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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](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 **April 6, 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

#### Citizen Circles on the move...

- o Please join us in congratulating Lisa Fernandez and John Matthews for their recent appointments as the new Co-Chairs for the Citizen Circle Statewide Steering Committee. Lisa and John were instrumental in forming the very first Circles for Ohio.
- o Regional Services Coordinators Joyce Chisar and Lisa Fernandez have been invited to the 2006 National VISTA Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, to deliver a full day of training about developing Citizen Circles. The conference organizers are expecting over 600 participants from all over the United States.
- o DRC staff has been utilizing video-conferencing technology to assist representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and community members from the cities of Green Bay and Osh Kosh as they begin developing Circles for those communities.

## 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](mailto:Maryum.Patterson@odrc.state.oh.us).

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## 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](mailto: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:

**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 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

##### ♣ **DATE and TIME CHANGE see below**

Meets: First Monday of each month from 3:00pm – 5:00pm

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

##### ♣ **LOCATION CHANGE see below**

Meets: Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Location: Prospect Street United Methodist Church, 185 S. Prospect 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

#### A Reentry Opportunity Around Every Corner

One Saturday afternoon, returning from the mailbox I realized I was one of those lucky individuals that got selected for jury duty. As I opened my summons realizing it was a two-week tour of duty, I began to panic about all the work I would miss, meetings I would have to reschedule and a number of other things that would need to be canceled. In order to compensate for this anxiety I called down to the courthouse inquiring about the amenities they possessed. I was told they had computers with Internet access and computer ports for dial up access. With that in mind, I burned projects to CD's and organized other items so I could be productive throughout my two weeks.

If you have never been "called up" then you may not understand the process. The process, as I experienced it, was they put 80 new people (First Weekers) in with 80 people (Second Weekers) in a nice little room. In this room there are only 4 computer ports, a television with only two stations, and a plethora of games and puzzles. The computers, only 5, with Internet connection are on a separate floor (the first week, the internet connection was interrupted) and it is first come, first serve. Each person is assigned a jury number, a number that is randomly selected for possible assignment. In theory, the majority of people will get the opportunity to be called, interviewed for selection, and possibly sit on a criminal or civil trial. This of course is in theory, as I was one of only two that never had our numbers selected. So for two weeks I had two choices, sit around, keep to myself, or network. I chose the later.

I had the opportunity to meet a number of people from all walks of life and from all professions. Whenever asked what I do for a living, the door of opportunity quickly opens to discuss offender reentry. I, mean how many people actually know what a Reentry Administrator is? I had a captive audience, of which I took every advantage of it. I talked about the reentry philosophy, barriers that offenders returning home encounter, what our department is doing, what communities across the state are doing, and how they could become involved. The general consensus, we all need to be involved, and ex-offenders need help. The area that most people that I spoke with felt offenders needed in order to "make it" was education. It was amazing how many people felt that if a person had education, they stood a better chance of getting a job, supporting their families, and contribute to the community. I did not hear anyone say that they deserve nothing or to "let them rot" behind bars. The individuals I had the pleasure to meet were very interested in the topic and asked a lot of questions. I even had some people give me their email addresses so they could learn more.

Although, I never had the opportunity to leave the confines of the jury room during my tour of duty, I took every advantage of educating people on offender reentry. It is remarkable how given any situation we can take the dismal and turn it into a productive day. So the next time you find yourself sitting on a jury pool, standing in line, or just enjoying the day 'people watching' keep in mind this could be an opportune moment to educate people about offender reentry. The more people we touch, the more support we will have for this very important initiative.

-Angi Lee,  
Reentry Administrator  
2005

### CORE Committee Notes

Don't forget your December **Monthly Reports and Summations** are due April 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.

#### PAST DUE 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:

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

#### ♣ Books for Children of Incarcerated Parents ♣

◆ **A Visit to the Big House**

By Oliver Butterworth. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1993,  
ISBN #0-395-52805-4.

◆ **I Know How You Feel Because This Happened to Me.**

Center for Children with Incarcerated Parents,  
Pacific Oaks College and Children's Programs, 714 West California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105.  
<http://www.e-ccip.org/>

◆ **Just for You - Children with Incarcerated Parents.**

Center for Children with Incarcerated Parents,  
Pacific Oaks College and Children's Programs, 714 West California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105.  
<http://www.e-ccip.org/>

◆ **Mama Loves Me from Away**

By Pat Brisson, illustrated by Laurie Caple,  
Boyd's Mills Press, 2004 [www.boydsmillspress.com](http://www.boydsmillspress.com)  
ISBN# 1-56397-966-7.

◆ **My Mother and I Are Growing Stronger**

By Inez Maury  
New Seed Press,  
ISBN# 0-938678-06-X.

◆ **Two in Every Hundred: a special workbook for children with a parent in prison**

To order your copy contact: Reconciliation, 702 51st Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37209, (615) 292-6371.

◆ **When Andy's Father Went to Prison**

By Martha Whitmore Hickman, Albert Whitman and Company,  
ISBN #0-8075-8874-1.

◆ **The Same Stuff as Stars**

By Katherine Paterson, Clarion Books, NY, 2002,  
ISBN 0-618-24744-0.

◆ **The Wall**

Family and Corrections Network  
A collection of poetry by family and friends of prisoners.  
<http://www.fcnetwork.org/wall.html>

◆ **Visit these websites for additional books** ◆

The Sydney Gurewitz Clemens Website  
<http://www.ecteacher.org/bibliography/bibliography-cip.html>

And

The Center For Children of Incarcerated Parents  
<http://www.e-ccip.org/>

**◆ Community Reentry Workbook**

Prepared by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections  
Jefferey A. Beard, PhD and Edward G. Rendell Governor  
<http://www.cor.state.pa.us/bis/lib/bis/ReentryWorkbook.pdf>

**◆ Chittenden County (VT) Develops Cooperative Regional Re-Entry Housing Plan**

Reentry Policy Council  
Visit the website to download a copy of their housing plan: <http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/VT.Housing.Plan.php>

**◆ Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults in the Criminal Justice System: A Treatment Improvement Protocol TIP 44,**

Published in 2005  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat5.chapter.80017>

**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](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/](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/>

## News, Research And Reports

**◆ NAMI Releases Analysis of State Mental Healthcare Systems**

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) has released the first comprehensive, state-by-state analysis of mental healthcare systems in 15 years. NAMI executive director Michael J. Fitzpatrick said, "Consumer and family advocates will use it as a tool for change. Governors and legislators should use it as a checklist. The goal is to raise the level of awareness, dialogue and creative action." The 230-page report is available online at <http://www.nami.org/grades>

**◆ Gender Responsive Strategies for Women Offenders: Systemic Criminal Justice Planning — Improving Responses to Women Offenders in Hamilton County, Ohio.**

Published by The National Institute of Corrections  
Contact the NIC Information Center at 1-800-877-1461 or visit [www.nicic.org](http://www.nicic.org)

**◆ Gender-Responsive Strategies for Women Offenders: Using Jail Exit Survey to Improve Community Responses to Women Offenders.**

Published by The National Institute of Corrections  
Contact the NIC Information Center at 1-800-877-1461 or visit [www.nicic.org](http://www.nicic.org)

**◆ Learning to Reduce Recidivism**

Published by the Institute of Higher Education Policy,  
[www.ihep.org](http://www.ihep.org)

**◆ The TPCI Model: The Transition Accountability Plan (TAP)**

ABT Associates, 2005  
[http://wjin.typepad.com/reentry\\_blog/files/the\\_tpci\\_model\\_tap.pdf](http://wjin.typepad.com/reentry_blog/files/the_tpci_model_tap.pdf)

◆ **Transition from Prison to Community Initiative (TPCI) Model: Assessment and Classification**

ABT Associates, 2005

[http://wjin.typepad.com/reentry\\_blog/files/assessmentclassification.pdf](http://wjin.typepad.com/reentry_blog/files/assessmentclassification.pdf)

◆ **Treatment instead of Prison: A Roadmap for Sentencing and Correctional Policy Reform in Wisconsin**

Commissioned by the Drug Policy Alliance, January 2006

<http://www.justicestrategies.net/States/WI.htm>

◆ **Improving reentry is the goal of prison reform**

By Scott Harshbarger

[http://www.prisoncommission.org/supplements/harshbarger\\_4.pdf](http://www.prisoncommission.org/supplements/harshbarger_4.pdf)

◆ **The Rest of Their Lives: Life without Parole for Child Offenders in the United States**

By Human Rights Watch, 2005

<http://hrw.org/reports/2005/us1005/>

◆ **Program aims to help convicts**

By Andy Rathbun, *The Enquirer*, February 16, 2006

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060216/NEWS01/602160320/1002>

◆ **Louisville to help former prisoners: Social-services plan targets Newburg**

By Kay Stewart, *The Courier-Journal*, December 15, 2005

<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051215/NEWS01/512150402>

◆ **Inmates try boot camp for kicking drugs:**

Despite failures of such camps elsewhere, Minnesota finds success with more treatment and longer stints.

By Amanda Paulson, *The Christian Science Monitor*, December 1, 2005

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/1201/p02s01-ussc.html>

◆ **City links companies with new hires: ex-cons: Letters don't mention job applicants' records**

By Susan Vinella, Plain Dealer Reporter -Sunday, March 12, 2006

<http://www.cleveland.com/cuyahoga/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/cuyahoga/1142156322145160.xml&coll=2>

◆ **Just Out: Early Lessons from the Ready4Work Prisoner Reentry Initiative**

By Linda Jucovy, Public and Private Ventures- February 2006,

[http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/198\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/198_publication.pdf)

◆ **Former prisoners find a rough road from jail cell to job**

By Rex W. Huppke, *Chicago Tribune*- February 6, 2006

<http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/news/nation/13803811.htm>

◆ **Gift of family a unique approach for prisoners -- The program is part of an effort to rehabilitate**

**Inmates before their release**

By: Peggy O'Hare, *The Houston Chronicle*- December 25, 2005

<http://religionandsocialpolicy.org/news/article.cfm?id=3670>

◆ **Inmates' kids given hope \$3.8 million mentoring program aims to break cycle of incarceration**

By Kimberly Durnan, *Dallas Morning News*- March 10, 2006

Found on The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy website

<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/news/article.cfm?id=3972>

◆ **State Emphasizes Inmate Rehab**

Associated Press, February 20, 2006

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060220/NEWS01/602200450>

◆ **Corporation For Supportive Housing Received \$6 Million Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant**

*Returning Home initiative focuses on supportive housing for people leaving the criminal justice system*

Corporation for Supportive Housing website, March 14, 2006

<http://www.csh.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageID=3659>

**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](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> or <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](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](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)

<http://www.providencephoenix.com/features/top/multi/documents/04613701.asp>

## Funding Opportunities

**◆ Public Welfare Foundation Announces Funding Priorities for 2006****Deadline: Open**

The Public Welfare Foundation, which supports nonprofits addressing human needs in disadvantaged communities, has announced its grant priorities for 2006. The foundation supports organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their efforts to address specific problems. Among the priorities for 2006: Community Development, Criminal Justice (\$1.5 million and funding goes to alternatives to incarceration legal services for the poor and violence prevention), Health, Reproductive Health, Environment, Welfare Reform, Human Rights and Global Security.

Information: PWF, <http://www.publicwelfare.org>

**◆ Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act Grant****To be released March 24, 2006**

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>

**◆ Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI)**

The purpose of the JOLI program is to provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. Projects focus on one of three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise. There will be 10 to 12 awards totaling \$5,000,000.

**Applications are due by March 21, 2006.**

For more information contact Thom Campbell at 800-281-9519 or [ocsgnants@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ocsgnants@acf.hhs.gov). or view the RFP at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html>

**◆ Recovery Community Services Program Grant**

This program funds grants to deliver and evaluate peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Up to 7 grants totaling approximately \$2.5 million will be awarded. **Applications are due by April 4, 2006.**

For more information contact: Marsha Baker at (240) 276-1566 or [marsha.baker@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:marsha.baker@samhsa.hhs.gov).

To view the full announcement, go to: [http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI\\_06\\_004\\_rcsp.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_004_rcsp.aspx)

**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](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](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_005_homeless.aspx)

**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>

**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 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>

**Foundation Funding to Prevent Domestic Violence****Application Deadline:** Open

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

**For more Information, visit:** [http://target.com/target\\_group/community\\_giving/local\\_giving.ihtml](http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.ihtml)

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

[http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus\\_areas/after\\_prison/guidelines](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.1kLXJ8MQKrH/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](http://www.nefe.org/amexeconfundrfp)

## Training and Conference Opportunities

**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, MOWebsite: <http://www.proworkdev.com/>**Training and Conference Opportunities Continued..****◆ Faith-based Community Action Breakfast: A Call to End Sexual Violence****When:** April 19, 2006, from 8:30am –11:30am**Where:** Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus, Ohio

The Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault (OCOSA) together with the Ohio Council of Churches and the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council will be hosting the first annual Faith-based Community Action Breakfast. *All questions should be directed to Rhonda Robinson at 614-781-1902 ext. 5 or via e-mail at [ohiocoalition@aol.com](mailto:ohiocoalition@aol.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 TexasFor 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).**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)**◆ 2006 CEA Region III and IV Conference****When:** May 11-12, 2006**Where:** Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WisconsinFor more information and conference registration go to: [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) or [www.ceareg3.org](http://www.ceareg3.org)**White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Regional Meeting****When:** May 12, 2006**Where:** Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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

For more information visit their website at: <http://cincinnati.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>Please visit the following site to register: <http://www.dtiassociates.com/fbci/logisticsOH.cfm?location=OH>**◆ Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association Conference: Security First, Safety Always"****When:** June 5-6, 2006,**Where:** Crown Plaza Quaker Square, Akron, OhioFor more information, contact Bernard Rochford at (330) 535-8116 or visit [www.occsa.org](http://www.occsa.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).

## Training and Conference Opportunities

### ◆ National Institute of Justice Conference 2006

**When:** July 17-19, 2006

**Where:** JW Marriott, Washington, D.C.

For more information, visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij)

### 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.

### ◆ American Probation and Parole Association Conference

**When:** July 23-26 2006

**Where:** Chicago.

For more information, contact Carl Wicklund at (859) 244-8216

or visit [www.appa-net.org](http://www.appa-net.org).

### ◆ The 136<sup>th</sup> Congress of Corrections:

*Reaching Out: Overcoming Barriers to Successful Criminal Justice Programs*

**When:** August 12-17, 2006

**Where:** Charlotte, North Carolina

For more information go to: [www.aca.org](http://www.aca.org)

### ◆ Association of Women Executives in Corrections Conference

**When:** Sept. 8-10, 2006

**Where:** Phoenix.

For more information, contact Luella Burke at (231) 845-1789 or

[aburke9534@aol.com](mailto:aburke9534@aol.com)

### ◆ National Major Gang Task Force.

**When:** Sept. 10-13, 2006

**Where:** Indianapolis, Indiana Adam's Mark Hotel

For more information, contact Ed Cohn at (317) 322-0537

Or visit [www.nmgf.org](http://www.nmgf.org)

### 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



## March Monthly Observances

- *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

- *American Chocolate Week 14-20*
- *National Bubble Blowers Week 20-27*
- *National Spring Fever Week 20-26*

## March Daily Observances

- *National Hiccup Day 16<sup>th</sup>*
- *St. Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup>*
- *Pillsbury Dough Boy's Birthday 18<sup>th</sup>*
- *Barbie Doll Day 20<sup>th</sup>*
- *Earth Day 20<sup>th</sup>*
- *International Goof-Off Day 22<sup>nd</sup>*
- *Fly a Kite Day 27<sup>th</sup>*
- *Something on a Stick Day 28<sup>th</sup>*
- *Burpless Friday 28<sup>th</sup>*
- *Weed Appreciation Day 28<sup>th</sup>*
- *Bunsen Burner Day 31<sup>st</sup>*



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