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*May Is*

*National Mental Health  
Awareness Month*

*For Resources go to:*

<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/highlights/may2006/mentalhealth/default.asp>

*And*

<http://www.nmha.org/may/index.cfm>

## 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 18, 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

#### 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.

## Reentry Updates Continued...

### Recovery Services Reentry Initiatives

The Bureau of Recovery Services works to instill in offenders an improved sense of responsibility and the ability to become law-abiding, drug free citizens through the provision of a comprehensive continuum of alcohol and drug (AOD) services in the institutions and community.

The link between substance abuse and criminal activity has been well documented. Research has shown that the treatment of drug abusing offenders while incarcerated can be effective. Additional research has also shown that treatment gains while incarcerated can be lost unless there are follow-up services in the community.

The following initiatives comprise the Bureau of Recovery Services efforts to provide a seamless system of transition to the community for offenders that have completed AOD treatment while incarcerated:

- **Chemical Dependency Specialist (CDS)**

The CDS's are charged with ensuring that offenders are appropriately linked with community aftercare services. A total of eight CDS staff are located throughout the state. CDS staff are responsible for the following:

- assessing offender needs
- increasing access to community AOD programs
- conducting some direct treatment
- crisis intervention

- **Tapestry Alumni Association**

The Tapestry Alumni Association is composed of women who have completed the Therapeutic Community (TC) at Ohio Reformatory For Women (ORW) and have returned to the community. Their goal is to continue personal growth and remain in recovery. They meet every six-weeks in several Ohio cities to discuss projects and activities in which they can support each other, encourage and be role models for those woman currently in the Tapestry TC, and give back to the community.

- **Winners Circle**

The purpose of Winners Circle is to create a means for ex-offenders to live safe, sober and crime-free lifestyles. Together, members develop pro-social tools to apply to problems related to addiction and criminal activity. Groups meet on a weekly basis to discuss the challenges and complexities of life that are unique to people that have been incarcerated.

- **Circle For Recovery Ohio (CFRO)**

CFRO's are under the umbrella of the Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP) The CFRO's offer a 17-week treatment experience that centers around relapse prevention and the development of pro-social life skills. There are currently 7 programs around the state. Six programs are funded by the Ohio Department of Drug and Alcohol Services and one by DRC.

- **Community AOD Treatment Agencies**

Over 130 community treatment agencies have been approved to provide AOD treatment services for offenders under community supervision. All community treatment agencies are certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

## 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:

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### Chillicothe:

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

**Gretchen Breckenridge**  
**Chillicothe Region**  
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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
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### Butler County Citizen Circles

The Butler County Citizen Circle met its first participant September 2005. Comprised of local social leaders, community members and APA staff, the Butler County Citizen Circle has remained committed to the strength-based approach fundamental to the circle process. Interestingly enough the referrals for participants have come from community members at large. So, in Butler County, the Citizen Circle is truly serving as a community wide resource for Butler County residents who have been convicted of a felony and can benefit for the support provided by citizen circles. In addition to the strengths discovery process the circle members facilitate action plans and provide contact persons who are available to the participant between monthly meetings. The Circle meets @ the Booker T Washington Community Center third Friday of each month 1:30 – 3:30. Persons interested in receiving additional information or becoming a circle member they should contact Steve Cahill at 513-868-6600 ext 15.

### Cincinnati

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

**Jamie Gee**  
**Cincinnati Region**  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45237  
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Fax (513) 821-5213  
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**Cleveland:****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:**

**Sharyna Cloud**  
**Cleveland Region**  
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**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)



**FREE!** **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!

### **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!**

### **Lima:**

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

**Chris Stewart**

**Lima Region**

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#### **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:**

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[jay.glauner@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:jay.glauner@odrc.state.oh.us)

**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****CORE GRANT ENDS JUNE 30th**

It was announced that the CORE Local Quarterly Meeting that the grant ends June 30, 2006. What this means is all CORE clients are scheduled to be released by then. If a site has a client who’s out date is past June 30<sup>th</sup> they would be terminated from the grant. Services on the community side should continue. As a result of the grant ending two questions came up from the APA side:

- 1) **With the June 30<sup>th</sup> date are the clients still required to adhere to the 1-year stipulation for getting off supervision?**

**With the grant ending June 30<sup>th</sup> if a client is eligible for early release from supervision the CORE Parole Officer has no obligation to adhere to the 1 year stipulation as outlined in the grant. Please keep in mind the client cannot come off supervision until after June 30, 2006**

- 2) **Will the APA be required to hold a special CRMT each month for those CORE clients or can they be rolled over into the regular CRMT schedule for the office?**

**With the grant ending June 30<sup>th</sup> all CRMT's for CORE clients still should be held as a part of the sustainability of the model.**

### **CORE Monthly Reports Reminder**

Don't forget you're 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 Knight.

### **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:

May 1, 2006 –June 30, 2006 is due on July 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](#).

### **Books and Websites**

#### **◆ The Center for Community Problem Solving**

The Center website has information about their reentry project. Their website states that they teams up with low-income, of color, and immigrant communities to solve current legal, social, economic, health, and political problems and to improve our capacity to solve such problems. They strive towards their dream of an accountable and equitable democracy – one where equal citizenship is a concrete everyday reality, not just a vague constitutional promise.

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

#### **◆ Offender Transition Program Resource Manual**

[http://www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/pdfs/mckean\\_offender\\_tansition.pdf](http://www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/pdfs/mckean_offender_tansition.pdf)

#### **◆ SAMHSA Offers New Training Package**

##### **Therapeutic Community Curriculum training package for trainers**

Copies of the package, which include copies of the trainer and participant manual along with a CD-ROM containing PowerPoint presentations, can be obtained free of charge from SAMHSA's clearing house, the NCADI, online or over the phone. <http://www.ncadi.samhsa.gov/> or <http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/manuals/tcc/index.htm>

Call toll free 1-800-729-6686

## News, Research, And Reports

### ◆ **A Positive Prison Experience**

**Inmate Offers Herself as Proof of Md. Program's Effectiveness**

By Amit R. Paley, *The Washington Post*- March 8, 2006

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/03/07/AR2006030701745.html>

### ◆ **Offender Reentry: An Examination of Drug Treatment Programs Needed to Ensure Successful Reentry**

February 8, 2006 – House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security  
Testimony Submitted by: Ken Batten

<http://judiciary.house.gov/media/pdfs/batten020806.pdf>

### ◆ **The Role of the Victim in Offender Reentry- Holistic Approach Through Victim Wrap Around**

Washington State Department of Corrections

<http://www.doc.wa.gov/stories/victimwrap.htm>

### ◆ **Profile of Nonviolent Offenders Exiting State Prisons**

Bureau of Justice Statistic Fact Sheet

October 2004

<https://laworks.primeworks.org/pwengine.asp?pn=libjexo&f=1&p=libjobs&XwsSrvID=LAWORKS&>

### ◆ **OFFENDER RE-ENTRY: An Examination of Drug Treatment Programs Needed to Ensure Successful Reentry**

February 8, 2006- House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security  
Testimony given by Scott A. Sylak, Executive Director of Lucas County TASC, Inc.

<http://www.nationaltasc.org/documents/NationalTASCReentrytestimony.rtf>

### ◆ **Attitudes of US Voters toward Prisoner Rehabilitation and Reentry Policies**

FOCUS- Views from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency

By Barry Krisberg, PhD and Susan Marchionna

[http://files.e2ma.net/2800/assets/docs/prisoner\\_reentry\\_poll\\_5\\_06\\_zogby.pdf](http://files.e2ma.net/2800/assets/docs/prisoner_reentry_poll_5_06_zogby.pdf)

### ◆ **Incarcerated Parents and Their Children**

Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report

August 2000

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/iptc.pdf>

### ◆ **From Locked Up to Locked Out: Creating and Improving Post-Release Housing for Ex-Offenders**

By Kristina Hals -AIDS Housing of Washington DC- 2005

[http://www.aidshousing.org/ahw\\_library2275/ahw\\_library\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=182133](http://www.aidshousing.org/ahw_library2275/ahw_library_show.htm?doc_id=182133)

### ◆ **Applying Community Policing Strategies to Prisoner Reentry**

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

April 3, 2006

<http://www.urban.org/publications/411061.html>

### ◆ **Arrested? What Happens to Your Benefits If You Go to Jail or Prison?**

A Guide to Federal Rules on SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Medicare and Veterans Benefits for Adults with Disabilities

<http://www.bazelon.org/issues/criminalization/publications/arrested/index.html>

### ◆ **A Better Life—A Safer Community Helping Inmates Access Federal Benefits**

<http://www.bazelon.org/issues/criminalization/publications/gains/index.htm>

### ◆ **For people with serious mental illnesses: Finding the Key to successful transition from jail to the community An Explanation of Federal Medicaid and Disability Program Rules**

<http://www.bazelon.org/issues/criminalization/findingthekey.html>

### ◆ **Building Better Systems to Create Supportive Housing**

**Supportive Housing Leadership Forum**

November 2004

[http://documents.csh.org/documents/pubs/shlf\\_summary.pdf](http://documents.csh.org/documents/pubs/shlf_summary.pdf)**Funding Opportunities****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&opId=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****Deadline: June 2, 2006**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, has just requested applications for grants authorized by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. The grants, which are available to state, tribal, and local governments, may be used to develop and implement a variety of programs designed to improve outcomes for individuals with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system. **There are three types of grants:** Planning (\$50,000 maximum award) , Planning and Implementation (\$250,000 maximum award) , Implementation and Expansion (\$200,000 maximum award)

For more information visit: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/06MIOsol.pdf>**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 [OCSSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OCSSGRANTS@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, views 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

### ◆ 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

**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.ceareq3.org](http://www.ceareq3.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, FL

For 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, Ohio

For 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**

**Addiction Studies Institute**

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

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

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

Watch the ODADAS website for more information [www.odadas.state.oh.us](http://www.odadas.state.oh.us)

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

**National Policy Summit on Offender Reentry: Exploring the Leadership Opportunity for Law Enforcement Executives and Their Agencies**

**When:** June 20-21, 2006

**Where:** Sheraton Crystal City Hotel -Arlington, Virginia

To register or for more information go to:

[http://www.iacp.org/documents/index.cfm?fuseaction=document&document\\_id=814&document\\_type\\_id=16](http://www.iacp.org/documents/index.cfm?fuseaction=document&document_id=814&document_type_id=16)

**NAMI 2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION: Changing Minds. Changing Lives. Keeping the Promise!**

**When:** June 28 – July 2

**Where:** Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

For more information go to their website: <http://www.nami.org/template.cfm?section=convention>

**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 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.nmqtf.org](http://www.nmqtf.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

**May Monthly Observances**

Egg Month  
 Mental Health Awareness Month  
 Military Appreciation Month  
 Older Americans Month  
 Teacher Appreciation Month  
 Tennis Month  
 Trauma Awareness Month

**May Weekly Observances**

**First Week of May 1-7<sup>th</sup>**

- Astronomy Week
- Health Care Administrators Week
- Be Kind to Animals Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week

**Second Week of May**

- Nurses Week
- Police Week

**Third Week of May**

- Safe Boating Week

**Fourth Week of May**

- Pickle Week

**Fifth Week of May**

- Etiquette Week
- Pet Week
- Wildflower Week

**May Daily Observances**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Join Hands Day  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> Scrapbook Day  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> Military Spouses Day  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> Frog Jumping Day  
 May 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
 May 15<sup>th</sup> Peace Officers Memorial Day  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> Employee Health & Fitness Day  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day  
 May 21<sup>st</sup> I Am AN American Day  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> National Missing Children Day  
 May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> No Tobacco Day

**Visit this website for more details on these holidays and others:**

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

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