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September Is

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Drug Addiction
Recovery Month*

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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 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 **October 5, 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](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

Meat Processing Career Center Educational Program

Through the combined efforts of the Ohio Penal Industries and the Ohio State University, the Meat Processing Career Center Educational Program was developed to educate and serve the prisoner population in Ohio. The program consists of four educational modules available for inmates working at the ODRC Meat Processing Career Center. Once the inmate completes all four modules he receives twelve hours of college credit from the Ohio State University (OSU). These credits could be transferred and recognized by any major college. To date twenty-five inmates have completed at least one module, and fifteen have completed all four modules.

In addition, this program has been adopted for the Beverage Processing Center (BPC), and began operations on August 1, 2006. And finally, a similar program model is under development for the offenders working in the dairy barns.

In the SPOTLIGHT

Each month the Reentry CORE and MORE Update will highlight something new and interesting in Reentry. If you have any reentry websites, books, movies or resources that you feel have a good theme around reentry, please forward that information to [Candace Knight](#). Let's turn the **SPOTLIGHT** on for Reentry.

Recreation Department Sponsored 1st Annual MCI Reentry Day

Amanda Selvage and Cory Blankenship from Marion Correctional Institution (MCI) Recreation Department planned the 1st annual "A Day of Reentry" which took place on Tuesday August 15th, 2006. It is very unique to have the Recreation Department involved in reentry initiatives. A Day of Reentry was a one day event accessible to all MCI offenders. Over 800 Offenders attended the days festivities focused on "Going Home To Stay". Warden Beightler gave a short welcome and introduction on what it means to "go home to stay". The events were kicked off with the music of Paradise Island, followed by nationally recognized motivational speaker and professional body builder Walter Smith, and author and educator Khalil Osiris.

Both of these individuals, being ex offenders, were able to share their life experiences with our current offenders, as well as offer them hope, guidance, and focus for their futures. This event gave offenders the opportunity to connect with community resources, service providers, and informational booths provided by guests, volunteers, and ex-offenders who offered their time to come in and provide interaction, guidance, and encouragement relating to the adjustment of life after incarceration. The events of this day exemplified that success after incarceration is possible.



A Partnership between Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) and DRC Making a Difference!

On 9/1/06 a DRC/RSC Partnership Cross Training was held at Toledo Botanical Gardens on 9/1/06. This training was attended by over 97 people! Attendees included: Lima Region Parole Officers and Supervisors, Faith Leaders, Reentry Matrix Members, Rehabilitation Services Commission Staff, Service Providers, Offender Services Network, Staff from Toledo Correctional, Allen Correctional, and Oakwood Correctional Institution, RSC's Administrator Cheryl Martinez, DRC's Reentry Administrator John Matthews and Administrators Tereasa Moorman and Chris Yanai.

The day consisted of an Overview of: Reentry, Institution :Medical, Education, Mental Health, Recovery Services, Reentry Matrix, Adult Parole Authority , Offender Services Network, Sex Offender, Chemical Dependency , Mental Health, Community Reentry Management Teams, Citizen's Circles, and Rehabilitation Services Commission, Consumer Choice, and Structure Of DRC/RSC Project !

This collaboration will reduce recidivism and improve employment outcomes for offenders with disabilities. Linking Offenders with RSC before they are released will make a positive difference! By RSC participating in our Reentry Management Teams outlining an individual plan for employment will help us identify challenges and facilitate solutions.

We will be able to leverage DRC resources in a way that promotes a substantial increase in the number of offenders with disabilities find jobs shortly after being released. We believe the synergies resulting from these collaborative efforts will benefit the State Of Ohio and contribute to an improved quality of life for Offenders "going home to stay"!

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](#).

Family Ties Back to School Fundraiser & Kickoff

The offenders were given the opportunity to purchase photographs at the cost of \$1.00 per print. The fundraiser netted over \$650.00 in profit which a portion of was used to purchase school supplies for the offenders' children.

On August 27, 2006, The Family Ties Task Force hosted a Back to School Kickoff. This program afforded the mothers the opportunity to support the importance of their children's education by engaging in wholesome and fun school related activities. The event promoted the strengthening of bonds by participation in everyday playground activities between mothers and their children. Families jumped roped, played basketball and volleyball, bounced balls, and listened to music while enjoying snacks and drinks. The offenders passed out school supplies to their children at the end of the event. A total of one hundred and eleven offenders and visitors/caregivers, 53 which were children participated in the event. Additional school supplies will be handed out in the visiting hall September 2 and 3 to the children during normal visiting hours.

Becoming an Entrepreneur

On Wednesday, September 6, 2006, 25 inmates of the Corrections Medical Center attended a 1½-hour workshop on becoming an Entrepreneur. The workshop focused on what the basis of a successful Entrepreneurial Enterprise would entail if one was thinking of starting their own business the right way. Topics covered included: Steps in Starting Your Own Business, How to begin to develop your business plan and Financing. Ms. Nancy Stoll, CBA, and Special Programs Coordinator for Ohio Small Business Development Center at Columbus State Community College facilitated the workshop.

APA Regional Announcements and Events

AKRON

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Upcoming Citizen Circle Training

The Chillicothe Regional APA will be conducting "Citizen's Circle" training on Friday, September 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ross County Service Center, Rm. B. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gretchen L. Breckenridge at 740-702-1238.

Butler County Citizen Circles

The Butler County - The Circle meets at the Booker T. Washington Community Center on the third Friday of each month from 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:

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The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

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Mt. Pleasant Citizen Circle

Circle meets 1st Tuesday of the month from 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. @ Murtis Taylor Family and Resource Center 13411 Union Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Columbus

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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 and from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM the fourth Tuesday 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!

New Circle in Fairfield County

The Fairfield County Citizen Circle meets the second Wednesday of every month from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM at the Fairfield County Jobs and Family Services Agency in Lancaster, Ohio. This Circle was generated through the efforts of the staff of the Southeastern Correctional Institution. Carol Hill and Lisa Morgan of the APA jumped on board and made it a reality. If you have *questions or referrals contact Christy Nichols* at 740.687.6738.

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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/Afternoon: Third Monday at **6:30pm** each Month at Salem Lutheran Church, 1125 North Huron, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Service area coverage: Lucas County.

North River Citizen's Circle/ Evening: Third Monday at Six O'clock in the Evening of each Month at Salem Lutheran Church, 1125 North Huron, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Service area coverage: Lucas County.

NEW CIRCLE STARTED:

Sandusky County Citizen's Circle - This circle will start meet the 4th Tuesday each month at the Pontifex, 16 West State Street, Fremont, Ohio. Rev Jeannie Weber will lead this Circle and can be reached at 419.355.2999. Service area coverage: Sandusky County

Napoleon /Defiance Citizen's Circle: Several counties are involved in starting this Circle. It will be held at the Disciple House, 1727 Spruce Street, Defiance, Ohio. If interested in attending this Citizen Circle please consult with Faith Leader John Weber or John Catell at 419 395 1020. We will keep you posted on the development and progress! Service area coverage: Pending

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. Thanks!

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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**Updates****Multi-site Evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative**

Check out what's new at <http://www.svori-evaluation.org/>

◆ SVORI Evaluates the Effectiveness of Re-Entry Programs

By Laura Winterfield- News & Views page 3-4, August 28, 2006

http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/USPPSS_News_and_Views.pdf

◆ The Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative: Measuring the Effects on Service Delivery

By Laura Winterfield, Pamela K. Lattimore, Danielle M. Steffey, Susan Brumbaugh and Christine Lindquist-
Western Criminology Review- Vol. 7, No. 2, page 3-19- August 2006

<http://wcr.sonoma.edu/v07n2/index.html>

AND MORE**Books and Websites****◆ Pilot Programs Offer Reentry Transition Services to Offenders**

Virginia Department of Corrections

<http://www.vadoc.state.va.us/offenders/institutions/programs/reentry.htm>

◆ Transitional Programming

Minnesota Department of Corrections- Backgrounder- June 2006

http://www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/documents/transitionprograms_000.pdf

◆ State of Affairs- Offender Reentry

WFPL 89.3 FM -August 10, 2006- Audio Recording of this show.

http://www.wfpl.org/soa_archive_august72006.htm

◆ Offender Employment Blog

National Institute of Corrections – Corrections Community

http://beta.nicic.org/Community/blogs/offender_employment/archive/2006/07/19/146.aspx

◆ FORGES

The Colorado Department of Corrections recently went live with a web site dedicated to offender pre-release planning and former offender aftercare resources. Our site is called FORGES (Former Offender Resource Guide and Educational Services) and can be found at

www.doc.state.co.us

Re-Entry Policy Council Updates

Information was taken from the Re-Entry Policy Council Newsletter –July 25, 2006

Homelessness and Prison Reentry

Strategies for Addressing Housing Needs and Risks in Prisoner Re-Entry

http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/AGP_Net/Components/DocumentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=1283

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Prisoner Re-Entry

Strategies for Addressing Housing Needs and Risks in Prisoner Re-Entry

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/AGP.Net/Components/DocumentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=1284>

Hill Update: House Judiciary Committee Sends Second Chance Act to the Floor

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/rp/main.aspx?dbName=DocumentViewer&DocumentID=1304>

GovBenefits.gov

GovBenefits.gov provides citizens in need with a one-stop source for connecting to government assistance programs. This website helps citizens quickly identify benefit and assistance programs that meet their specific needs, including information to assist them in times of disaster or other emergencies. Using an online questionnaire, citizens seeking assistance can quickly find programs they may be eligible to receive. For more information visit their website at www.GovBenefits.gov

News, Research, and Reports

◆ Study Cites Slow Progress in Maryland's Move from Prison to Treatment

Join Together- September 19, 2006

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2006/study-cites-slow-progress-in.html>

◆ Jail mail focus is on the future, not the past

By Dan Rodricks- Baltimore Sun- September 17, 2006

http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-md.rodricks17sep17001532_0,3275683.column?coll=bal-home-columnists

◆ Prisoner Reentry: Addressing the Challenges in Weed and Seed Communities

By Amy Solomon, Tobi Palmer, Alvin Atkinson, Joanne Davidson, Lynn Harvey
Urban Institute - September 14, 2006-

<http://www.urban.org/publications/411364.html>

◆ Cleveland Prisoners' Experiences Returning Home

By Christy Visher, Shannon M.E. Courtney- Urban Institute- September 8, 2006

<http://www.urban.org/publications/311359.html>

◆ People, Places, and Things: The Social Process of Reentry for Female Ex-Offenders

By Andrea M. Leverenz- National Criminal Justice Reference Service, August 2006

NCJ Document Number 215178

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/215178.pdf>

◆ Halfway House Scrapped

By Sky Barsch- Burlington Free Press- August 30, 2006

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060830/NEWS02/608300307/1007>

◆ Evidence Based Practices: How do They Fit in the Federal System

By Nancy Beatty Gregoire- News & Views- August 28, 2006

http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/USPPSS_News_and_Views.pdf

◆ Maximum Insecurity: California's prison system produces bizarre and dangerous results harmful to inmates and public

By Mark Martin- San Francisco Chronicle- August 27, 2006

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-in/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/08/27/INGD3KNS441.DTL&hw=mark+martin&sn=002&sc=365>

◆ A Second Chance for 'Lifers' in Prison

By Kevin Simpson- Denver Post – August 27, 2006

http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_4245174

◆ State heeds homeowners, suspends parolee housing

By Mitch Hotts- The Macomb Daily- August 22, 2006

http://www.macombdaily.com/stories/082206/loc_parolees001.shtml

◆ Prisoner Rehabilitation Program- Plan now considers improving housing

By Christine M. Woods- The Wichita Eagle- August 21, 2006

<http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/15322522.htm>

◆ **Home to prove there is life after prison**

By Courtney Brooks- Vermont Guardian- August 18, 2006
<http://www.vermontguardian.com/local/082006/PrisonHouse.shtml>

Time Served: Help for the Hardest Part of Prison: Staying Out

By Erik Eckholm, New York Time – August 12, 2006
http://www.nytimes.com/2006/08/12/us/12reentry.html?_r=2&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print&oref=slogin

◆ **Helping female Offenders Start Fresh**

By Jamie Francisco- Chicago Tribune- August 7, 2006
http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/northshore/chi-0608070088aug07_1_2475463.story?coll=chi-newslocalnorthshore-hed&ctrack=1&cset=true

Why I Quit the Prison System: California's last corrections chief on what the state needs to do next.

By Jeanne S. Woodford – Los Angeles Times – August 6, 2006
http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/opinion/la-op-woodford6aug06_1_5667556.story?ctrack=1&cset=true

◆ **Family Members' Experiences with Incarceration and Reentry**

By Rebecca L. Naser, Christy A. Visher, Western Criminology Review- Volume 7, No. 2 page 20-31 August 2006
<http://wcr.sonoma.edu/v07n2/20-naser/naser.pdf>

◆ **The Challenges of Prisoner Reentry from a Rural Perspective**

By Eric J. Wodahl- Western Criminology Review- Volume 7, No. 2- page 32-47- August 2006
<http://wcr.sonoma.edu/v07n2/32-wodahl/wodahl.pdf>

◆ **Planning for Quality: A Strategy for Reentry Initiative**

By Martha L. Henderson and Dena Hanley- Western Criminology Review- Volume 7, No. 2- page 62-78, August 2006
<http://wcr.sonoma.edu/v07n2/62-henderson/henderson.pdf>

◆ **People, Places, and Things: The Social Process of Reentry for Female Ex-Offenders**

By Andrea M. Leverenz- - NCJRS Document #215178- August 2006
<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/215178.pdf>

◆ **Effective Reentry Programs**

By Christy Visher- Urban Institute-July 2006
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/1001016_reentry_programs.pdf

◆ **Scarlet Letters and Recidivism: Does and Old Criminal Record Predict Future Offending?**

By Megan C. Kurlychek, Robert Brame, Shawn D. Bushway-
Journal Criminology & Public Policy- Vol. 5 Num. 3 pages 1101-1122- July 18, 2006-
<http://www.twincities.com/multimedia/twincities/archive/pdfs/scarlet.pdf>

◆ **Correctional Industries Preparing Inmates for Re-entry: Recidivism & Post-release Employment**

By Cindy J. Smith, Jennifer Bechtel, Angie Patrick, Richard R. Smith and Laura Wilson-Gentry-
NCJRS Document #214608- June 2006- <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/214608.pdf>

Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Does the Prison Treatment Program Reduce Recidivism?

By Robert Barnoski - The Washington State Institute for Public Policy- June 2006 (#06-06-1205)
<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-06-1205.pdf>

◆ **Smoothing the Path from Prison to Home**

By Brenner Brown, Robin Campbell, James A. Wilson, Yury Cheryachukin, Robert C. Davis, Jean Dauphinee, Robert Hope and
Kajal Gehi- NCJRS Document 213714- April 2006
<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/213714.pdf>

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

April 2006- FOCUS- Views from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency
http://www.nccd-crc.org/nccd/pubs/2006april_focus_zogby.pdf

◆ **Service Coordination Strengthens Youth Reentry**

Policy Brief No. 1, May 2006
A series of policy briefs produced by: National Collaboration for Youth and the National Juvenile Justice Network
http://njjn.org/media/announcements/announcement_link_129.pdf

◆ **Policymakers Discuss Practical Solutions to Financial Obligations of people Released from Prisons and Jails**

By Karen Imas and Rachel McLean

The Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conferences- Issue Brief May 2006,

<http://www.csgeast.org/pdfs/ercissuebriefmay2006.pdf>

◆ **Reentry: Helping Former Prisoners Return to Communities**

The Annie E. Casey Foundation- 2005

<http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/mc/readingroom/documents/TARCreentry.pdf>

Funding Opportunities

◆ **Tiger Woods Foundation Grants**

Deadline: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 annually

The Tiger Woods Foundation grant-making process focuses on providing opportunities to children and families who are underserved. Funding is approved for the programmatic areas of education, youth development, parenting, and family health and welfare. Organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c) 3 and not a 509(a) private foundation. (Please note . public schools are not 501(c)(3) tax-exempt. Individual organizations within a public school that are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt may apply).

For more information, visit www.twfound.org/grants/default.sps?itype=7609.

◆ **The Allstate Foundation Community Development Grant**

Deadline: The foundation has no deadlines for submission

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within one of three focus areas: safe and vital communities, tolerance, inclusion, and diversity, and economic empowerment. The foundation makes grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information, visit www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundation.html.

McKenzie Foundation Community Development Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

The purpose of the McKenzie Foundation is to encourage and support nonprofit programs, primarily in the areas of education, health, human services and cultural and environmental concerns. Faced with the task of translating these broad-reaching goals into a more focused set of grant guidelines, the board has selected four initiatives that will shape its grant making for the next few years: early childhood development, education, the environment and arts and culture. The foundation makes grants only to tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) classification. It does not support for-profit organizations or candidates for political office. For more information, visit: www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php.

Cigna Foundation Health Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

The Cigna Foundation is soliciting applications from nonprofit organizations for programs in a variety of areas, including community and civic affairs, education, health and human services, and culture and the arts. Projects involving women's health and domestic violence will be given priority. Interested parties should prepare a one- to two-page summary of their request with program objectives, a description of the organization, a copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statement and suggested methods of evaluation of the requested program. Individuals and faith-based and political organizations are barred from applying. Organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

For more information, visit: www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant_information.html.

Prudential Foundation

Deadline: Ongoing

Ready to Work focuses on initiatives that increase employment opportunities by strengthening job skills and opportunities, and by promoting neighborhood development activities. Programs involve workforce development and increasing entrepreneurship through financial training and access to capital. Ready to Work also promotes the creation of decent, affordable housing by working in partnership with Community Housing Development Corporations and community development financial institutions. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.prudential.com/productsAndServices/0,1474,intPageID%253D1440%2526bInPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html>

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Deadline: Rolling

The Annie E. Casey Foundation makes grants that are, in general, limited to initiatives that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative policy, service delivery and community supports for children and families. The majority of the foundation's current giving is targeted to the Making Connections initiative. More information about the Making Connections initiative can be found on the foundation website here. For more information, please visit <http://www.aecf.org/about/grantguidelines.htm>.

IBM Community Relations Workforce Development Grants

IBM Community Relations supports technology's important role in adult education and job training. The IBM Foundation helps job seekers secure and retain employment by providing hand-on experience with today's technologies. For more information, please visit <http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/grant/grantapp.shtml>.

CVS/pharmacy -- Community Grants for Nonprofits**Deadline:** October 31, 2006

CVS/pharmacy supports the many communities the company serves by providing nonprofit organizations the opportunity to apply for a CVS/pharmacy Community Grant if the project falls within its funding guidelines. CVS is currently accepting proposals for the following: (1) programs targeting children under age 18 with disabilities that address any of the following: (a) health and rehabilitation services; (b) public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs (c) creating opportunities or facilities which give greater access to physical movement and play and (2) health-care services for uninsured people. All CVS/pharmacy Community Grant applications must be submitted online. Visit their website for more information at: http://www.cvs.com/corplInfo/community/community_grants.html

The J. Jill Compassion Fund**Deadline:** December 15, annually.

The J. Jill Group considers written proposals for cash grants from nonprofit organizations within the United States only. Organizations serving homeless or at-risk women and children by providing job training, transitional and/or affordable housing, education, emergency shelter, or other types of aid will be considered upon submission of a grant proposal. They will consider recommending grants only for existing programs. Grant requests should be between \$250 and \$15,000. All grants are made on a one-time basis.

For more information visit their website at: <http://www.jjill.com/about/community.asp?AreaID=OL>

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>

Ohio State Bar Foundation Grant**Deadlines** for submitting grant applications are **February 15** and **August 15**

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. The Foundation's Trustees consider proposals twice each year. For more information about OSBF Grants go to: http://www.osbf.net/grant_home.html

Community and International Justice Program Funding**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

The Justice, Equality, Human Dignity and Tolerance (JEHT) Foundation was established in 2000 to provide funding for community and international justice programs. Letters of inquiry are reviewed in October, March and July.

For more information go to <http://www.jehtfoundation.org/index2.html>

Hitachi Foundation Business and Community Grants**Deadline:** Rolling

The Hitachi Foundation funds projects that strengthen corporate citizenship, including programs that support workforce development. The Foundation focuses on partnerships that enable economically isolated people to retain and advance in their jobs, earn living wages, and accumulate savings and assets. The actions and interaction of business and community are fundamental to this goal. They support path-breaking business and community partnerships in order to capture lessons from leader that can advance the field. To learn more, please visit <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/guidelines/index.html#focus>

The Starr Foundation**Deadline:** Ongoing

The foundation currently has assets of approximately \$3.5 billion, making it one of the largest private foundations in the United States. It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and health care, human needs, public policy, culture, and the environment. The award amounts go up to \$2,000.

For more information contact The Starr Foundation, 70 Pine Street, 29th Floor, New York, NY 10270.

Web: <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/starr/#guidesched>

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.

For more information go to: <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

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

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

The After Prison Initiative from the Open Society Institute:http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/after_prison/guidelines**Application Deadline:** Inquiries are accepted on a rolling basis.

The After Prison Initiative will consider proposals from advocacy groups, community groups, scholarly or research institutions, government agencies, associations of elected officials, and nonprofit business associations or initiatives. Priority will be given to organizations in which people with criminal convictions have a leadership role and/or meaningful participation. The After Prison Initiative does **NOT** provide funding for: Programs or direct services, lobbying activities, start-up costs or seed monies, annual fundraising drives, projects undertaken by individuals, general support (for first-time grantees), capital costs, including equipment or real estate purchases/renovations, film production or post-production.

Juvenile Justice Assistance**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

The MacArthur Foundation invites letters of inquiry for juvenile justice-related grants that expand knowledge about the origins, development, prevention and treatment of juvenile crime and delinquency. The goal of this work is to promote an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, acknowledged to play a critical role in the community, and is held accountable for public safety and the rehabilitation of young offenders.

<http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>**Training and Conference Opportunities****Announcing OVC's Fall/Winter 2006 Training Program**

The **Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)** sponsors training workshops for victim service professionals each year. Workshops are designed to build practical technical skills and enhance knowledge of victim service issues. The Fall/Winter schedule offers several new workshops as well as favorites from years past. You may download the ***OVC Training Calendar Registration Form*** or register and pay online at <http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm>. OVC Professional Development Scholarships Are Available Scholarships provide up to \$1,000 for individuals and up to \$5,000 for multidisciplinary teams of victim service professionals seeking continuing education opportunities. For additional Training Calendar information or registration instructions, please call OVC TTAC at 1-866-OVC-TTAC (1-866-682-8822); TTY: 1-866-682-8880.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) National Conference**When:** September 25-27, 2006**Where:** Orlando, FL

For more information about presentation submissions and guidelines, please contact Michele Saunders at Michele.fpic@adelphia.net or by phone at 407-574-7182.

Alcohol, Drugs and Domestic Violence**When:** September 29, 2006**Where:** Columbus, Ohio**Registration Deadline:** September 22, 2006

This full-day training is designed to help advocates better understand the intersections of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and domestic violence. Topics include the dynamics of alcohol and drug addiction, the treatment and recovery process, and how to recognize the impact of AOD use and/or addiction on survivors. The facilitator will discuss safety planning with addicted women or with women whose partners are addicted. Participants will gain awareness about community resources and how to effectively advocate for women with addiction issues. For more information call 614.781-9651.

8th National Conference on Preventing Crime: Helping Build Safer Communities**When:** October 3-5, 2007**Where:** Atlanta, Georgia

For more information visit their website at: www.ncpc.org/NationalConference2007

ICCA's 14th 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>

The 2006 National Transitional Jobs Network Conference

Strengthening Communities, Building the Workforce of the Future, *Transitional Jobs Work*

When: October 12-13, 2006

Where: Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

Please continue to visit the NTJN website <http://www.transitionaljobs.net/Events/Events.htm> for updates or to register online go to <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=96593>

National Prisoner Reentry Conference "The Heart of the Problem"

Sponsored by Transition of Prisoners Inc. and Operation Oasis

When: October 13-15, 2006

Where: Westin Park Central Hotel, Dallas, TX

Website: www.topinc.net - Telephone: (313) 875-3883 x28

♦ "Collectively Changing Lives" Re-Entry Conference

When: October 19th from 8:00 am – 4:00pm and October 20th from 8:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Columbus Urban League-788 Mt Vernon Ave, Columbus Ohio, 43203

This two-day conference will educate participants on many issues and strategies pertaining to the criminal justice/ex-offender population. Fee: The cost of the training will be \$100 (non-refundable, unless conference cancels), which includes breakfast, lunch and training handouts, and training education hours. Onsite registration, add an additional \$20. All registration materials must be in by October 16th, 2006. For more information call (614) 425-2909 or send an email to projectsoar2004@yahoo.com

National Training Conference for Criminal Justice and Community Leaders

Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Training Conference "Working Together to Serve Better"

When: November 1-3, 2006

Where: Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Green Bay, WI 54303

Website: <http://www.fvtc.edu/tp2.asp?ID=CJ-Multi-Jurisdictional+Conference&pix=001>

♦ The 2006 National Summit on Prisoner Reentry

When: November 8-9, 2006

Where: Memphis Marriott Downtown, Arlington, VA

For more information or to register go to www.performanceweb.org or call 708-894-0481

Special 15% discount for early registration. Use code S238-BD-VIP when registering.

♦ Bridges Out Of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities Trainer Certification

When: November 28 – December 1, 2006

Where: San Diego, CA

Become a certified trainer for your social service agency to train administrators, managers, and front-line staff to improve skills and outcomes when working with people in poverty. http://www.ahaprocess.com/Workshop_Training_Dates/index.html#TrainerCert

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