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March is

*National Women's
History Month*

For resources go to:

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

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.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 **March 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

ODRC Staff is Chosen for International Advisory Group

St. Leonard's Society of Canada has announced a new project they are undertaking that will focus on developing a publication called " **Better Practices Manual for Community Residential Services**". The manual will have ideas and successful practices in the criminal justice field from around the world. The manual can be used as a tool for professionals working in the field to gain more knowledge, encourage ideas, generate questions and recommend solutions. As one of the steps in putting together the publication, St. Leonard's is pulling together professionals and individuals from the community corrections field in Canada, United States and United Kingdom to be a part of the Project Advisory Group. Once the manual is completed it will be made available for international distribution. ODRC's own Alicia Handwerk from the Bureau of Community Sanctions has been asked to serve as a member of the Project Advisory Group. Congratulations Alicia.

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.

Genesis Project to Hold First Graduation on March 16th



Maryum Patterson an ex-offenders, shown in the picture above is the instructor for **The Genesis Project** at Northeast Prerelease. She stated that upon release there were very little resources in her community. The lack of resources, jobs and housing opportunities is enough to make a person return to a life of crime. She was determined to succeed and change her life for the better. Maryum was persistent in her job searches, became involved in her community and decided that she wanted to help ex-offenders stay on track.

The Genesis Project is a faith and family based reentry program. One of the main reasons The Genesis Project has been developed is to address the concerns of incarcerated women. Having a program such as this, will help incarcerated women with their transitional issues and assist them in being reunited with their families, faith community and workplace.

The Genesis Project is held in a classroom setting and the participants engage themselves in topics that are necessary to cope with real life issues and obstacles that will arise upon release. The class instructor provides realistic solution to real life situation.

The Genesis Project will work to create partnerships with the faith community, local organizations and the business community. Volunteers are being utilized in the classes to educate and inform the participants in the areas of: family development, financial planning, home management, personal grooming/etiquette, job readiness, mock interviews and coping skills.

Once the participants are released, they will follow the plan developed during incarceration. Upon release they utilize the resources obtained from the program. As more participants are released, they will have the opportunity to maintain contact and develop a support network.

The Genesis Project is currently being offered at Northeast Prerelease and Trumbull Correctional Camp. The program is off to a great start and the participants have made a commitment to change their negative behavior patterns and remain positive and empower others to do the same.

If you have questions or want more information about **The Genesis Project** contact Maryum Patterson at 216-771-6460 x2704 or email her at Maryum.Patterson@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](#).

[APA Regional Announcements and Events](#)

FABRIC NEEDED



The Cincinnati Adult Parole Office has been participating in a Restorative Justice project with Warren Correctional Institution. The project is used to help make baby blankets for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Local parolees cut quilt squares and those squares are delivered to Warren Correctional where inmates make them into baby blankets. Nancy Rhinock, the project coordinator is in need of fabric to continue the project. She is looking for children or plain colored fabrics of any size. If you are interested in helping out please contact her at 513-821-4804 or email her at nancy.rhinock@odrc.state.oh.us. If you have fabric to send please sent it to: Adult Parole Authority- 7710 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. Please put it attention to Nancy Rhinock.

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:

◆ Citizen Circle Training for Toledo ◆

Where: St. Martin de Porres 's Claver House

When: Saturday March 11, 2006 at 9:00am

If you are interested in attending, please contact Germaine Kirk from Catholic Charities at
gkirk@toledodiocese.org

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 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

◆ **New Guide for FBCOs Seeking Private-Sector Funding**

The HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published a new guide for faith-based and community organizations that details the process by which FBCOs can build private sector partnerships. The guide, "Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith- and Community-Based Service Providers," is now available online at: http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbc_i_pubs.aspx

◆ **Guide to Housing and Housing Related Support Options for Offenders and People at risk of offending**

June 2005- Supporting People-Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
http://www.spkweb.org.uk/Subjects/Client_groups/Offenders+and+Ex+Offenders/

◆ **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia**

Check out this link for great news articles and research. All this can be found under Offender Reentry.
<http://www.csosa.gov/>

◆ **FamilyJustice.org**

A website where they feel family is the answer to helping break the cycle of involvement in the criminal justice system.
<http://www.familyjustice.org/>

◆ **SOAR: SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery for people who are homeless**

Check out this great website that is full of helpful information for case managers and those who are working with the homeless population. <http://www.pathprogram.samhsa.gov/SOAR/>

LIFE IN PRISON

Digging in and Getting Started

by Timothy R. Pauley

(ISBN 0938609-88-2)

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#

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#

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

News, Research And Reports

◆ **The Hidden Costs of Incarceration and Reentry**

By Jeremy Travis, Elizabeth Cincotta McBride, and Amy Solomon

Urban Institute-February 9, 2006

<http://www.urban.org/publications/310882.html>

◆ **Ohio Prisoners' Reflections on Returning Home**

By Christy Visher, Demelza Baer and Rebecca Naser

Urban Institute- January 2006

<http://www.urban.org/publications/311272.html>

◆ **Strategies for Preventing Homelessness**

By Martha R. Burt, Carol Pearson and Ann Elizabeth Montgomery

Urban Institute- February 2006

<http://www.urban.org/publications/1000874.html>

◆ **Report of the National Task Force on the Commercial Sale of Criminal Justice Record Information**

Prepared by SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, 2005

<http://www.search.org/files/pdf/RNTFCSCJRI.pdf>

◆ **National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) Adopts Resolution Promoting a Smart on Crime Agenda that Reduces Recidivism by Addressing Barriers that Prohibit Employment of People with Criminal Records**

December 2005- Take a look under the Law and Justice section for more details.

<http://nbcsl.com/RatifiedResolutions06.pdf>

◆ **REPORT AND COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED PEOPLES (PIPs) FORUM**

Held in collaboration with the CSOSA/Faith Advisory Council 2005 Reentry Week Events

http://www.csosa.gov/reentry/PIPs_Forum_Report_2005.pdf

◆ **Evidence-Based Adult Corrections Programs: What Works and What Does Not**

Washington State Institute for Public Policy

By Steve Aos, Marna Miller, Elizabeth Drake. #06-01-1201, January 2006

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1201.pdf>

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/>

◆ **Criminal Justice Involvement Among Clients Receiving Public Mental Health Services**

Washington State Institute for Public Policy
By Wei Yen. #05-10-3901. October 2005.
<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/05-10-3901.pdf>
<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/>

◆ **Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender**

Washington State Institute for Public Policy
By Robert Barnoski, #06-01-1203- January 2006
<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1203A.pdf>

◆ **Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Predicting Recidivism Based on the LSI-R**

Washington State Institute for Public Policy
By Robert Barnoski. #06-02-1201 – February 2006
<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-02-1201.pdf>

◆ **Crime, Work and Reentry**

Urban Institute Reentry Roundtable
Employment Dimensions of Reentry: Understanding the Nexus between Prisoner Reentry and Work
Anne Piehl, Harvard University-May 2003
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/410856_Piehl.pdf

◆ **National HIRE Network Provides New Advocacy Toolkits to Combat Legal Barriers Facing Individuals with Criminal Records**

<http://www.lac.org/toolkits/Introduction.htm>

◆ **Innovations in Police Recruitment and Hiring: Hiring in the Spirit of Service**

By Ellen Scrivner, Ph. D.
NCJ 212981
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1655>

◆ **President Bush Signs His First Faith Based Provisions into Law**

By Anne Farris, Roundtable Washington Correspondent
First published: February 14, 2006
<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/news/article.cfm?id=3870>

◆ **Jail Time is Learning Time**

Taken from Corrections Today, February 2006
By Signe Nelson and Lynn Olcott
http://www.aca.org/fileupload/177/prasannak/Olcott-Nelson_web.pdf

◆ **AUTO Screener: An Intelligent Way of Assessing Offender Risk**

Corrections.com
By Paul A. Quander, Jr.- January 2006-
<http://www.corrections.com/news/archives/results2.asp?ID=14809>

◆ **There's more to justice than prison**

Carcieri and some other Republicans are starting to grasp the importance of helping ex-offenders to become productive members of society
BY ALEXANDER PROVAN, April 15 - 21, 2005- Providencephoenix.com
<http://www.providencephoenix.com/features/top/multi/documents/04613701.asp>

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

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=bdb3a09db8bfda9b9789f48bb48c8066>

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>

Funding Opportunities

◆ **Ohio Compassion Capital Project Sub-Award Request for Proposals (RFP)** ◆

Applications are Due: March 15, 2006 no later than 4:00pm

The sub-award will enhance the infrastructure and program capacity of small organizations or new divisions of larger organizations who provide services to high need organizations in Ohio, with preference for those organizations that provide services to the homeless, prisoners, reentering the community, children of prisoners, at-risk youth, addicts, elders in need, families moving from welfare to work, at-risk couples who choose marriage for themselves and other locally identified high need organizations within identified neighborhoods. For more information about this RFP go www.ohioccf.com

◆ **Drug Free Communities Support Program Request for Applications**

Application deadline is April 10, 2006

Approximately \$12 million will be available for 120 new FY 2006 DFC awards. Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$100,000 per year, the allowable amount for any year of the project. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting requirements, implementation of the SPF, and timely submission of required data and reports. To find out more information along with eligibility requirements visit:

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants06/RFA/sp_06_003_dfc.aspx

◆ **Treatment for Homeless**

Application Deadline: April 6, 2006

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces the availability of FY 2006 funds for development of programs that provide comprehensive drug, alcohol and mental health treatment systems for persons who are homeless. It is expected that up to \$9.7 million will be available to fund up to 25 awards in FY 2006. Annual awards are expected to be \$400,000 per year in total costs for up to 5 years. For more information go to:

http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_005_homeless.aspx

◆ **Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders in the Criminal Justice System**

Letter of Intent Deadline: Wednesday – April 19 - noon

Application Deadline: Wednesday – June 21 - noon

The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati has issued a new request for proposals (RFP): "Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders in the Criminal Justice System." In 2006, The Health Foundation intends to award grants totaling \$1,000,000 for projects addressing mental illness and substance use disorders in the criminal justice system. A letter of intent workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2006, from 1:00–3:00 p.m., at the Health Foundation Fund Conference Facility. If you plan to attend the letter of intent workshop, please RSVP online at <http://register.healthfoundation.org> or by calling Vanessa James at 513-458-6656 by Thursday, March 16, 2006.

<http://www.healthfoundation.org/rfp/open%20RFPs/SAMI%20in%20CJS%20RFP%202006.pdf>

◆ **Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act Grant**

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. For more information visit: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/funding/current-opp.html>

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

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&opId=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

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.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>

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

◆◆ White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Regional Meeting ◆◆

Meeting Date: May 12, 2006

Meeting Location: Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Telephone: 513-579-1234 or 800-233-1234

Website: <http://cincinnati.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

This event is geared towards representatives from faith-based and community organizations that have a track record of applying for government grants, especially those from groups that have not yet won grants. The conference is **FREE**, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration Guidelines:

Due to limited space, please send no more than four representatives from your organization. Please submit a separate registration form for each individual. Registrations received with duplicate names will be deleted.

Registration Deadline:

Please register by Monday, May 8, 2006. No registrations will be accepted after this date. We will do our best to accommodate all those who submit registration materials before the deadline. However, in the event we reach capacity before this date, registration may be closed earlier.

Please visit the following site to register:

<http://www.dtiassociates.com/fbci/logisticsOH.cfm?location=OH>

◆◆ 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 PowerNet at (937) 225-3120 or email her at CPowell@PowerNetofDayton.org

◆ 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, Ohio

Contact: Ann Bass Academy @ 937. 847.7455 or Email: abacademy@aol.com

◆ 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

◆ 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

◆ 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

Website: 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 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

◆ National Offender Workforce Development Conference

When: April 11-13, 2006

Where: Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO

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

◆ 13th 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

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>

Training and Conference Opportunities

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.

◆ "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

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.

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 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

Telephone: (313) 875-3883 x28



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- *Irish- American Heritage Month*
- *National Craft Month*
- *National Ethics Awareness Month*
- *National Frozen Food Month*
- *National Social Work Month*
- *National Umbrella Month*
- *National Women's History Month*
- *Optimism Month*
- *Red Cross Month*

March Weekly Observances

- *Return a Borrowed Book Week 1-7*
- *Universal Human Beings Week 1-7*
- *Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week 5-11*
- *Celebrate Your Name Week 5-11*
- *National Cheerleading Week 6-12*
- *National Procrastination Week 6-12*
- *Universal Women's Week 8-14*
- *American Chocolate Week 14-20*
- *National Bubble Blowers Week 20-27*
- *National Spring Fever Week 20-26*

March Daily Observances

- *National Pig Day -1st*
- *Peanut Butter Lovers Day 1st*
- *National Anthem Day 3rd*
- *Frozen Food Day 6th*
- *International Women's Day 8th*
- *Cabin Fever Day 9th*
- *Pi Day 14th*
- *Potato Chip Day 14th*
- *Purim (The Holiday of Joy) 14th-15th*
- *Save a Spider Day 14th*
- *National Hiccup Day 16th*
- *St. Patrick's Day 17th*
- *Pillsbury Dough Boy's Birthday 18th*
- *Barbie Doll Day 20th*
- *Earth Day 20th*
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- *Something on a Stick Day 28th*
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