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## REENTRY

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

Come visit us online at [www.drc.state.oh.us/web/offenderreentry.htm](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 **May 4, 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

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**is**

**National Victims Rights**  
**Week**

*For Resources go to:*

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html>

<http://www.ovc.gov/ncvrw/2006/welcome.html>

### Legislation Bill S. 1932 Passes

On February 8, 2006, President Bush signed Legislation, S. 1932 (Public Law 109-171) into law. This legislation modifies the ban on student federal financial aid for people convicted of drug crimes to enable people in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction and others with past drug conviction to obtain an education. Under the new law, individuals who were convicted of drug crimes prior to their enrollment and application for federal financial aid will be eligible for aid and will no longer be subject to a ban that delays or denies federal assistance. As of July 1, 2006, the federal financial aid ban will only apply to students who are convicted of a drug offense while they are in school and receiving federal financial assistance. The new law will encourage individuals with past drug convictions to make positive changes in their lives and contribute to their communities.

## 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

### AKRON

#### The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

**John Geras**  
**Akron Region**  
Ocasek Government Building  
161 South High Street, Suite 104  
Akron, Ohio 44308  
Phone (330) 643-1472  
Fax (330) 643-3005  
[john.geras@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:john.geras@odrc.state.oh.us)

### Chillicothe:

#### The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

**Gretchen Breckenridge –**  
**Chillicothe Region**  
8 South Paint Street  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
Phone (740) 702-1238  
Fax (740) 702-1240  
[gretchen.breckenridge@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:gretchen.breckenridge@odrc.state.oh.us)

### 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.

### **“Citizen’s Circle” Informational Meeting**

The Chillicothe Regional APA is planning a “Citizen’s Circle” informational meeting on Friday, April 28, 2006 at the Ross County Service Center from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The center is located at 475 Western Ave. RM B. We have invited the community agencies and the faith based community to participate. If you are interesting in attending the meeting or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Gretchen Breckenridge at 740-702-1200 or email her at [Gretchen.breckenridge@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Gretchen.breckenridge@odrc.state.oh.us)

**Cincinnati****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:**

**Jamie Gee**  
**Cincinnati Region**  
7710 Reading Road, Suite 210  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237  
Phone (513) 821-4804  
Fax (513) 821-5213  
[jamie.gee@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:jamie.gee@odrc.state.oh.us)

**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.

**Cleveland:****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:**

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Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
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[sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us)

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Information Forum**

Sponsored by the Adult Parole Authority  
For Supervision Clients

**When:** April 26, 2006  
10:00am –2:00pm

**Where:** 615 W. Superior Avenue  
State Lausche Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium  
Cleveland, Ohio

For more information contact: Sharyna Cloud at 216-789-3019 or email her at [sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us)

**Columbus:****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:**

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**Columbus Region**  
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 Columbus, Ohio 43209  
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[lisa.morgan@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:lisa.morgan@odrc.state.oh.us)

**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!

**Added a Additional Meeting Time**

**Central Ohio Citizen Circle East is also meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 PM - 6 PM. Thanks!**

**FREE!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
 Adult Parole Authority  
 Community Open House - Reentry Day**

**WORKING TOGETHER  
 FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY**

**Friday May 19, 2006 10 AM - 2 PM  
 1030 Alum Creek Drive  
 Columbus, Ohio 43209**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS!  
 Light lunch available for a small fee.**

**VALUABLE RESOURCES!  
 Citizen Circles, Housing, Employment, Healthcare, Identification,  
 Substance Abuse, Mental Health,  
 Veterans Services, Benefits, Faith-based Programs AND MORE!**

**Questions?  
 Contact Lisa Morgan (614.995.3771) or Carol Hill (614.752.0831)**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
 Meet the Adult Parole Authority staff!  
 Meet our Community Partners!  
 Find out how YOU can become a part of REENTRY!**

**Lima:****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:****Chris Stewart****Lima Region**

One Government Center, Suite 1013

Toledo, Ohio 43604

Phone (419) 245-2935

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[chris.stewart@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:chris.stewart@odrc.state.oh.us)**Lima Region Citizen's Circles**

**Darke County Citizen's Circle:** Second Thursday of each month at Noon Greenville Church of the Brethren, 421 Central Avenue, Greenville, Ohio. Service area coverage: Darke County

**Lima Citizen's Circle:** Third Wednesday of each month at Two O'clock in the afternoon at Grace United Methodist Church, 125 West Kibby Street, Lima, Ohio. Service area coverage: Lima and surrounding communities.

**North Toledo Citizen's Circle:** First Thursday of each Month at Noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2934 Stickney Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Service area coverage: Lucas County

**Catholic Charities Citizen's Circle Roll Out!**

**North River Circle/ Evening:** First Monday at Six O'clock in the Evening of each Month at Salem Lutheran Church, 1125 North Huron, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Yes, this is a Weed N Seed ....we are seeding! They will start accepting applications in May 06. Service area coverage: Lucas County.

**Napoleon /Defiance Citizen's Circle** - Several counties are involved in this upcoming training of community members on Saturday April 8, 2006 at 9:00 am. This Citizen's Circle Training will be held at St Augustine Elementary School, 722 Monroe St, Napoleon, OH 43545. We will keep you posted on the development and progress!

**Sandusky / Seneca Citizen's Circle** - The core members of this Circle have been trained. The faith members are from both Sandusky and Seneca. Sandusky County Citizen's Circle will be first on the roll out. We will keep you posted on the development and progress!

**Questions/ Need Information:**

Have questions or need information on Citizen's Circles, please contact: Adult Parole Authority's Reentry Coordinator Chris Stewart at 1 419 245 2935 or email her at [Chris.Stewart@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Chris.Stewart@odrc.state.oh.us). Thanks!

**Mansfield:****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:****Jay Glauner****Mansfield Region**

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Mansfield, Ohio 44902

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## **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: 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**

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**

We are in the home stretch of the CORE grant, and I want to once again tell everyone how much I have enjoyed getting to know you and appreciate all your hard work. We have learned so much already and plan to learn more as we begin the in-depth evaluation. Just know that the work you have done here has already made such a difference.

-Angi Lee,  
Reentry Administrator  
2006

### **CORE Committee Notes**

#### **UPCOMING CORE MEETINGS**

The next quarterly **State Level CORE meeting** is scheduled for **April 25, 2006**. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and be held in conference room A located at 970 Freeway Drive North.

- **Due to recent security changes, visitors must sign in at our receptionist’s desk and receive visitor badges.**

#### **CORE Monthly Reports Reminder**

Don’t forget your April ***Monthly Reports and Summations*** are due May 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.

### **Attention CORE Local Teams MORE COPIES NEEDED**

- 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 – April 30, 2006**. This paperwork is due to Candace Knight by **May 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](#).

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY And SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT**

*You're invited to attend*

**The Community Education Forum On Sex Offender Management  
For  
Community Safety**

**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?**

*Come Find Out About:*

- Myths and realities about sex offenders and their victims
- Management and Treatment in Columbus, Ohio
- What YOU can do to Prevent and Stop sexual offending

**WHEN:** [Wednesday April 26, 7:00 pm](#)

**WHERE:** [Rock of Faith Church, 1651 East Main Street, Columbus Ohio](#)

**PRESENTED BY:** [David Berenson, Ohio Department Of Rehabilitation And Correction](#)  
[And Representatives from the Ohio Adult Parole Authority](#)

This event is sponsored by:

**The Community Oriented Reentry Local Steering Committee;**

**A collaboration of corrections and local social service agencies committed to restorative justice, victim advocacy and community safety in Franklin County.**

## AND MORE

### Books and Websites

◆ **STRIVE NEW YORK**

Strive is a nationally recognized workforce development agency focused on individual and community empowerment through employment.

<http://www.strivenewyork.org/strive.html>

◆ **The Osborne Association**

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

◆ **Wildcat Services Corporation**

The right second chance and change everything

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

◆ **Fifth Avenue Committee**

<http://www.fifthave.org>

Their mission is to advance social and economic justice principally by developing and managing affordable housing, creating employment opportunities, organizing residents and workers, providing student-centered education opportunities, and combating displacement caused by gentrification.

◆ **Women's Prison Association:**

**Hosing Toolkit**

[http://www.wpaonline.org/resources/housing\\_toolkit.htm](http://www.wpaonline.org/resources/housing_toolkit.htm)

◆ **Thinking About Reentry Needs and Discharge Planning**

<http://www.wpaonline.org/pdf/ReentryMatrix.pdf>

◆ **Family-to-Family: Tools for Rebuilding Foster Care**

Partnerships Between Corrections and Child Welfare

2002 Anne Casey Foundation

<http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/familytofamily/tools/16937.pdf>

### News, Research, And Reports

◆ **"Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report"**

This 260-page report presents a comprehensive, reliable, user-friendly account of juvenile offending, victimization of juveniles, and the justice system's response to these problems. It compiles the latest available statistics from a variety of sources to answer questions frequently asked by juvenile justice professionals, policymakers, the media, and concerned citizens. The authors, Howard Snyder and Melissa Sickmund of the National Center for Juvenile Justice, present the data in hundreds of easy-to-read tables, graphs, and maps, accompanied by clear, nontechnical analysis. "Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report" (NCJ 212906) is available online at

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=234394> .

◆ **NEW ISSUE BRIEF FROM THE CONSENSUS PROJECT**

The Consensus Project, sponsored by the Council of State Governments, is pleased to announce the release of a new issue brief: "Violence against Women with Mental Illness." The issue brief summarizes the latest research regarding this issue, identifies some programs and resources that serve women with mental illness who are recent victims of crime, and recommends an action agenda for the federal government. You can download the report from the Consensus Project at:

<http://consensusproject.org/projects/vwmi/>

◆ **The Dawn of a New Movement**

**On any given day, America locks down some 2.3 million people. Some 656,000 emerge every year; about two-thirds of them end up behind bars again.**

By Ellis Cose – Newsweek- April 24, 2006 issue

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12334540/site/newsweek/>

◆ **REED: SPECIAL COURTS EFFECTIVE**

*The Lima News*, By Tim Rausch- The Lima News- April 1, 2006  
<http://www.limaohio.com/story.php?IDnum=24197>

◆ **Law calls for some inmates to be released**

By Steve Terrell- The New Mexican – April 6, 2006  
<http://www.freewmexican.com/news/41900.html>

◆ **Felon ranks overwhelm parole staff:**

**Since 2000, state gained 5,000 parolees while number of probation officers remained flat.**

By Ronald J. Hansen – The Detroit News- April 3, 2006  
<http://detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060403/METRO/604030374&SearchID=73241247355982>

◆ **FACT: Dept. Of Social Services MILLION-DOLLAR MURRAY**

Why problems like homelessness may be easier to solve than to manage.

By Malcolm Gladwell, The New Yorker- February 13, 2006  
[http://www.newyorker.com/printables/fact/060213fa\\_fact](http://www.newyorker.com/printables/fact/060213fa_fact)

◆ **Stakeholders Discuss Practical Solutions to Financial Obligations of People Being Released from Prisons and Jails**

Re-Entry Policy Council-April 2006

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbName=DocumentViewer&DocumentID=1107>

◆ **Second Chance Act 2005 Updates**

Re-Entry Policy Council-2006

[http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbID=DB\\_SCA212](http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbID=DB_SCA212)

◆ **In Washington: Council Reviews Federal Agency Definitions of Homelessness**

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness e-newsletter

March 24, 2006  
[http://www.ich.gov/newsletter/archive/03-24-06\\_e-newsletter.htm](http://www.ich.gov/newsletter/archive/03-24-06_e-newsletter.htm)

◆ **Comment Period Open on Renewal of HUD Policy for Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity:**

The proposal is open for comment until May 15, 2006. To view the full text of the request, Directive Number FR-5037-N-16 / OMB approval 2577-0232, as well as contact information for comments, [click here](#) or [http://www.hudclips.org/sub\\_nonhud/cgi/pdf/5590.pdf](http://www.hudclips.org/sub_nonhud/cgi/pdf/5590.pdf)

◆ **State Fact Sheets for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children**

*Fact Sheet* September 2005- AARP

<http://www.aarp.org/research/family/grandparenting/aresearch-import-488.html>

**The Cost of Staying Out of Jail**

By Kirsten D. Levingston, April 2, 2006 The New York Times

[http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/02/opinion/nyregionopinions/02Cllivingston.html?\\_r=1&oref=login](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/02/opinion/nyregionopinions/02Cllivingston.html?_r=1&oref=login)

**Cities That Lead the Way**

Editorial Published: March 31, 2006 - The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/31/opinion/31fri2.html>

**Jail project gives shot at new life: Detention sergeant hopes to stop return of inmates**

By Lisa Marchesoni, March 20, 2006- The Daily News Journal

<http://dnj.midsouthnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060320/NEWS01/603200307/1002>

**To Fight Gangs, Area May Try a Little Faith**

By: Candace Rondeaux, Publisher: The Washington Post, First published: March 26, 2006

<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/news/article.cfm?id=4011>

**Religious Groups Urged To Address Gang Threat**

By: Candace Rondeaux, Publisher: The Washington Post, First published: March 23, 2006

<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/news/article.cfm?id=4006>

**Bible-based program used for addicts in state prison**

By: Omie Drawhorn, Publisher: Moscow-Pullman Daily News (Idaho), March 22, 2006

<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/news/article.cfm?id=4008>

**Limits on felons' voting eased**

By David Postman and Ralph Thomas, Seattle Times, March 28, 2006

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/cgi-bin/PrintStory.pl?document\\_id=2002893982&zsection\\_id=2002111777&slug=felons28m&date=20060328](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/cgi-bin/PrintStory.pl?document_id=2002893982&zsection_id=2002111777&slug=felons28m&date=20060328)

**Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry Research Findings from the Urban Institute's Prisoner Reentry Portfolio**

Amy L. Solomon, Christy Visher, Nancy G. La Vigne, and Jenny Osborne

Posted March 24, 2006, Urban Institute

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411289\\_reentry\\_portfolio.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411289_reentry_portfolio.pdf)

**Prisoner Reentry and Community Policing Strategies for Enhancing Public Safety**

By Nancy G. La Vigne, Amy L. Solomon, Karen Beckman and Kelly Dedel Johnson

Posted April 3, 2006, Urban Institute

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411061\\_COPS\\_reentry\\_monograph.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411061_COPS_reentry_monograph.pdf)

**Community Residents' Perceptions of Prisoner Reentry in Selected Cleveland Neighborhoods**

By Lisa E. Brooks, Christy Visher, Rebecca Naser

Posted March 17, 2006, Urban Institute

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411296\\_prisoner\\_reentry\\_cleveland.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411296_prisoner_reentry_cleveland.pdf)

**Does Parole Supervision Work? Research Findings and Policy Opportunities**

By Amy L. Solomon, Posted March 15, 2006, Urban Institute

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/1000908\\_parole\\_supervision.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/1000908_parole_supervision.pdf)

**Families Left Behind: The Hidden Costs of Incarceration and Reentry (Policy Brief)**

By Jeremy Travis, Elizabeth Cincotta McBride and Amy L. Solomon

Posted February 9, 2006, Urban Institute

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310882\\_families\\_left\\_behind.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310882_families_left_behind.pdf)

## Funding Opportunities

**◆ Seven Demonstration Grants to Improve Juvenile Justice**

**Deadline: April 24 for registration; May 1 for proposals**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is making available seven grants of up to \$300,000 as start-up funding for projects which improve delivery of juvenile justice systems. Multidisciplinary approaches utilizing collaboration with community-based organizations are encouraged, as long as they lead to innovations and advancements in juvenile justice related activities. The program is designed to focus on innovative approaches which: address key juvenile justice issues and how they show some promise and have not been formally tested and/or evaluated. Experienced applicants who have already completed their assessment and planning activities may apply.

Information: Gwendolyn Dilworth, 202/514-4822; [Gwendolyn.dilworth@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gwendolyn.dilworth@usdoj.gov); applications:

<http://ojdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/2006fieldinitiated.pdf>.

**◆ Funds to Prevent Youth Substance Abuse**

**Deadline: May 1, 2006**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration invites state proposals for awards of about \$2.3 million per year to coordinate programs that prevent youth substance abuse. A total of \$33 million will support 12-15 cooperative agreements. A minimum of 85 percent of the funds is allocated to community-level organizations. States are expected to involve the criminal justice community.

Information: [www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/sp06\\_002\\_sig.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/sp06_002_sig.pdf).

**◆ Homeless Assistance Supplementary Funding**

**Deadline: May 2, 2006**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will provide \$4 million in supplemental awards to FY 2004-05 grantees under the Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless program. The funding may expand services to chronically homeless individuals, including mental health and substance abuse treatment that facilitates recovery.

Information: [www.samhsa.gov/grants06/RFA/sm06\\_009\\_supp.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/grants06/RFA/sm06_009_supp.aspx).

**Department of Labor Announces Competition for \$4 Million in Funding for Grassroots Organizations****Deadline is May 2, 2006**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration announced a \$4 million grant competition for faith-based and community organizations to help hard-to-serve populations prepare for and succeed in employment opportunities. Applicant organizations are expected to create their program in conjunction with their local One-Stop Career Center. Applicants must provide a Letter of Intent or Memorandum of Understanding signed by the One-Stop articulating the anticipated partnership. These grants will become part of DOL's ongoing effort to partner its existing programs with effective faith-based and community organizations to better serve the needy. ETA expects to award between 60 and 70 grants of \$50,000-\$75,000 each through this \$4 million competition. Over an 18-month period, grantees will provide highly-personalized assistance to unemployed or underemployed individuals with barriers to employment, including:

Providing services that complement and support those offered by an identified One Stop Career Center, such as pre- and post-job placement mentoring, intensive case management, job retention support, life skills training, or employability skills training; Connecting individuals with existing employment and training resources of the One-Stop Career Center or local affiliates of DOL's national business partners; Providing post-job placement services to increase job retention.

A competitive solicitation for grant applications can be accessed online through [www.doleta.gov/sqa/sqa.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/sqa/sqa.cfm). For more information on the Department of Labor's employment and training programs, please visit [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov).

**Section 533 Housing Preservation Program Grant****Deadline for applications is May 19, 2006**

This program provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low- and very low-income housing. The grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need. Click here to see full announcement:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8588>

**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** ◆

**Just announced it will be released early April**

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>

**Community Economic Development: Operational Projects**

**What:** The Community Economic Development program supports projects that create employment and business opportunities for low-income residents and their communities through business, physical, and commercial development.

**Who:** Community Development Corporations (CDCs), including faith-based CDCs that are experienced in implementing economic development projects. NOTE:

Proof of experience in developing and managing economic development projects is required in application.

**When:** Applications are due **May 12, 2006**.

AWARD AMOUNT: 19 to 20 awards of \$700,000 per project period.

**Contact:** Debbie Brown at [OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov).

**Full Announcement:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EE-0019.html>

**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)****Applications Due to OCJS May 15**

Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. The fiscal year 2006 application kits will be released March 15, 2006, and proposals are due to OCJS May 15, 2006. For more information, please visit the OCJS web site at <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov>

**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant****Applications Due to OCJS May 15**

The Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Office within the U.S. Department of Justice, federally administers VAWA funding. The sub grant program emphasizes coordinated community approaches to reduce violence against women and to create mutually respectful partnerships between the justice system and victim services. The fiscal year 2006 application kits will be released March 15, 2006, and proposals are due to OCJS May 15, 2006. For more information, please visit the OCJS web site at <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov>

**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>

**◆ Marshall Field's Community Grant Program****Deadline for application is May 31.**

Up to \$5,000 is available to fund both new and continuing programs in the areas of health and welfare, education and arts and culture. Community-based, nonprofits working within Macy's North's operating service areas are eligible to apply for this grant. *Please call 612/375.2300 with questions. For more information on the programs, application process, and eligibility, view the complete announcement online at [http://www.fields.com/common/comm\\_grants.jsp](http://www.fields.com/common/comm_grants.jsp)*

**◆ Funding to Improve the Criminal Justice System****Deadline: June 1, 2006**

The Foundation for the Improvement of Justice (FIJ) offers prizes of \$10,000 to support innovative programs improving the criminal justice system. Areas of interest include: 1) simplification of the law, 2) crime prevention, 3) child protection, 4) speeding up the criminal justice system, 5) restitution strategies, 6) crime victims' rights, 7) alternative sentencing, 8) reducing recidivism, and 9) lowering costs. Ten prizes are usually awarded. Information: FIJ, 770/831-9411; [www.justiceawards.com](http://www.justiceawards.com)

**◆ Research Funds for Violence Prevention****Deadline: June 1, 2006**

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) will award grants of up to \$20,000 to study community-based programs designed to stop violence through education and/or interventions. Projects may address a variety of target populations and/or community settings (e.g. young adult populations, elder abuse, domestic abuse, hate crimes, sexual assault, and others). Funds should act as seed money to establish promising interventions proposed by community-based organizations or help expand and/or improve current programs, which have already shown results. Preliminary investigators must hold doctoral degrees and already be conducting violence-related studies. Programs utilizing recent research findings are encouraged.

Information: APF, [www.apa.org/apf](http://www.apa.org/apf)

**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.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.1kLXJ8MQKrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>

## Training and Conference Opportunities

**◆ ICCA Policy Forum: D.C. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PUBLIC POLICY FORUM****Where:** Phoenix Park Hotel- Washington DC**When:** April 24th-25th, 2006

Questions? Call Jane Browning, 202-828-5605 or email [jbrowning@iccaweb.org](mailto:jbrowning@iccaweb.org)

**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 24th-27th 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.

**◆ Working Together To Build A Support System For Ex-Offenders ◆**

**When:** May 4, 2006 at 4:00pm

**Where:** St. Dominic's Parish Center, 455 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Ohio

**Cost:** FREE

The featured speaker is *Kahlil Osiris*, Co-Author of "The Psychology of Incarceration" We will also have a panel discussion featuring: EXOFAC, Alvis House, Amethyst, Project Linden, Community Housing Network and Ironmen Inc.

**◆ WHO WILL MEET THE CHALLENGE ◆**

***-An Ex-Offender's Symposium on Employment***

*Sponsored By:* Dayton Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**When:** Saturday, May 6, 2006-11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Dayton Engineer's Club- 110 E. Monument Ave, Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Cost:** \$25.00

Guest speakers: Federal District Court Judge Walter H. Rice

Panelist will include Abdur-Rauf A. Rashid (author), Attorney Derek Farmer, Evangelist Keely Watkins, Charla Rutledge, Attorney Scott Washington and Reverend Charles Lee

**NAMI Ohio Annual Conference: The Power of Advocacy**

*A New Day for Families and Consumers*

**When:** *May 5-6, 2006*

**Where:** Hyatt Regency, Columbus Ohio

For more information regarding the New Day for Families and

Consumers Conference, contact Karen Lindberg at NAMI Ohio 1-800-686-2646. To download an electronic copy of the NAMI Ohio Annual Conference registration brochure, go to [www.namiohio.org](http://www.namiohio.org)

**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, Wisconsin

For 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>

**Preventing Violence, Reducing Coercion& Increasing Safety**

*A Conference for Mental Health, Emergency Medicine and Law Enforcement Professionals and other First-responders*

**When:** May 12, 2006 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Akron Children's Hospital

For more information, contact Mary Dougherty at 330-762-3500 or visit the conference web site at

[www.neoucom.edu/cjccoe](http://www.neoucom.edu/cjccoe)

**National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP)SECAD 2006****When:** May 20-23, 2006**Where:** Palm Beach, FLFor more informatio contact: [www.naatp.org/secad](http://www.naatp.org/secad)**◆ GANG PREVENTION WEBCAST ◆****When:** May 23 and June 6th

The U.S. Justice Department invites law enforcement, faith-based and community organizations, and youth-serving professionals to participate in two online discussions (on May 23 and June 6) on how to **prevent the growth of gangs**. The two-part program features a panel of gang specialists and examples of what some communities are doing to prevent the spread of gangs. The dates and times are May 23 at 2–3 p.m. and June 6 at 2–3:30 p.m. eastern daylight time.

Interested persons must [sign up online](#) before participating in the sessions. Downloadable materials are available.<http://www.dojconnect.com/>**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).**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)

To register go to:

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij\\_conference2006.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference2006.html)**◆ Human Trafficking Conference****When:** June 20, 2006**Where:** Columbus Division of Police Training Academy, 1000 North Hague Avenue

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

OCJS will be sponsoring a one-day training on the emerging issue of human trafficking. Workshops will be conducted by experts in the field and will include: Human Trafficking's Threat to Homeland Security; Forced Child Labor & Children Exploitation; Human Trafficking Indicators for Law [WWW.OCJS.OHIO.GOV](http://WWW.OCJS.OHIO.GOV)

**Addiction Studies Institute**

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

**When:** July 18-21, 2005**Where:** Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OhioWatch 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****31<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Institute****When:** July 23-26, 2006**Where:** Chicago, IL – Hilton Chicago

Contact: Kris Chappell (859) 244-8204

<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 CarolinaFor 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.nmgtf.org](http://www.nmgtf.org)

**13<sup>th</sup> National TASC Conference on Drug and Crime: Recovery- Rights- Responsibility**

**When:** September 17-20, 2006  
**Where:** Birmingham, AL  
 The conference will focus on research applications, skills building and advocacy activities for: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Juvenile and Adult Services, Faith-based Programs and Public Safety Programs.  
 For more information send and Email to [ntasc@comcast.net](mailto:ntasc@comcast.net) or call 703-836-8272

**Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) National Conference**

**When:** September 25-27, 2006  
**Where:** Orlando, FL  
 This national conference is designed to highlight effective community collaborations that are responding to the needs of those with mental illnesses including co-occurring substance use disorders. General sessions and workshops will address the development, implementation, advancement, and effectiveness of CIT.  
 For more information about presentation submissions and guidelines, please contact Michele Saunders at [Michele.fpic@adelphia.net](mailto:Michele.fpic@adelphia.net) or by phone at 407-574-7182.

**◆ ICCA's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International "What Works" Research Conference.**

**When:** October 8-11, 2006.  
**Where:** Radisson Norfolk Hotel, Norfolk Virginia,  
 For more information go to: <http://www.iccaweb.org/norfolkflier.pdf>  
 or <http://www.iccaweb.org/index.php?section=6>

**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



**April Monthly Observances**

- **Alcohol Awareness Month**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- **Counseling Awareness Month**
- **Frog Month**
- **Garden Month**
- **Humor Month**
- **Kite Flying Month**
- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**
- **Stress Awareness Month**

**April Weekly Observances**

- **Week 3**  
**Animal Cruelty/ Human Violence Awareness week**  
**Egg Salad Week**
- **Week 4**  
**Administrative Professionals Week**  
**TV-Turnoff Week**  
**Volunteer Appreciation Week**

**April Daily Observances**

- Pineapple Upside Down Day 4/20**
- School Librarian Day 4/21**
- Earth Day 4/22**
- Jelly Bean Day 4/22**
- Home Run Day 4/23**
- Administrative Professionals Day 4/26**
- Pretzel Day 4/26**
- Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day 4/27**
- Arbor Day 4/28**
- Zipper Day 4/29**
- National Honesty Day 4/30**

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<http://www.butlerwebs.com/holidays/default.htm>

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