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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<br/>e/bhm.html)

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

## REENTRY

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

Come visit us online at [www.drc.state.oh.us/web/offenderreentry.htm](http://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 **March 2, 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](mailto: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."

#### The Second Chance Act of 2005 Update

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security will markup the Second Chance Act of 2005: Community Safety Through Recidivism Prevention (H.R. 1704) on Wednesday February 15, 2006, at 4 p.m. Chairman of the Crime Subcommittee, Howard Coble (R-NC), and Ranking Minority Member Bobby Scott (D-VA), are both sponsors of the re-entry legislation, which has the bipartisan support of 100 Members of Congress. Markup is the process by which congressional committees and subcommittees debate, amend, and rewrite proposed legislation. For more information go to:

<http://judiciary.house.gov/committeestructure.aspx?committee=6>

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

Information came from the Re-Entry Policy Council email update.  
[www.reentrypolicy.org](http://www.reentrypolicy.org)

## 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>



#### ◆◆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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Father-Child Christmas Gathering

CMC held its first "annual" Father-Child Christmas Gathering (in two sessions due to our space limitations) on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. 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

### Chillicothe:

#### 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](mailto: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.

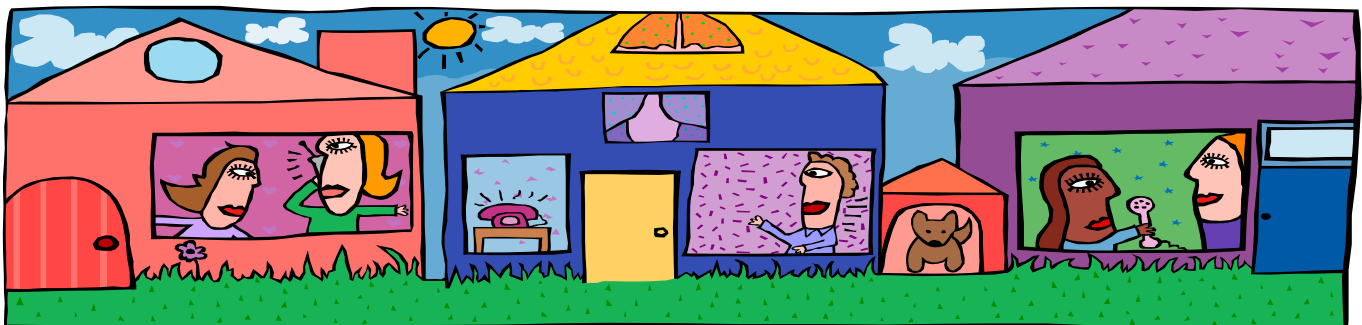
**Meeting Place:** Greenville Church of the Brethren, 421 Central Avenue, Greenville, Ohio.

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 March 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.

**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 January 1, 2006 – February 28, 2006. This paperwork is to Candace Knight by **March 15, 2006**. Please **DO NOT FAX THIS PAPERWORK**
- Please use the following guide for sending future copies:

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](#).

## AND MORE

### Books and Websites

#### ◆ LIFE IN PRISON

##### **Digging in and Getting Started**

by Timothy R. Pauley

(ISBN 0938609-88-2)

[http://www.graduategroup.com/prisoner\\_self-help.htm#](http://www.graduategroup.com/prisoner_self-help.htm#)

#### ◆ OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEWLY RELEASED OFFENDERS, 2nd, revised edition

by Josh Hoekstra

(ISBN 0-938609-60-2)

[http://www.graduategroup.com/prisoner\\_self-help.htm#](http://www.graduategroup.com/prisoner_self-help.htm#)

#### ◆ BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM

##### **For Convicts, Juvenile Delinquents and Criminal Offenders**

by Ed Poindexter

(ISBN 0938609-56-4)

[http://www.graduategroup.com/prisoner\\_self-help.htm#](http://www.graduategroup.com/prisoner_self-help.htm#)

#### ◆ Family and Corrections Network

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

#### ◆ JUST GRANTS! Ohio:

JUST GRANTS! Ohio is a free resource website that will serve as a source for news, tools and resources for and about Ohio's grants community. JUST GRANTS! Ohio was created out of a desire to serve nonprofit organizations by providing timely, quality and relevant information to grant seekers throughout the state.

Visit the JUST GRANTS! Ohio website at [www.GrantsOH.com](http://www.GrantsOH.com)

#### 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](http://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.

## **News, Research And Reports**

**◆ Falling Through the Cracks: Loss of State-Based Financial Aid Eligibility for Students Affected by the Federal Higher Education Act Drug Provision.**

By Drug Reform Coordination Network.

<http://www.raiseyourvoice.com/statereport/fallingthrough.pdf>

**◆ Chicago Mayoral Task Force Releases Recommendations on Reentry**

January 2006

[http://egov.cityofchicago.org/webportal/COCWebPortal/COC\\_ATTACH/MPCExecutiveSummary.pdf](http://egov.cityofchicago.org/webportal/COCWebPortal/COC_ATTACH/MPCExecutiveSummary.pdf)

**◆ Smoothing the Path from Prison to Home: A Summary and a Roundtable Discussion on the Lessons of Project Greenlight.**

By James A. Wilson, Yury Cheryachukin, Robert C. Davis, Jean Dauphinee, Robert Hope, Kajal Gehi, and Timothy Ross of the Vera Institute.

February 2002 to February 2003.

[http://www.vera.org/publications/publications\\_5.asp?publication\\_id=319&bulletin=55&token=3954](http://www.vera.org/publications/publications_5.asp?publication_id=319&bulletin=55&token=3954)

**◆ Reinventing Criminal Justice**

By David Farabee, February 11, 2006; A19, washingtonpost.com

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/10/AR2006021001699\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/10/AR2006021001699_pf.html)

**◆ Drug offenders to get new chance**

Pending law would open eligibility for federal student aid

Associated Press, February 5, 2006, Baltimoresun .com

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/education/bal-te.drugs05feb05.1.7328712.story?coll=bal-education-top>

**◆ A Day in the Life: The Day I Passed My GED Test**

Written by AC, in prison in Oregon, September 7, 2005

Western Prison Project

<http://westernprisonproject.org/blog/adayinthelife/798?PHPSESSID=bdb3a09db8bfd9b9789f48bb48c8066>

**◆ Cause for ex-offenders crosses party lines**

By Dan Rodricks, December 22, 2005, Baltimoresun.com

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/politics/bal-md.rodricks22dec22.1.6857399.column?coll=bal-mdpolitics-headlines>

**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](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.casperstartribune.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](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](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](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](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 &amp; Analysis Center University of Wyoming

WYSAC Technical Report No. CJR-510, September 2005

<http://www.uwyo.edu/wysac/CrimJustice/OffenderReentryInitiative/docs/FinalSVORIEvaluation.pdf>**Funding Opportunities****◆◆ Free Grant Training and Compassion Capital Fund Bidder's Conference ◆◆****Attend this half-day event and complete the training requirement to apply for an Ohio Compassion Capital Project sub-award.****Purpose of the Grant Writing Training:** This training will equip your organization with valuable tools and skills in applying for government-funded social service grants; provide your organization with the information to build an effective collaboration; and explain the critical role of an intermediary organization in serving grassroots faith-based and community organizations. **Purpose of the CCF Bidder's Conference:** To provide participants an overview of the Ohio Compassion Capital Project (OCCP) 2006 sub award application.**When:** February 23, 2006**Time:** 10am –3pm Grant Training

3:00pm – 4:00pm Bidders Conference

To register for the bidders conference, go to: [www.ohiofamilies.org/ccf.asp](http://www.ohiofamilies.org/ccf.asp)**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](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](http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp); [www.publicwelfare.org/grants/grants/2005\\_grants.asp](http://www.publicwelfare.org/grants/grants/2005_grants.asp)**

**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. For more **Information: Donna Edwards, Executive Director, Arca Foundation, 1308 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036**

**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.

For more information go to:

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

**Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth****Deadline:** April 17, 2006

The Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth will provide training and technical assistance for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth. That initiative will provide funds to faith- and community-based, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies to enhance and expand existing mentoring strategies; programs to develop, implement, and pilot test mentoring strategies and programs designed for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, or foster care. For more information and a link to the full announcement go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8023>

**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](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](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/amexconfundrfp](http://www.nefe.org/amexconfundrfp)

**Training and Conference Opportunities****◆◆ Call for Presenters ◆◆**

PowerNet of Dayton, in collaboration with the Ohio State Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the US Attorney's Office and the Federal Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the Montgomery County Commission, the Dayton City Commission and several other regional faith based and community service providers, is issuing this *Call for Presentations* for its upcoming 2006 "**Raising The Bar**" Ex-Offender Reentry Best Practice Conference on May 11-13, 2006 at The David H. Ponitz Center at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 10, 2006.** To obtain the information and application for submission contact Daphne Ellis of PowerNet at 937-225-3120 or email her at [dellis@powernetofdayton.org](mailto:dellis@powernetofdayton.org)

**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 [west@cepp.com](mailto:west@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/>

**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](http://www.casacolumbia.org/absolutenm/articlefiles/347-women_conference_schedule.pdf)**◆ Ohio Problem Gambling Conference****When:** March 8, 2006**Where:** Columbus Marriott North, Columbus, OhioRegister on line at [www.odada.state.oh.us](http://www.odada.state.oh.us)

Registration must be received by February 28, 2006

For more information contact Terri Sheldon, 614-644-2303

**◆ COMMUNITY FORUM: Community Reconciliation Recovery & Reentry****When:** March 10, 2006 – 6:00pm to 8:00pm**Where:** Mathias Heck Courtroom, University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, OhioContact: Ann Bass Academy @ 937. 847.7455 or Email: [abacademy@aol.com](mailto:abacademy@aol.com)

**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/Mlannounce.htm>

**◆ Third Annual Ready4Work Conference: How It's Working: Sharing Lessons for Effective Prisoner Reentry/Resettlement**

**When:** March 21-24, 2006

**Where:** Houston, TX

Website: [http://www.ppv.org/ppv/pdf\\_uploads/214\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/pdf_uploads/214_publication.pdf)

**◆ Recovery Works: Spring Into Recovery Through Employment" Training  
Employment Leadership Alliance**

**When:** March 30, 2006

**Where:** Columbus Marriott North, Columbus, Ohio

For more information go to: [www.ohiocouncil-bhp.org](http://www.ohiocouncil-bhp.org)

**◆ COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION: Recovery and Reentry Conference**

**When:** March 31, 2006 from 8:30 AM – 5:00PM

**Where:** Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center, Columbus, Ohio

For more information contact Ann Bass @ 937-847-7455 or Toll Free 1-866-734-9607.

Fax# 937-847-7465 Email: [abacademy@aol.com](mailto:abacademy@aol.com)

Website: [www.annbassacademy.com](http://www.annbassacademy.com)

**Changing Directions: Accountability through Embracing Evidence Based Practices**

**When:** April 3-5, 2006

**Where:** Dublin, OH

OCCA's Annual Conference.

For more information go to: <http://www.occaonline.org/>

**The 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/pdfs/conference/Call_for_Papers.pdf)

**◆ National Offender Workforce Development Conference**

**When:** April 11-13, 2006

**Where:** Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO

Website: <http://www.proworkdev.com/>

**◆ 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Restorative Justice Network Texas Convention**

"Restorative Justice: A Community Issues"

**When:** April 21-22, 2006

**Where:** Sheraton North Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston Texas

For more information contact: Anita Parrish at 936-291-2156 or email [arparrish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arparrish@sbcglobal.net)

**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](mailto:rachelrodriguez@state.nm.us).

## Training and Conference Opportunities

### 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](mailto:bmoyer@forest.edu) or call (417) 823-3417.

### ◆ Raising The Bar" Ex-Offender Reentry Best Practice Conference

**When:** May 11-13, 2006

**Where:** The David H. Ponitz Center at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio.

For more information contact Daphne Ellis of PowerNet at 937-225-3120 or email her at [dellis@powernetofdayton.org](mailto:dellis@powernetofdayton.org)

### 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 [jolien@euforumrj.org](mailto:jolien@euforumrj.org).

### Addiction Studies Institute

(Formally ODASI and OSU's Annual Institute on Addiction Studies)

**When:** July 18-21, 2005

**Where:** Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio

Watch the ODADAS website for more information

[www.odadas.state.oh.us](http://www.odadas.state.oh.us)

or contact Beth Hahn at 614-466-5987 for details.

### ◆ National Prisoner Reentry Conference "The Heart of The Problem"

Sponsored by Transition of Prisoners Inc. and Operation Oasis

**When:** October 13-15, 2006

**Where:** Westin Park Central Hotel, Dallas, TX

Website: [www.topinc.net](http://www.topinc.net)

Telephone: (313) 875-3883 x28



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## February Monthly Observances

- American Heart Month
- National African American History Month
- National Black History Month
- National Time Management Month
- Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month

### February Weekly Observances

- Jell-O Week 12-18
- Random Acts of Kindness Week 14-20
- National Pancake Week 2/26- 3-4

### February Daily Observances

- National Gum Drop Day 15
- Chocolate Mint Day 19
- National Tooth Fairy Day 28