



THE REENTRY, CORE AND MORE UPDATE

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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 for back issues of the Update, or visit 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 July 21, 2005.

WELCOME TO THE UPDATE

The Reentry CORE and MORE Update is a way of keeping everyone up to date about what is going on not only in the department but also around the nation with reentry. In each edition of The Reentry, CORE and MORE Update, there will be information on what is happening with reentry around the department, updates on the CORE Grant and in our MORE section, information on books, websites, news, research and reports, training opportunities, and funding resources. The Update will go out the first and third Thursday of each month. If you have information you feel would be an asset to the Update, please forward all information to [Candace Knight](mailto:Candace.Knight@drc.state.oh.us). Please feel free to share the Update with all of those who have an interest in reentry.

REENTRY UPDATES

Ohio Plan on Reentry –Update

The Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) met on May 16th to review the status of the forty-four recommendations under the plan. To date twenty-eight of the recommendations have been completed. Thirteen (13) recommendations came to fruition between the end of December 2004 and the May 2005 meeting. Several other items are nearing completion. The Director's goal is to have all the recommendations implemented by the end of 2005. The RSC will be meeting bi-monthly to review the status on remaining goals. Implementation Chairs will be asked to present and report on any delays or concerns.

Ohio Plan Recommendation #27: To ensure that thorough discharge planning takes place for all offenders, the “**Transitioning the Offender**” policy (02-REN-03) became effective January 10th, 2005. Check out the new screens under the DOTS-RAP system version 2.0. The Inmate Release Preparation section is there to track the inmate's release preparation progress. Discharge Planning should start 180 days prior to release. All release Preparation workshop attendance should now be recorded under the Release Preparation Checklist. Do you have questions on this area? Please contact the Office of Offender Reentry at Best Practices.

Ohio Plan Recommendation #29: The Reentry Resource Center policy (78-REL-05) became effective January 10th 2005. Check out your institutional library or local APA office for resources to help prepare offenders for release. The Reentry Resource Guide is available on CD-Rom, in the library, APA office, and also in paper copy. If you have intranet access, it is available right at your desktop, go to **Initiatives: Offender Reentry** and click on the **Reentry Resource Guide**, located at <http://intra.drc.state.oh.us/web/reentry/reentry.htm>

CITIZEN CIRCLE NEWS

Good News in Lima from the desk of Patti Filipiski, Regional Services Coordinator-

The Lima Area Citizen Circle would like to extend an invitation for anyone in surrounding counties to participate. We will accept any referrals from surrounding counties who would have transportation to the meetings. I have attached the application and an information sheet about the Lima Circle. I will also try to get you all a Citizen Circle pamphlet for the officers. Please have the officers forward the completed applications to me and we will get them set up to attend the meetings. Officers and Supervisors, as always, are invited to attend. Feel free to contact me if you or your staff needs any more information Patti.Filipiski@odrc.state.oh.us

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

I want to extend a warm thank you to everyone who attended the recent "CORE Users Guide" training. For those who were unable to attend please contact Candace Knight to get a copy of the training materials. As mentioned at our last meeting Candace will be making unannounced visits to your RMT's and CRMT's for CORE clients, so please keep her updated on any schedule changes.

-Angi Lee, Reentry Administrator

CORE COMMITTEE NOTES

◆◆ MARK YOUR CALANDERS ◆◆

The Urban Institute will be conducting a four-day site visit from July 26-29 2005. They want to interview state partners, local partners, staff that have been working directly on the grant, offenders, and conduct site visits at the institutions and community agencies. As more information becomes available it will be forwarded to the CORE partners.

Local Level CORE Meetings

Did you miss the June 9th, **CORE Users Guide** training? . Please keep in mind if you are a part of the CORE grant, you are responsible for the material presented at the training. So, if you were unable to attend please contact [Candace Knight](#) to receive your copy of these great training materials.

CORE Reports

Don't forget July 7, 2005 your **June Monthly Reports and Summations** are due. Local Project Directors don't forget to email them to both Angi Lee and Candace Knight.

Also due are your CMAT and CSAT surveys. Please make sure to copies for your records. We are requesting that the surveys be sent via mail and not FAXED.

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](#).

Columbus:

Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, Inc. holds a monthly Local CORE Steering Committee meeting and all are welcome. If you are interested in more information please contact [Dawn Chodorow](#) at 614-252-0660.

AND MORE

BOOKS AND WEBSITES

"Finding Work"

Glenn Martin, Co-Director of the **National HIRE Network** will be interviewed by www.corrections.com on Friday, July 8, 2005 at 10:30 am EST. The interview will be about the National HIRE Network's work and barriers to employment for people with criminal records. To listen live, go to www.corrections.com and click on the "Live Programming" link on the right side of the homepage.

♦♦ **The New University of Toledo Law Review Is Out** ♦♦

Symposium on the Collateral Sanctions in Theory and Practice

The University of Toledo Law Review- Volume 36 – Number 3 – Spring 2005

For more information on how to obtain a copy of the Law Review please call (419) 530-2962.

Price per Issue \$6.50

Price per Volume \$25.00

Back issues are available from William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 1285 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14209. For prices of back issues, please call (800) 828-7571.

The 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook

The 2005 guide to this years federal funding opportunities for faith-based and community organizations has been posted. This notebook was developed by the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in partnership with the Administration on Children and Families, the Health Resources Services Administration, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Administration on Aging.

http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/CFBCI_M0374_GrantNotebook_FINAL.pdf

National Institute of Corrections: Mentally Ill Persons in Corrections Settings

http://www.nicic.org/WebPage_62.htm

Transition from Prison to Community Initiative

Prepared by Dale G. Parent and Liz Barnett for the National Institute of Corrections>

<http://www.abtassociates.com/reports/017520.pdf>

Through care and Aftercare: Approaches and Promising Practice in Service Delivery for Clients Released from Prison or Leaving Residential Rehabilitation.

Source: National Institute of Corrections (report produced for the Home Office, United Kingdom) 2005

<http://www.nicic.org/Library/020255>

Serving Children and Families of Adult Offenders: A Directory of Programs

This update by the National Institute of Corrections to the 2001 version lists programs in the United States and provides a link to programs in Canada that offer services specifically for children and families of adult offenders.

www.nicic.org/Library/020200

Family ReEntry, Inc.

Source: Connecticut reentry resource listing

<http://www.familyreentry.org/index.html>

Family ReEntry facilitates programs in Bridgeport, CT; Stamford, CT; Norwalk, CT and New Haven, CT as well as in two correctional facilities located in Niantic, CT and Cheshire, CT. In order to facilitate lasting change in the lives of their clients, Family ReEntry utilizes family systems-based interventions. They outline the goals of family systems-based interventions are generally three-fold:

1) Alleviate behavioral or emotional problems, 2) Change relationships between family members, 3) Alter relationships between the family system and larger social systems in addition to their therapeutic and psycho educational programs, Family ReEntry provides case management and referral services under the umbrella of the Bridgeport Community ReEntry Center. They offer assessment, referral, and follow-up to address the instrumental needs of clients, including financial; housing; employability and employment; legal; medical; educational; and nutritional. Clients are referred to local agencies designed to provide for these instrumental needs.

Profile of Nonviolent Offenders Exiting State Prisons

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Date: October 2004

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

Description:

Provides a description of the general characteristics of prison populations serving time for nonviolent crimes as they exit State prisons. Nonviolent crimes are defined as property, drug, and public order offenses that do not involve a threat of harm or an actual attack upon a victim. To conduct this analysis, BJS used data collected under two statistical programs, the National Recidivism Reporting Program that last collected data on those discharged from prisons in 15 States in 1994 and the Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities last conducted in 1997. This report examines the responses of inmates who indicated to interviewers that they expected to be released within 6 months.

The Child and Adolescent Mentoring Program and Support Services (CHAMPS)

Source: Center for Multicultural Human Services

<http://www.cmhs.org/programs/champs.html>

Description:

The Child and Adolescent Mentoring Program and Support Services (CHAMPS) was founded at CMHS in 2003 to help cultural, racial and language minority children of prisoners cope with and overcome the challenges associated with having an incarcerated parent and promote a healthy transition into adolescence and adulthood.

Building and Maintaining Partnerships Tool Kit, Developed by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The Tool Kit starts with people getting involved and using better information. Each of the tools drives home a critical message learned about partnerships. Success takes time and commitment—picking the right tools, sharpening them with experience and eventually learning how to master the tools. <http://www.wkkf.org/Pubs/CustomPubs/CPtoolkit/CPToolkit/>

Boston Reentry Program (Boston)

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is committed to providing reentry services to offenders integrating back to their communities. Through the development of strategic partnerships and programs, the Department maintains an innovative reentry program while maintaining and enhancing public safety. <http://www.scsdma.org/reentryServices/index.html>

NEWS, RESEARCH AND REPORTS

RETHINKING AMERICA'S PRISONS: Record numbers of ex-cons return to Illinois streets, More people ask how to help them adjust

Rex W. Huppke, Chicago Tribune, June 19, 2005

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-0506190278jun19,1,6569444.story?coll=chi-news-hed&ctrack=1&cset=true>

Rethinking Treatment of Female Prisoners

By Jenifer Warren, LA Times, June 19, 2005

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-women19jun19,0,1651068.story?coll=la-home-headlines>

Race a Factor in Job Offers for Ex-Convicts

By Paul von Ziebauer, The New York Times, June 17, 2005

http://1010wins.com/topstories/local_story_168064931.html

I paid my dues to society, so why can't I get a job?

By Rummana Hussain, Chicago Sun-times, suntimes.com, June 12, 2005

<http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cst-nws-excon12.html>

How To Keep Ex-Cons At Home

CBS NEWS-60 Minutes, June 8, 2004

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/06/08/60OO/main700518.shtml>

Barred From the Long Haul

The New York Times, nytimes.com, June 6, 2005

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/06/opinion/06mon3.html>

Remove roadblocks, give ex-cons second chance

The Patriot-News, June 6, 2005

<http://www.pennlive.com/editorials/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/opinion/1117876948309940.xml&coll=1>

Criminal Justice-Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ-DATS)

The National Institute of Drug Abuse established CJ-DATS, a national research collaborative, to study issues related to substance abuse treatment for adult and juvenile offenders. Some of the most prominent researchers in the field are involved in CJ-DATS, as well as policy-makers and criminal justice and drug treatment professionals in more than 13 states and the national associations. The research being conducted by the CJ-DATS collaborative is available at its Web site.

www.cjdats.org

Stress Among Probation and Parole Officers and What Can Be Done About It

Source: National Institute of Justice

URL: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/205620.pdf>

Date: June 2005

Description:

Probation and parole officers experience a great deal of job-related stress. A recent study investigated the nature and scope of the problem at nine sites around the country. Researchers identified the major sources of stress (heavy caseloads, paperwork, deadlines) and what officers do to cope. This Research for Practice summarizes key findings and provides case studies of promising stress reduction programs.

Ex-prisoners and accommodation: what bearing do different forms of housing have on social reintegration for ex-prisoners?

Source: Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

http://www.ahuri.edu.au/global/docs/pp_ex-prisonersaccom.pdf?CFID=219659&CFTOKEN=96112160

Date: March 2002

Description: An interesting report on a research study exploring the relationship between housing and ex-prisoners' social reintegration in New South Wales, conducted by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Supervision of Sex Offenders in the Community: A Training Curriculum.

Source: Center for Sex Offender Management

<http://www.csom.org/train/supervision/index.htm>

Description:

This curriculum provides information and materials (lecture content, participant materials, slides, references, etc.) designed to equip knowledgeable trainers to plan and deliver three different versions (short, medium, and long) of training on the supervision of sex offenders in the community. Note: CSOM will finalize numerous other training curricula throughout 2005 including a training on "Family Reunification" and a training on "Secondary Trauma and Job Stress in Sex Offender Management".

Building Futures: Offender Job Retention

National Institute of Corrections 2002

Skills, strategies, and resources necessary to address significant offender job retention issues and increase offender employment success are addressed during this 32-hour course. Participants will learn how to: develop an action plan to improve offender job retention; utilize job retention strategies and tools, such as assessment, cognitive coaching, and intervention, among others; modify job retention best practices for use in local jurisdictions; and network and problem-solve with agencies working in the field of job retention. Request a hard copy VHS from the NIC Information Center.

For more information, visit: <http://www.nicic.org/Library/018596>

Understanding Child Welfare and the Dependency Court: A Guide for Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals

Date(s): On-line

Location(s): On-line

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare announces a free, online tutorial for addiction treatment professionals on the impact of child welfare and dependency court requirements on clients who are parents.

For more information, visit: <http://www.jointogether.org/direct.html?U=153324&O=576753>

Survival Spanish Two Day Course – Setting is Limited!

Date: July 21-23

Location: Public Safety Service Building of Defiance County

OCJS is sponsoring this two-day Survival Spanish courses for law enforcement and other criminal justice partners in Ohio free of charge. The course will include basic Spanish skills, suggestions when utilizing an interpreter and legal issues related to using an interpreter. The instructor is Isabel Framer, who is an Oregon and Tennessee State Court Certified Judiciary Interpreter in Copley, Ohio. No previous Spanish experience required.

For more information, or to register on-line: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Trainingmain.htm>

NIJ Annual Research and Evaluation Conference

Date: July 18 – 20, 2005

Location: JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

Contact: <http://www.nijpcs.org/RE/index.htm>

Reentry 101: An Inside Look at Reentry & Effective Correctional Programming

Date(s): July 19, 2005

Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Location(s): The Columbus Urban League 788 Mount Vernon Avenue, Columbus, and Ohio 43203

RCH's awarded: 3.5 hours of Prevention

Project SOAR (Seeking Opportunity Accepting Responsibility). This training is designed to educate participants on the history, current challenges and trends related to reentry and the ex-offender population. The session further explores risk and needs assessments; methods for effective correctional programming using established best practices and discourage common pitfalls in working with this population. The cost of the training will be \$70 (non-refundable), which includes breakfast, lunch and training handouts. Onsite registration, add an additional \$10. **For more information, contact:** Rayshawn L. Wilson, MCJ at (614) 425-2909 or projectsoar2004@yahoo.com

2005 How to Write and Apply for Grants

Date: July 25

Location: Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus Ohio

Time: 9am – 4pm

How to Write and Apply for Grants: This training will provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. **Registration is required.**

For more information, or to register on-line: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Trainingmain.htm>

30th Annual American Probation and Parole Association Training Institute

Date: July 24 -27, 2005

Location: Marriott Marquis, New York City, NY

Contact: <http://www.appa-net.org/>

American Correctional Association 2005 Conference

Date: August 6-8, 2005

Location: Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

Tel: 301-918-8198

Contact: <http://www.appa-net.org/>

The Critical Elements of Reentry/Continuing Care Systems

National Institute of Corrections- Academy Division and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Information on training: http://nicic.org/WebPage_295.htm

Application Forms: <http://www.nicic.org/Downloads/PDF/TrainingForms/FormA-J04.pdf>

Program Number: 05-D1501

Location: NIC Academy, Longmont, CO

Date of Program: August 21-26, 2005

Team Application Deadline: July 1, 2005

Description:

Currently NIC/OJJDP is accepting applications for The Critical Elements of Reentry/Continuing Care Systems training program. This program addresses the critical elements of reentry and continuing care systems in the juvenile justice arena. Below are the details of this training opportunity.

For More Information please contact:

Launa M. Kowalczyk, Corrections Program Specialist, lkowalczyk@bop.gov,

National Institute of Corrections, 1-800-995-6429, Extension 168

National TASC Conference on Drugs and Crime Developing Safe and Healthy Communities: Recover, Reenter, Restore

Date: September 11-14, 2005

Location: Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

Contact: www.NationalTASC.org

6th Annual Conference on Addiction and Criminal Behavior

Date: September 18-21, 2005

Location: St. Louis, MO

Contact: GWC, Inc

Tel: 800-851-5406

Contact: <http://www.gwcinc.com/home.htm>

Transition of Prisoners, Inc. 4th Annual National Prisoner Re-Entry Conference: "Refreshing the Fire"

Date: October 28-30, 2005

Location: Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel, Nashville, TN

Tel: 313-875-3883 x 27

Contact: www.topinc.net

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Preserving Liberty

Application Deadline: August 19, 2005

Pre Proposal Conference: July 21, 2005

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is seeking an agency to provide transitional services for long-term, violent offenders. For more information and a copy of the grant application visit <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/>

Web Cast of the Prisoner Reentry Initiative (SGA/DFA PY-04-08) Informational Conferences

For those of you applying for the PRI but were unable to make it to one of the three informational conferences (or if you attended but wanted to review a specific session again), you can watch a web cast version of the conference at the following link: <http://www.pri-conference.com/webcast.htm>

DOL Offers Grants for Prisoner Reentry Initiative

Application Deadline: July 13, 2005

The Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative offers some \$20 million in competitive grants for projects that reduce recidivism by helping nonviolent offenders find work and housing upon returning to their communities.

For more information, visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/sqa/sqa/SGA-DFA-PY-04-08.pdf>

Attention Organizations Interested in Applying for grants under the President's Reentry Initiative,

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA) has published clarifications on eligibility, sub grant flexibility, administrative costs, and Grants.gov forms for the Prisoner Reentry Initiative (SGA/DFA PY-04-08).

DOL Announces Availability of \$125 Million in Grant Funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants

On May 3, 2005, DOL's Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announced in the Federal Register the availability of approximately \$125 million in grant funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants. Funds will be awarded to support capacity building and workforce training for high growth industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Read a [copy of the solicitation and learn more about the Community Based Job Training Grants](#). ETA will host three virtual prospective applicant conferences. Read about the [Community-Based Job Training Grants prospective applicant conferences](#)

Assets for Independence Program (AFI) grants

Application Deadline: July 15, 2005

Assets for Independence is a federal grant program administered by the Office of Community Services within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. AFI provides five-year grants of up to \$1,000,000 (the average grant is \$300,000) to nonprofit organizations; State, local and Tribal governments; and CDFI certified groups and Low-Income Designated Credit Unions. The grantees use AFI resources and other funding to provide financial education and other supportive services to low-income individual and families. Most importantly, the grantees assist participants with saving earned income in special bank accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Every dollar a participant saves in his IDA is matched with grant funds. Participants use their IDA resources - their savings and the accumulated matching funds - to acquire a long-term asset such as a first home, higher education or to support a small business. The AFI Program Announcement and other application information are posted on the Internet at www.acf.hhs.gov/assetbuilding. Please call the AFI Resource Center on (202) 401-4626 or send an email to AFIProgram@acf.hhs.gov to request an application kit and other resources.

In Washington: Department of Health and Human Services Announces Funding Availability for Assets for Independence Program

Application Deadline: June 15 or November 1, 2005

The United States Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Community Services has announced funding in the amount of \$18,000,000 expects an award of 50 to 60 grants for the Assets for Independence Demonstration Program, which assists low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient by teaching project participants about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts (Individual Development Accounts (IDA) to save for a first home, a business, or higher education. While applicants may submit applications at any time throughout the year, OCS will review and make funding decisions about applications submitted by any of three due dates: March 15, June 15 and November 1. OCS has. The ceiling on one individual award is \$1,000,000.

For more information, visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

Advancing Public Understanding of Mental Illness

Application Deadline: September 15, 2005

We are looking to fund new and innovative ideas and programs that will promote awareness of mental illness and the effectiveness of treatment, the importance of early intervention, access to care, and the need for high quality services and treatment.

For more information, visit: <http://www.psychfoundation.org/grants/callforproposals.cfm>

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.html.

The After Prison Initiative provides funding for policy reform, including the following strategies:

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.

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