The Social, Economic and Workforce Programs Division Thomas MacLellan,
September 2005

<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.9123e83a1f6786440ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnnextoid=205eea48adc26010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD>

NGA Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy

NGA Center for Best Practices, The Social, Economic and Workforce Programs Division, Thomas MacLellan,
January 2005

<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.9123e83a1f6786440ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnnextoid=c223303cb0b32010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD>

Coming Home: The Challenge of prisoner Reentry

CAUCUS Educational Corporation, CAUCUS New Jersey with Host Steve Aduato

Guests: Ken Zimmerman, Jeremy Travis, Kim Hunter and Richard Liebler

You can read the transcript from the program or view the video.

http://www.caucusnj.org/caucusnj/special_series/cominghome/making_work.asp

Coming Home: the challenge of Prisoner Reentry- Getting Out, Going Home

CAUCUS Educational Corporation, CAUCUS New Jersey with Host Steve Aduato

Guests: Charley Flint, David Kerr, Nancy Fisherman and John D'Amico

You can read the transcript from the program or view the video.

http://www.caucusnj.org/caucusnj/special_series/cominghome/getting_out.asp

Coming Home: The Challenge of prisoner Reentry- Crime and Punishment in New Jersey

CAUCUS Educational Corporation, CAUCUS New Jersey with Host Steve Aduato

Guests: Peter C. Harvey Esq., Jeremy Travis, Devon Brown and Assemblywomen Mary T. Previte

You can read the transcript from the program or view the video.

http://www.caucusnj.org/caucusnj/special_series/cominghome/crime.asp

The Research Forum at the National Center for Children in Poverty

There is a list of publications around the area of Incarceration and Prison Reentry. The list is in order by date.

http://www.researchforum.org/subtopic_summary_66.html

Prospects for prisoner reentry

Economic Policy Institute

By Anne M. Piehl m Stefan R. LoBuglio and Richard B. Freeman, Working Paper No. 125, August 2003

Website link: <http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/wp125>

PDF Link: <http://www.epinet.org/workingpapers/WP125.pdf>

Navigating the Road to Reentry: A Community Approach

A Research website from Maryland

<http://www.mpt.org/reentry/home.html>

HRJ 273: Joint Subcommittee Studying Prisoner Reentry Into Society

State of Virginia, October 12, 2005

<http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/legisrec/2005/sjr273c.htm>

Responding to Prisoner Reentry, Recidivism, and Incarceration of Inmates of Color: A Call to the Communities

Journal of Black Studies Vol. 35, No 5 pages 633-649

By Aretha Fay Marbley and Ralph Ferguson, Texas Tech University, 2005

<http://jbs.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/35/5/633>

Funding Opportunities

Foundation Commits \$5.1 Million to Support and Evaluate Promising Jobs Strategy for Ex-Offenders

The Joyce Foundation has announced a three-year, \$5.1 million initiative to help launch and evaluate a promising new strategy to help ex-offenders connect to jobs. The Foundation is issuing a [request for proposals](#) for "transitional jobs" programs in Midwest communities with large concentrations of ex-prisoners. A research institution to be chosen by the Foundation will evaluate the effectiveness of the programs. <http://www.joycefdn.org/> The Foundation will fund an organization or group of organizations located in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and/or Wisconsin to undertake the project described above. For additional information on the grant visit: <http://www.joycefdn.org/about/content/announcements/employment011706.html>

Ohio State Bar Foundation Grant

Grants are given in three funding categories and are to meet the foundations 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

Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act Grant Applications To Be Released in March 2006

Taken from the Consensus Project website

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) plans to request applications for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act grant program in early March 2006. Submissions will likely be due four weeks after the announcement. Given this compressed timeframe, potential applicants are encouraged to plan and prepare their proposals in advance of the official announcement.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will award approximately \$3 million in grants to states and counties to establish mental health courts, expand prisoners' access to mental health treatment while incarcerated and upon re-entry into the community, provide resources for pre-trial jail diversion programs and related initiatives, and support cross-training for law enforcement officials and mental health personnel dealing with adult and juvenile offenders with mental illness. BJA anticipates awarding 12 planning grants of approximately \$50,000 each and 6 implementation grants of approximately \$200,000 each. In addition to these grants, applicants awarded a planning grant may be invited to apply for implementation grants, which will be awarded to planning grantees who have demonstrated significant progress toward their goals. In November 2005, Congress approved \$5 million for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act. Information about the statute, which provides the basis for this grant program, can be found at the Consensus Project Web site by <http://consensusproject.org/infocenter/legislation/MIOTCRA>

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

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>, 202/822-9193 or by e-mail request at grants@arcafoundation.org

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

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.html.**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.

Juvenile Justice Assistance**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

The MacArthur Foundation invites letters of inquiry for juvenile justice-related grants that expand knowledge about the origins, development, prevention and treatment of juvenile crime and delinquency. The goal of this work is to promote an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, acknowledged to play a critical role in the community, and is held accountable for public safety and the rehabilitation of young offenders.

<http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>**2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide Discretionary Grant**

One cooperative agreement in the amount of \$200,000 will be awarded to either a private, nonprofit organization, including faith- and community-based organizations, or a public agency, to produce a comprehensive kit for the victims' field for use during NCVRW in April 2007 and throughout the year. The kit will serve as a resource guide for the victims' field in their efforts to heighten the public's awareness of crime victim issues nationwide.

Those applying are urged to begin the application process well in advance of February 23, 2006.<http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdfxt/2007NCVRWAppKit.pdf>

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

Training and Conference Opportunities**OCJS Announces 2006 Grant Writing Trainings**

OCJS will be hosting four free Grant Writing Seminars in 2006. OCJS' grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals will be discussed. Attendees will also receive the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services' publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsTrainings.htm>

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/>

The Moment of Change: Intervention**When:** February 20-22, 2006**Where:** Los Angeles, CA

At this conference, you will have the opportunity to learn in-depth information about the process of intervention for addiction and mental health conditions. You will learn how to take appropriate action, how an intervention works, and receive detailed information on the following models of intervention -- the Johnson Model, the Arise Model, and the Systemic Model of Intervention.

<http://www.dualdiagnosis.org/index.php?id=15&pid=12>

Training for Victim Service Providers Available: Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training**When:** February 21-22, 2006**Where:** Raleigh, NC

Register now for OVC TTAC's upcoming workshops: Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training, February 21-22 in Raleigh, NC. OVC Professional Development Scholarships may be available for Training Calendar Events.

<http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/events.cfm?EventType=OVCTraining&FuseAction=ShowEvent&StartDate=02/21/2006&EventCity=Raleigh>

Women Under the Influence: Substance Abuse and the American Woman**When:** March 2, 2006**Where:** New York, NY at the JP Morgan Chase Conference Center in New York City

For more information on this conference go to:

http://www.casacolumbia.org/absolutenm/articlefiles/347-women_conference_schedule.pdf

Motivational Interviewing, Preparing People to Change: Theory and Skill Building Seminar**When:** March 15-17, 2006**Where:** New York, NY

<http://users.erols.com/ksciacca/MIannounce.htm>

Training and Conference Opportunities

Changing Directions: Accountability through Embracing Evidence Based Practices

When: April 3-5, 2006

Where: Dublin, OH

OCCA's Annual Conference.

Visit their website for more information: <http://www.occaonline.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

Housing Ohio 2006"

When: April 24th-25th, 2006 –

Where: Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus

Sponsored by: Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)

<http://www.cohhio.org/alerts/COHHIOconference2006.pdf>

National Organization for Hispanics in Criminal Justice. "

Celebrating a Diversity of Cultures in the Criminal Justice Field,"

When: April 24-27, 2006,

Where: Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, N.M.

Contact Rachel Rodriguez at (505) 827-8710 or e-mail

rachelrodriguez@state.nm.us.

Mental Health in Corrections Consortium 2006 Symposium.

"Offender Re-Entry: Best Practice Models for Reducing Recidivism,"

When: May 2-3, 2006,

Where: Marriott Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, Mo.

Contact Becky Moyer at bmoyer@forest.edu or call (417) 823-3417.

European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice.

Conference, "Restorative Justice and Beyond — An Agenda for Europe,"

When: June 15-17, 2006,

Where: Barcelona, Spain.

Contact Jolien Willemsens at +3216325429 or e-mail

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- Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month

February Weekly Observances

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- Jell-O Week 12-18
- Random Acts of Kindness Week 14-20
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