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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 **January 18, 2007**.

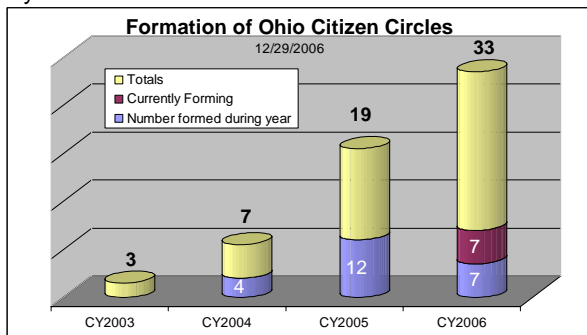
WELCOME TO THE UPDATE

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

Reentry UPDATES

Citizen Circle Expansion

The first Ohio Citizen Circle was held in Marion County in May 2001; and by 2004, six additional Circles were operating in Lorain, Richland, Lucas, Cuyahoga, Montgomery, and Miami Counties. As of December 2006, twenty-six (26) Circles are working with offenders, and seven (7) additional communities are developing Circles. Currently, Citizen Circles can be found in the following Ohio Counties: Allen, Ashland, Butler, Clark, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Warren. In addition, DRC staff has provided information, training, and/or technical assistance to communities from the states of Alabama, California, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin, as well as, the country of New Zealand.



More information about Ohio Citizen Circles can be found at our website, <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/citizen/citizencircle.htm>.

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.

Ohio DOC, APA, FCI & VA Partner for Incarcerated Veteran Reentry

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA's) mission is to serve America's veterans and their families with dignity and compassion and to be their principal advocate in ensuring that they receive medical care, benefits, social support, and lasting memorials promoting the health, welfare, and dignity of all veterans in recognition of their service to this nation. The VA has launched an initiative to address the needs of incarcerated veterans through reentry outreach and homeless prevention.

Incarcerated veterans represent a unique subgroup of the general inmate population (federal, state and county) based upon veteran's status, military service and related injuries (e.g. PTSD, Agent Orange, Gulf War Syndrome, etc.). This is coupled by penal treatment needs, pre-release reentry dynamics and VA/community services challenges. The Department of Justice (DOJ) Report: "Veterans in Prison or Jail" (Mumola, 2000) is the most recent estimate of the number of veterans in penal institutions with 14.5% Federal, 12.5% State and 11.7% of local jails populations being veterans. This report stated that 5 in every 6 incarcerated veterans were honorably discharged, about 20% reported seeing combat and the average sentence of a veteran was 50 months longer and about 70% of veterans had been working full-time prior to arrest. The vast majority are single, mostly poor, disadvantaged, suffer from mental illness, have substance abuse problems and over 50% are minorities. Like America's homeless veterans, incarcerated veterans have served in every campaign from World War II to the present with nearly 50% serving during the Vietnam era.

Nationally, there are a variety of VA Medical Centers and Vet Centers that have coordinated and/or formalized agreements with local penal institutions to provide reentry outreach services. The VA conducts outreach to inform veterans about VA benefits, provides psychosocial assessments for those in pre-release status (usually within 6 months of their release) to initiate re-entry planning and to coordinate continuity of care. In 2005, all 23 Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) were directed to initiate plans to address the re-entry needs of incarcerated veterans, develop state-specific resource guides and identify points-of-contact (POC) for incarcerated veteran's reentry.

Within VISN 10 (Ohio), an Ohio Incarcerated Veterans Resource Guide was developed and disseminated to all VA facility Health Care for Homeless Veterans/Grant & Per Diem (HCHV/G&PD) Program staff (Cleveland, Chillicothe, Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati) as well as OH DOC Reentry staff.

Each VISN has designated an incarcerated veteran's POC. The POC coordinates the dissemination of the incarcerated veteran's guides with corrections staff and re-entering incarcerated veterans. Currently, Mr. Bradley Schaffer is the POC for Ohio within the VA. Over the last 2 years, he has been contacted by nearly 200 incarcerated veterans either preparing for reentry or in need of support services. In 2006, a National Training was held for VA, Federal Bureau of Prison (BOP) and DOC staff across the country. The purpose of the training was to familiarize and sensitive participants to incarcerated veteran reentry dynamics. In 2007, each VISN will hire an Incarcerated Veteran Reentry Specialist to facilitate reentry for veterans. Within VISN 10 (Ohio), the Specialist will function in concert with OH DOC, Adult Parole Authority (APA), Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF), Halfway House (HWH) and FCI Elkton Reentry staff as well as county jails, parole and probation offices and veteran stakeholders. The Reentry Specialist will develop a specific plan, estimate reentry populations, and coordinate services for returning veterans. To underscore, veterans are a unique subgroup of the general inmate population as they have diverse needs, clinical and social problems that are likely to present significant community re-adjustment issues upon release from jail or prison. These veterans are benefiting from the reentry collaborations with the partnership goals of reducing criminal and homeless recidivism. As this initiative unfolds there will be more to highlight in 2007.

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Council of State Governments Establishes Justice Center

On December 5, 2006, The Council of State Governments (CSG) announced the creation of its Justice Center – a national resource center on criminal justice policy. The new center will develop nonpartisan, consensus-driven strategies to address complex public safety problems. The center will continue to coordinate projects on improving the response to people with mental illness in contact with the criminal justice system, addressing prisoner re-entry issues and promoting justice reinvestment strategies. It will also explore such issues as alcohol-related emergency room admissions and housing concerns as they relate to the justice system. The Justice Center will have offices in New York City and Bethesda, Maryland. More information can be found at <http://www.justicecenter.csg.org>.

Free Financial Literacy Resources

Visa.com is offering resources, materials, and lesson plans for financial and money management classes. The classroom materials are free and may be very beneficial to use for offender programming. To learn more visit their website at: <http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/english/index.php>

Free Subscription to Institute Research

The Performance Institute serves as the nation's leading repository of thoroughly researched, documented, cataloged and peer-reviewed "best practices" in a multitude of law enforcement management issue areas. Each month, the Institute publishes its research through a variety of email publications. To subscribe to the Institute's newsletter on Law Enforcement Innovations, email your complete contact information to: LawEnforcement@PerformanceWeb.org. For more information on the Institute's government programs and services, visit them at www.PerformanceWeb.org

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](#).

Restorative Justice Week Celebrated at SCI

Southeastern Correctional Institution celebrated Restorative Justice Week from November 12 through November 17. The celebration began with the SCI music band, followed by Warden Saunders' speech to the inmates, we also had - Ms. Yvonne Pointer from Cleveland as their Keynote Speaker. SCI had NA/AA volunteers from the community come in and celebrated with us by hosting a special NA night. The inmates had a day for the "expression of the arts" in which they were able to come together & share their artistic talents through poetry, essays, songs, and dance. SCI also held a Citizen Circle recruitment time, in which an ex-offender who is currently in a Circle came in and shared his experience. The Office of Victim Awareness sent Dr. Johannes Christian to present his story. They also had state agencies as well as several other agencies from the community to come such as The Office of Job Linkage, Fairfield Citizen Circle, Alvis House, and Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency to share about their programs.



FPRC Giving Back for a Heartfelt Holiday

The Family Ties Task Force hosted the “FPRC Giving Back for a Heartfelt Holiday” program during the Holiday Season. The women were afforded the opportunity to give back to their families and the community as they participated in numerous activities throughout the month. To kickoff the spirit of giving back; the women and their children constructed holiday crafts during their visits for them to take home as mementos. Second, 200 women recorded a 10 minute message to their family members on a CD. The CDs were personally decorated and mailed out to their love ones in a Holiday or Thinking of You card. Third, books were purchased by the women during the annual book fair and given to their children as gifts during their visits. Fourth, eight women brightened up the Holiday Season for 90 elderly residents of the WeCare Nursing Home. The women sang Christmas Carols as they went from room to room delivering 90 sets of colorful handmade lap blankets and scarves made by six women at the prison. The women expressed a desire to give back to the community and were overwhelmed with joy as elderly expressed their thanks.

The culmination of activities for the month reached its high finale during the December 15-18 Holiday Feast. Family members joined the women in the decorative visiting hall for Christmas meal with all the trimmings. The room buzzed with excitement as the participated women and their family members played Family Feud and participated in Karaoke. A total 121 women and 354 family members participated in the festive event full of holiday music, laughter, conversation and more importantly, a time of reflection and strengthening family bonds.



Mom and ME Program Celebrates the Holidays

A community volunteer Santa showed up for 42 children at NEPRC for Our Part 11 Mom and Me program on December 9, 2006. Each child received teddy bears and gifts that had been chosen and hand wrapped for them by Cleveland COPS for Kids and Families United for Reform. Warden Shewalter at NEPRC made it possible for all 28 families represented to receive a computer from the prison. The NEPRC staff and inmates formed lined to help each family get their gifts and computer into their cars. NEPRC is grateful for the community spirit shown by our volunteers, staff and inmates.



Father-Child Christmas Celebration

Correctional Medical Center hosted its second annual Father-Child Christmas celebration on December 16th and 17th. Participating on one of the two days were 22 cadre inmates, 22 parents/care-givers and 39 children ages 3 to 17. After sharing a holiday lunch, the families spent time decorating (and eating) gingerbread men, making Christmas decorations, playing games, visiting with the CMC puppies, singing Christmas songs and enjoying a visit with Santa. The children also received special gifts hand-made by their fathers. As with previous family reunification events, the importance of this special family time was evident on the faces of the fathers and their children. Many "family" photos were taken and will be available to the cadre for sharing with their families.



Santa Claus arriving with Chaplain Rose Hamilton



Some of the fathers caroling for their children

[APA Regional Announcements and Events](#)

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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

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Clark County Citizen Circle Planning for new Circle in Springfield

The Clark County Citizen Circle core group has been planning for the initiation of a new Citizen Circle in Springfield, Ohio. The Circle is now accepting referrals, and will begin meeting on Friday, January 19, 2007 from 1p-3pm at the Workplus (OJFS) site. All interested agencies and neighboring citizens are welcome to attend and observe the experience. The Circle will be hosted by OIC (The Opportunities Industrialization Center of Clark County), and will meet the 3rd Friday of each month from 1pm-3pm at the WorkPlus (OJFS) site at 1345 Lagonda Ave, Springfield Ohio. Over (25) attendees participated in training on December 1st, to display their interest in Citizen Circle involvement. Community neighbors interested in getting involved should contact OIC Representative, Trena Lovely @ 937-327-1979 or at t.lovely@yahoo.com or Cincinnati Region Reentry Specialist, Jamie Gee @ 513-821-4804 or jamie.gee@odrc.state.oh.us.



Pictured left to right: Rick Sebulsky (APA), Jamie Gee (APA), Bobby Mims (OIC), Bea Smith (Jobs & More), Paul Stafford (Restorative Justice), and Susan Louderbach (Project Woman).

Parolee Makes Presentations as Part of his Community Service

Terry Lindsey is on parole after serving a 12-year sentence for robbery and escape. He made a bad decision early on in his parole supervision and needed to be sanctioned for his behavior. As a result he had to complete 100 hours of community service. He said he was a good speaker so Parole Officer Nancy Rhinock contacted the University of Cincinnati, division of criminal justice and spoke with Professor Sue Burke. Terry spoke with 2 classes of first year students and 2 classes of third and fourth year students. He was very professional and answered all questions without hesitation. Terry's wife was also with him for moral support and also answered questions. He will be going back in the near future to finish his remaining hours. He will also be going to the University of Cincinnati branch campus to speak in order to complete his hours. Terry said the experience has been great and he feels as though he is giving back to society. He also said he was so surprised how accepting the students were and how they made him feel like a person not a criminal.



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Cleveland Citizen Circles

The Cleveland region is host to 7 Citizen Circles, all which is in Cuyahoga County. The goal of all our circles is to "be a collaborative effort that binds our community together to empower participants to become productive citizens, heal the community, and mend moral fibers." To become involved with any of the Citizen Circles, please contact Sharyna Cloud at 216.787.3019 or Joyce Chisar at 216.787.3761.

The Southeast Side Circles

Lee Miles

4234 Lee Road: They meet the 1st Monday of each month from 6pm – 8pm. For more Information call 216-752-2743

Greater Harvard –

4 086 East 131st: They meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 6pm – 8pm. For more information call 216-751-2644

Mt. Pleasant-

13412 Kinsman Ave: They meet the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6pm – 8pm. For more information cal 216-491.9809

Hough Circles

Hough Multi-purpose Center

8555 Hough Ave: They meet the 3rd Tuesday from 5pm – 7pm. For more information call 216.229.2323

St. Agnes & Our Lady of Fatima

6800 Lexington Ave: They meet the 1st Monday of each month from 6pm – 8pm. For more information call 216.391.1655

Downtown: The newest circle

2nd Mondays 12pm – 2pm
CEOGC/Medical Arts Building (lower level)
2475 E. 22nd Street-216.881.7882

Glenville: In transition (not accepting applications)

3rd Mondays 12pm – 2pm
Lee-Memorial A.M.E. Church
781 E. 105th 216.761.4447

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Citizen Circle End of the Year Celebration

Central Ohio Citizen Circle East hosted their first End of the Year Celebration on December 14, 2006 to honor all of its members and participants from the past year. Everyone came together at the Columbus Urban League to enjoy music and brunch. Members were presented with Certificates of Appreciation, and participants were presented with Certificates of Participation. Parole Officers Roger Wicks and Jeffrey Knight also received special recognition for their support of the Citizen Circle and of their clients who participate. The Circle discussed their achievements in 2006 and began to make plans for 2007. One participant spoke about her experience with the Circle since February 2006 and expressed her deep appreciation for the Circle and its individual members. Central Ohio Citizen Circle East is eager to serve more participants in the upcoming year, and they look forward to continuing to honor their members and participants in the years to come.

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!

Fairfield County Circle:

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.*

Central Ohio Citizen Circles

Citizen Circles in the Columbus area are thriving! We are looking to expand the current Circles or even establish new Circles in order to better serve our communities. Would you like to become a Citizen Circle member or learn more about the Citizen Circle process?

Would you or your agency like to take the lead for a new Citizen Circle?

Please contact us!

Lisa Morgan (614) 995-3771
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Carol Hill (614) 752-0831
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We will schedule training sessions in the Columbus area throughout the next several months for those who are interested in becoming involved.

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Lima Region Citizen's Circles

Darke County Citizen's Circle: Second Thursday of each month at 12:00pm 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 2:00pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 125 West Kibby Street, Lima, Ohio. Service area coverage: Lima and surrounding communities.

North Toledo Citizen's Circle/Afternoon: First Thursday of each Month at 12:00pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2934 Stickney Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Service area coverage: Lucas County

North River Citizen's Circle/ Evening: Third Monday at 6:30pm each Month at Salem Lutheran Church, 1125 North Huron, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Service area coverage: Lucas County.

Sandusky/Seneca County Circle – Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm at the Pontifex, 416 West State Street, Fremont, Ohio. If you are interested in attending this Circle, please contact Rev. Jeannie Weber. She can be reached at (419) 355-2999. Service area coverage consists of Sandusky and Seneca county residents.

Up-and-Coming Citizen's Circles:

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 (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>

Community Announcements and Events

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Case Managers Yvonne Horton-Justice and Cindy Herzberg from Community Connection for Ohio Offenders Inc in Columbus, Ohio delivered holiday food packages containing dry and canned goods, in addition to a Kroger gift. The recipients of the Holiday Packages are the parenting families in Community Connection’s “Returning Home” program.



Goodwill Columbus's JOBS Program helps people find meaningful work.

New programs start each Monday and run for 4 weeks. JOBS Program participants receive: an updated, professional resume on a disk; an email address; job-search skills training; one-on-one assistance in finding work; interview clothes; and more. To join the program, participants must be eligible to receive public assistance and have a minor child living in Ohio.

For more information, call Steve Albright, 614-440-3645, or Lutrell Jollyl, 614-440-3649. Goodwill Columbus is located at 4300 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213. It is served by COTA Route 10.

The Redemption Project

Community Behavioral Health, Inc., in conjunction with the Butler County Department of Job and Family Services have started the Redemption Project, to help ex-offenders reentering Butler County from incarceration outside of the county, with supported employment services and general case management, in their transition back to society. The Redemption Project objectives are:

- To provide supported employment services for qualifying ex-offenders using well established and effective Evidence Based Practices.
- To provide continuing follow-up care after employment is achieved to provide long-term positive changes with a monitoring plan to provide quick response where needed.
- To bring the family and other parties significant to the ex-offender together to assist them in attaining and maintaining competitive employment, and aid in successful re-entry into the community and family.
- To work in close coordination with other agencies and organizations involved with the ex-offender's re-entry into society.

For more information about The Redemption Project contact Steve Roark, Case Manager by phone at (513) 737-7600 ext. 15 or email him at: steveroark@fuse.net or contact Robert McCollum, Program Manager at: (513) 868-6600 ext. 11 or by email rmccollum@fuse.net

WOW

Word of Wealth (WOW) is the re-entry program with its primary focus working within the correctional institutions. WOW Publishing Group offers a workbook that is apart of the re-entry training called **MOVING FORWARD ON PURPOSE**. This workbook is a faith-based program that teaches inmates how to properly complete an employment application, how to conduct a successful interview and how to be a Christian with a felony record working in Corporate America.

This program focuses on inmates scheduled for release from prison within 180 days or less. The program's target audience is inmates that have made a personal and important step in overcoming their past by accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. However, this program is available to anyone who is interested in moving forward to a more successful future. Upon completion of the workbook, inmates will complete a test and conduct a mock interview with the instructor, which will be graded. Each inmate will be scored and coached for success. Once the course is completed, the inmate will be given a certificate of accomplishment that will be recognized and honored by select employers and temporary placement agencies. After the inmate is released back into society WOW will conduct a post-release follow-up call to enforce support and direction to the ex-offender. WOW will contact the ex-offender (or next of kin based on the information provided) to verify if the ex-offender found work and shelter. For more information about this program contact us at: [World Harvest Church](http://WorldHarvestChurch.com)

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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/>

◆ Approach for Conducting Cost, Cost Effectiveness, and Benefit-Cost Analyses of SVORI Programs

By Alex Cowell, RTI International- November 2006

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

◆ SVORI Multi-Site Evaluation session presentation

At the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

November 6, 2006

http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/presentations/2006_11_ASC.pdf

◆ Western Criminology Review

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

AND MORE

Books and Websites

Four New Training Curricula on Sex Offenders

CSOM has announce the availability of four new training curricula, developed for use by corrections professionals who would like to plan and deliver their own training events on a range of sex offender management topics. These materials will be available by the end of January 2007 for download at no cost at <http://www.csom.org/train/index.html>. If you wish to obtain a copy on CD-ROM, please contact Cherrie Smith-Raines at csmithraines@cepp.com or (301) 589-9383.

- ***Understanding Sex Offenders: An Introductory Curriculum***
- ***The Effective Management of Juvenile Sex Offenders in the Community***
- ***The Role of the Victim and Victim Advocate in Managing Sex Offenders***
- ***Secondary Trauma and the Management of Sex Offenders in the Community***

Four New Policy and Practice Briefs on Critical Issues in Sex Offender Management

CSOM will be releasing four new policy and practice briefs on critical issues in sex offender management to respond to the field's need for current, readily available, and practical information. *Understanding Treatment for Adults and Juveniles Who Have Committed Sex Offenses* is currently available for downloading at <http://www.csom.org/pubs/pubs.html>, or you may contact Cherrie Smith-Raines at csmithraines@cepp.com or at (301) 589-9383 to request a paper copy. The remaining documents will be available in late January 2007.

- **Assessing Sex Offenders: An Overview of Principles and Practices**
- **Female Sex Offenders**
- **Managing the Challenges of Sex Offender Reentry**
- **Now Available: Understanding Treatment for Adults and Juveniles Who Have Committed Sex Offenses**

◆ Interactive Chart of Re-Entry Housing Options

Council of State Governments – Reentry Police Council

To view this interactive chart, visit: <http://tools.reentrypolicy.org/housing>.

Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America

By Jeremy Travis and Christy Visher (Eds.)- 2005.

New York: Cambridge University Press.

ISBN: 0-521-61386-8.

Life on the Outside: The Prison Odyssey of Elaine Bartlett

By Jennifer Gonnerman-2004.

New York: Picador.

ISBN 0312424574.

After Crime and Punishment: Pathways to Offender Reintegration

By Shadd Maruna and Russ Immarigeon- 2004
 Portland, OR: Willan Publishing.
 ISBN: 1-84392-057-3

Prison Arts Foundation

<http://www.prisonartsfoundation.com/home.htm>

News, Research, and Reports**◆ Restore freed felons' vote**

Editorial- Toledo Blade- January 4, 2007

<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070104/OPINION02/701040313/-1/OPINION>

◆ Police aim to keep criminals out of shelters

By Maria Cramer- Boston Globe- December 27, 2006

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/12/27/police_aim_to_keep_criminals_out_of_shelters/

◆ Illiteracy reinforced prisoners' captivity: State prisons are crowded with inmates lacking a basic education- Their dismal job prospects mean they're likely to land back behind bars

By James Sterngold- San Francisco Chronicle- December 27, 2006

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Funding Opportunities

P/PV Performance Benchmarking Project

P/PV is developing a framework to allow organizations to compare their workforce development outcomes to others serving similar populations. A long-term goal of the project is to identify meaningful outcome standards for the workforce development field, so that practitioners, funders and policymakers can be better informed about what constitutes "good" performance when working with diverse populations and service delivery strategies.

To launch the framework, they are inviting organizations who served TANF participants in a recent program year to enter existing outcome information (aggregate information, not individual data) into a web-based survey by Friday, February 16, 2007, with a deadline to confirm participation by Friday, January 12, 2007.

Interested organizations can reserve a spot in one of several informational conference calls to learn more about the Performance Benchmarking project and survey. If you are unable to make one of these calls, we would be happy to schedule a time to talk on an individual basis. Please contact Laura Johnson at ljohnson@ppv.org or 212-822-2401 for dial-in information or to set up an individual call.

Why should you participate? **1)** In this round of data collection, programs that serve TANF participants will submit placement and retention outcomes using a web-based survey and will later receive reports comparing their outcomes with those of similar programs. **2)** Two individuals from your organization will be able to attend, free of charge, Working Ventures workshops on "Using Outcomes Data to Improve Performance." The first scheduled workshop will be held on January 25th in [New York](#), in collaboration with the [Workforce Professionals Training Institute](#). Workshop dates in Minneapolis, San Francisco and Philadelphia will be announced shortly, with more cities to be added in early 2007. **3)** By participating, you will provide important feedback to the development of a tool that has great potential value for the field.

Need more information? Register now for upcoming conference calls about the project by contacting Laura Johnson at ljohnson@ppv.org.

♦ Transition from Jail to the Community

Deadline: February 1, 2007

NIC has announced a new initiative at the local level - Transition from Jail to the Community, with a February 1 application date for a provider to help build the model, implement it in a limited number of local jurisdictions and document what is learned for others to consider. The announcement is available at <http://community.nicic.org/blogs/nic/archive/2006/12/13/TJC.aspx>.

American Psychiatric Foundation

Deadline: December 22, 2006, and August 1, 2007

The foundation is making up to \$750,000 in grant funds available over the course of three years (2005-2007) to fund public education, information, and outreach initiatives that promote the early recognition and treatment of mental illness. Grants from the foundation can support a wide variety of public education activities in this arena. Organizations that have been in existence for at least two years and currently maintain a 501 (c) 3 charitable status. American Psychiatric Association District Branches and subsidiaries. Organizations need not be mental health programs. Grants may be sought for new initiatives or expansion of current programs. Requests must be for educational, informational or outreach efforts. Efforts may focus on a specific mental disorder, mental illness in general, or target a specific population. There is no minimum or maximum amount -- average grants are in the \$50,000 range. **For more information:** E-mail: apf@psych.org Web: <http://www.psychfoundation.org/>

Brookdale Foundation Group's Relatives as Parents Program

Deadline: January 11, 2007

This program encourages the creation and expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who serve as surrogate parents when biological parents are unwilling or unable to care for their children. Grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded over a two-year period and must be matched by cash or in-kind support. For more information and grant criteria contact *Melinda Perez-Porter*, BFG, 950 Third Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10022, 212-308-7355.

For more information Email: mpp@brookdalefoundation.org. Website <http://www.brookdalefoundation.org>

National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) -- Verizon Tech Savvy Awards**Deadline:** January 12, 2007

The Verizon Tech Savvy Awards recognize programs that demystify technology for families and enable parents to better guide their children in the use of technology for the purpose of learning. This awards program is designed to assist grass-roots, community-based nonprofit organizations, libraries, and schools to incorporate information communications technology literacy as a component and enhancement of literacy. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including community-based nonprofits, libraries, and schools. Religious or sectarian organizations may apply only if the program(s) offered serve a broad cross-section of the community. Four regional awards of \$5,000 each and one national award of \$25,000 will be presented annually. In addition, award winners will receive a scholarship to attend NCFL's annual conference, the National Conference on Family Literacy, and to participate in the awards presentation at the conference. The scholarship includes conference registration fees and a travel stipend of \$2,000. **For more information contact** the *National Center for Family Literacy*, 325 West Main Street, Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40202-4237, (502) 584-1133.

Website: http://www.familit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.2180327/k.5E33/Verizon_Tech_Savvy_Awards.htm

Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation**DUE DATE:** Proposals are due April 30 each year, and grants are made in September.

The foundation provides funding for community and economic development, health and human services, education, and literacy. Organizations must be classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service tax code. The foundation focuses its resources in the southeastern United States. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The average grant size is \$30,000. **For more information contact** The Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation, c/o Jacqueline Elias, Vice President, JPMorgan Private Bank, Philanthropic Services NY1-N040, 345 Park Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10154. web <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/grant/>

The Lawrence Foundation**Deadline:** February 1, 2007 and August 1, 2007

The Lawrence Foundation is a private charitable foundation focused on making charitable contributions and grants to support educational, environmental, health, and other causes. Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or other similar organizations are eligible for contributions or grants from The Lawrence Foundation. **For more information contact** The Lawrence Foundation, 530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 207, Santa Monica, CA 90401, (310) 451-1567 or (970) 870-9456.

E-mail: info@thelawrencefoundation.org Web: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/index.shtml>

Wells Fargo Housing Foundation**Deadline:** Application deadlines February 1, 2007; May 1, 2007 and August 1, 2007.

The primary focus of the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation is to increase low-income homeownership through the development of affordable housing, and to provide shelter and supportive services for homeless and disabled adult populations. Established nonprofit housing organizations (organizations with at least two complete audit cycles) meeting these needs in communities where Wells Fargo provides products and services may apply. To be eligible, an organization must be tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). **For more information contact** Kimberly Jackson, Executive Director, Wells Fargo Housing Foundation, MAC N9305-192, 90 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55479, (612) 667-2146. Web: <http://www.wellsfargo.com/about/wfhf/guidelines.jhtml>

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.

Bikes Belong Coalition**Deadline:** February 26, 2007; May 30, 2007; August 27, 2007 and November 26, 2007.

The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. The coalition's mission is to put more people on bicycles more often. The grants program was the first major ongoing initiative undertaken by the Bikes Belong Coalition. The mandate of the grants program includes education and capacity projects, in addition to bicycle facility projects. The coalition welcomes grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to putting more people on bicycles more often. The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in three categories: facility, education, and capacity building. For the education and facility categories, Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations and from public agencies and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels. For the capacity-building category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose mission is expressly related to bicycle advocacy. Applicants can request up to \$10,000. In very limited cases, Bikes Belong will consider amounts over \$10,000. Requests of over \$10,000 will generally be viewed unfavorably unless the applicant has an extremely compelling case with a proposal of unique and/or national importance.

For more information contact Elizabeth Train, Grants & Research Director, Bikes Belong Coalition, 1920 13th Street, Suite A, Boulder, CO 80302, (303) 449-4893. E-mail: elizabeth@bikesbelong.org Web: <http://bikesbelong.org/site/page.cfm?PageID=21>

ARCA Foundation Grants**Deadline:** March 1

The ARCA Foundation, a family foundation started in 1952, provides a range of grants in the pursuit of social equity and justice – particularly for the underserved – and a variety of issues, including worker and civic participation – policies which the foundation says demand vigorous public education and debate. The foundation says its specific program may change from time to time, but its fundamental purpose is achieved by supporting efforts that can affect public policy. The average grant is approximately \$50,000

For more information: www.arcafoundation.org/pages/howtoapply.htm

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation**Deadline:** March 15, 2007

Grants are available to support advocacy, art, or educational programs for disabled people.

Organizations classified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that serve or are led by individuals with disabilities. **For more information contact** Deborah Lewis, ELAF, 2460 North Lake Avenue, PMB 128, Altadena, CA 91001, 626-398-8840. Email executivedirector@ela.org , website <http://www.ela.org>

General Mills and Hamburger Helper – myHomeTownHelper.com**Deadline:** May 31, 2007

General Mills Sales, Inc., and Hamburger Helper are searching for people in towns across the country who are raising funds to help the community. When evaluating requests, the MYHOMETOWNHELPER.COM review committee will favor organizations meeting the following criteria: Demonstrate a need in a community; illustrate a helpful, creative, or innovative concept that meets this need; clearly identify

change/s that can be made as a result of receiving the Award. Hamburger Helper does not grant funding to the following:

Organizations without 501(c) (4) or public school status; individuals; religious organizations for religious purposes; political causes, candidates or legislative lobbying efforts. Applicants can request a one time award for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$15,000 during any single month. **For more information visit their website at** <http://www.myhometownhelper.com/>

Dreyer's Foundation**Deadline:** 7th of each month

The Foundation makes small grants (\$3,000 or less) and donates ice cream products and gift certificates/auction items to bona fide nonprofit organizations for events. These proposals are reviewed on a monthly basis. To request a small grant, products, gift certificates and/or auction item donations, please send a one-page letter on organization stationery with the following information: Current tax exemption number; Date of event; Brief description of organization and purpose of event; Specific item or product request; For product donation, please state number of people to be served and specific product request (e.g., ice cream, yogurt, sherbet); Name, email address and daytime telephone number of a contact person. Award amounts are up to \$3000.

For more information contact Dreyer's Foundation, 5929 College Avenue, Oakland, CA94618.

Web: http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/small_grants.asp

Ludwick Family Foundation**Deadline:** Initial requests are only accepted during these times: January 1 to March 1 and July 1 to September 1.

The Foundation is a philanthropic organization committed to assisting a broad array of groups that are working to make a positive difference in the world. Ludwick Family Foundation varies from many other foundations in that it tends to provide grants for tangible types of items that assist a program or project, rather than funding the program itself. Applicants must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), known as nonprofit public charities, and not be a private foundation under 509 (a) of the code.

The foundation is only able to make grant awards to approximately 20-25 organizations each year. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Grants are made for a single year. **For more information contact** Deanna Monaghan, Program Officer, Ludwick Family Foundation, P.O. Box 1796, Glendora, CA 91740, (626) 852-0092 E-mail: ludwickfndn@ludwick.org . Web:

<http://www.ludwick.org/guide.html>

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.aspx?Page=foundation.html.

Legal Services Corporation Grant Awards**Deadline:** Rolling

Beginning Jan. 1, 2007, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) intends to award grants and contracts to organizations that provide civil legal services to eligible low-income clients. **For more information:** Reginald Haley, 202-295-1545 or haley@lsc.gov

Fidelity Foundation Grants for Substance Abuse and Mental Health**Deadline:** Rolling

Fidelity Foundation, the giving arm of Fidelity Investments, launches the competition for its Strengthening Nonprofit Organizations grant program. These grants are designed to enhance the effectiveness of nonprofits providing substance abuse, mental health and other services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations located near Fidelity Investments' major corporate locations. Fidelity also sets aside a portion of its total giving each year for good programs outside these geographic limits. The foundation's website details its geographic focus and other eligibility factors. **For more information:** www.fidelityfoundation.org; for a list of contacts which vary by location: fidelityfoundation.org/contacts/contacts.html

Public Welfare Foundation Grants**Deadline:** Rolling

Addressing human needs in disadvantaged communities' ranks as the main goal of the Public Welfare Foundation. Its grant making emphasizes support for organizations that include service, advocacy or empowerment in their approach. The Public Welfare Foundation creates funding in the areas of criminal justice, youth and community development. For more information: The Public Welfare Foundation accepts letters of inquiry through its site: www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/online_application.asp

OMNOVA Solutions Drug and Crime Prevention Grants**Deadline:** Rolling

This multifaceted "covering" company produces among other things: commercial wall covering, upholstery fabrics and laminates. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations that address drug and crime prevention and safety issues. It also funds projects by human services organizations focused on health, serving clearly defined community needs. It gives to organizations operating in communities where OMNOVA does business and its employees live. **For more information:** Theresa Carter, Executive Director, 175 Ghent Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333-3300; phone, 330-869-4289; fax, 330-869-4345. Email: Theresa.carter@omnova.com, website, www.omnova.com/about/community/community.aspx

Avon Foundation -- Helping Children of Domestic Violence**Deadline:** The deadline date for proposals is April 1 annually.

The Avon Foundation is seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations and agencies that provide programs that assist children who have been exposed to domestic violence. Programs sought include: coordinated response models between domestic-violence agencies and child-abuse agencies; counseling and mentoring programs for child witnesses and victims of domestic violence. All program models must have the capacity to be replicated in other communities and cities. It is advantageous if nonprofit organizations and agencies already have in place plans and contacts to replicate their program models in other communities and cities. The Avon Foundation makes grants only to organizations having tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3). Grant amounts range from \$10,000-\$50,000 depending on the size, scope, and impact of the program proposed. **For more information** and stipulation contact Denise Yap, Avon Foundation, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105-0196, (866) 505-AVON (2866). E-mail: info@avonfoundation.org. Web: http://www.avoncompany.com/women/speakout/dv_helping_children.pdf

U.S. Department of Justice --Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**Due Date:** Open Solicitation contingent upon fund availability

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide up to \$5,000 in funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Established organizations and coalitions that do not receive federal Victims of Crime Act victim assistance grant funding and operate with \$50,000 or less in annual funding. Eligible organizations and coalitions must be operating for at least 1 year. **For more information contact the** U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531, (202) 307-5983. Web: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation Foundation**Deadline:** None

The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation Foundation was created in 1953 by Dun & Bradstreet, a leading business information service provider, to support disadvantaged youth and youth development. The foundation considers annual campaigns, general operating support, employee matching gifts, and continuing support.

For more information contact Yvette Radish, Director, The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation Foundation, 103 JFK Parkway, Short Hills, NJ 07078; phone 973-921-6080; fax 866-810-7132; email: rudichy@dnb.com

HSBC in the Community Foundation**Deadline:** Rolling basis

HSBC established HSBC in the Community (USA) Inc. to carry out its mission with a philanthropic strategy focused primarily on two critical issues: education and the environment. In line with federal regulations, the foundation can only make grants to organizations registered with the IRS as 501(c)(3) public charities. In addition, public schools and school districts or other government agencies are eligible to receive grants under IRS rules. **For more information contact:** HSBC in the Community (USA) Inc., Group Public Affairs, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018, (212) 525-8239.

Web: http://www.hsbcusa.com/corporateresponsibility/contributions_grants/hsbc_in_the_community_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/ibmqives/grant/grantapp.shtml>.

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. **For more information visit:** <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.

For more information, 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.jhtml

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

For more information go to: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/after_prison/guidelines

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.

For more information go to: <http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>

WACHOVIA FOUNDATION

The Wachovia Foundation's primary grant focus areas include community development. The foundation seeks to assist with affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization projects, job creation and economic development. Information: Wachovia Foundation, 100 N. Main St., 13th Fl., Winston-Salem, NC 27150, 704-374-4085.

For more information visit: http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139_414_430_432.00.html

♦ Gerber Foundation offers Grants to Benefit Infants and Young Children**DEADLINE:** For the May grants, submit letters prior to December 1; for the November grants, submit letters prior to June 1.

Priority is given to projects that improve infants' and young children's nutrition, care, and development from the year before birth to three years of age. Programs should support a specific nutrition intervention and have defined outcome parameters. The foundation gives priority to projects of national or regional impact. Organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) are eligible to apply for foundation grants. Organizations must also be determined not to be private foundations under Internal Revenue Code 509. No grants are made to individuals. Generally, only organizations with principal operations in the United States are eligible for funding.

For more information, visit www.gerberfoundation.org/grantmaking_policies.htm

♦ Rosie's For All Kids Foundation — Early Childhood Care and Education Grants**DEADLINE:** Letters of intent are accepted on a rolling basis. The foundation has two funding cycles per year, with disbursements typically occurring in April and November.

Grants support direct-service organizations throughout the contiguous United States. First priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in major low-income urban areas, where many families struggle to find affordable, high quality early education and care. Grants focus on tuition subsidies, small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction, and staff development opportunities.

The foundation awards grants only to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping low-income children and their families through quality child care and early childhood education curricula. The grant range is \$15,000 to \$30,000

For more information, visit www.forallkids.org/site.php?module=article&pageid=56

Training and Conference Opportunities

♦ **Videoconference to Highlight Interventions for Status Offenders**

Addressing the Needs of Juvenile Status Offenders and Their Families.

When: January 18, 2007, from 2 to 4pm ET,

OJJDP will cosponsor the broadcasting of the national videoconference. The videoconference will highlight programs, practices, and policies that have shown promise in intervening with juvenile status offenders.

For more information and to register visit: <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj/conference.asp?confid=33>

Faith-Based Programming, Reentry and Recidivism Symposium February 9, 2007

The Institute for Excellence in Justice, a partnership between the Criminal Justice Research Center at OSU and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is pleased to invite you to the Faith-Based Programming, Reentry and Recidivism Symposium, scheduled for February 9, 2007 at the Ohio Institute on Correctional Best Practices in London, Ohio. Registration begins at 8:00 AM with the symposium starting at 9:00 AM and ending mid-afternoon. Attached are the symposium announcement, registration materials, tentative agenda and directions to the Best Practices Institute. Please note that **pre-registration is required** for this event.

The purpose of the symposium is to facilitate an ongoing dialogue among research, the faith- community and corrections. As a participant at the symposium, you will attend a variety of sessions that highlight research on the impact of faith-based programming, address what is underway in Ohio, and consider the legal issues surrounding such collaborations.

There is no fee to attend the symposium and the deadline for pre-registration is **January 31, 2007**. Please return your registration materials as soon as possible as **seats are limited to the first 175 registrants**. I hope your schedule will permit you to join us.

For more information about IEJ, upcoming events and to view the proceedings from previous seminars and download Best Practices Tool-Kits, please visit the IEJ website at http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/iej_seminars.htm.

ADVANCE- Advocates Dedicated to Victim Assistance and Continuing Education

The Ohio Attorney General's Office is pleased to announce the latest information regarding the Advocates Dedicated to Victim Assistance and Continuing Education Academy is accessible on the Attorney General's website at

<http://www.ag.state.oh.us/victim/ADVANCE.asp> This link also provides access to the training calendar, informing visitors of all the available trainings the Attorney General's Office offers and the registration process.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Regional Conference

When: January 9 -10, 2007

Where: Columbus Renaissance Hotel

Registration is Free.

The 2006 BJA Regional Conference Series, titled "The State of Crime and Justice in America," will discuss topics such as: Human Trafficking, Sex Offender Management, Pandemic, Gangs, Meth, Homicide Clearance, Identity Theft/White Collar Crime, Public Surveillance, Counter- Terrorism, Problem Solving Courts (drug, family, mentally ill), Information Sharing, and Law Enforcement Leadership. There will also be a track on grants management which will include: GMS; Compliance issues, Grants.gov; grants administration and monitoring (programmatic and financial). *To register, please visit*

<http://www.ncja.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationEvents/BJARegionalMeetingSeries/MidwestRegional/default.htm>

The National Partnership Network of HIV/AIDS Discharge Planning Project Summit Ohio

When: January 11, 2007 from 10am – 4pm

Where: Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus Ohio

Please RSVP by Thursday January 4, 2007 at 202-483-6622 x306 or email agriffin@nmac.org

Join the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and fellow Ohio corrections, health and community based organization officials to discuss strategies for improving Discharge Planning for HIV positive inmates in your great state!



Addressing the Needs of Juvenile Status Offenders and Their Families- Teleconference

When: January 18, 2007; 2:00pm – 4:00pm ET

OJJDP will cosponsor the broadcasting of this national videoconference. The videoconference will highlight programs, practices, and policies that have shown promise in intervening with juvenile status offenders. (OJJDP)

<http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj/conference.asp?confid=33>

Domestic Violence in the Workplace

When: January 26, 2007

Where: David H. Ponitz Sinclair Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact information: registration, Diane Graham – 937-512-5145; questions, Lynda Anello – 937-252-9787, ext. 411

♦ The Collaborative Reintegration Initiative: Returning to Families and Communities in Montgomery County, Ohio

When: February 2, 2007

Where: Auditorium East Pavilion- One Elizabeth Place- 6th floor- Dayton Ohio

For more information and to register visit: <http://www.workplacereconnections.org/>

21st Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse

When: February 5th-6th 2007

Where: Omni San Antonio Hotel, San Antonio, TX

For more information and to register <http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/nextconference.html?id=xSNGbvtP>

♦ The Road to Reentry: 2007 Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Conference

When: March 5-7, 2007

Where: Hilton Charlotte Center City-Charlotte, North Carolina

For more information and to register <http://www.ncwp.uscourts.gov/owdconf/>

The 2007 National Summit on Prisoner Reentry

Engaging Communities to Decrease Recidivism and Help Former Prisoners Reintegrate into Society!

When: March 7-9, 2007

Where: Four Points by Sheraton Phoenix Metrocenter-Phoenix Arizona

For more information visit their website at: <http://www.performanceweb.org/centers/sp/events/s218/s218.htm>

Or call Jonah Beckstead at 703-894-0481. There are discount rates available for this event.

4TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

When: March 15-17, 2007

Where: San Francisco, CA

For more information and to register, <http://www.endabuse.org/health/conference/>

♦ Reentry: Recasting Corrections Locally, Nationally and Internationally

When: March 18-21, 2007

Where: Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland

More information on this event can be found at <http://www.reentry.cc/Index.htm>

The Ninth Criminal Mapping Conference

When: March 28-31, 2007

Where: Omni William Penn Hotel- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

To register and for more information go to: <https://secure.palladianpartners.com/crimemapping/form1.asp> or email Maria Young at myoung@palladianpartners.com

3rd Annual National Offender Workforce Development Conference**“Making Successful Re-Entry a Reality”****When:** April 2-5, 2007**Where:** Westin Hotel Charlotte, North CarolinaFor information contact us at: 314-209-9400 or whitener@proworkdev.com**The Deeper End of the Pond: Innovative Practices in Community Justice****When:** March 8 – 10, 2007**Where:** Baltimore Maryland

This is a national symposium recognizing the innovative work being done in many arenas of community justice. Community Justice Partners invited to the symposium include youth advocates, community-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement, judges, public health professionals, prisoner reentry advocates, and prosecutors. To learn more about the conference or to submit a workshop proposal, please visit: http://www.law.umaryland.edu/conference_detail.asp?conf=31)

The 2007 Addiction Studies Institute**When:** August 14-17, 2007**Where:** The Greater Columbus Convention Center

Prevention, treatment, recovery support and criminal justice professionals, stay tuned for breaking information about the 2007 Addiction Studies Institute. Mark your calendars now. ASI

Please watch the ODADAS website Event Calendar for the ASI Call for Papers after Oct. 1 of this year.

**Institute for Excellence in Justice
Quarterly Seminar Series****Employment Experiences of Ohio Offenders Following Release from Prison**

Friday, June 1, 2007

Location: TBD

9:00am – 10:30am

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. William Sabol – Government Accountability Office and author of “Local Labor Market Conditions and Prison Employment Experience of Offenders Released from Ohio Prisons.”

**For addition information, please contact Coretta Pettway, 614-247-7866 or
Coretta.Pettway@odrc.state.oh.us**

January Monthly Observances

Celebration of Life Month
Cervical Cancer Screening Month
Financial Wellness Month
International Creativity Month
Jump Out of Bed Month
Learn Spanish Month
National Get Organized Month
National Hot Tea Month
National Mentoring Month
National Poverty in America Awareness Month
National Returns Month

January Weekly Observances

New Year's Resolutions Week – 1-7
Women's Self Empowerment Week- 1-7
Cuckoo Dancing Week – 11-17
Hunt for Happiness Week – 21-27
National Handwriting Analysis Week – 21-27
National Take Back Your Time Week – 21-27
No Name Calling Week- 22-26

January Daily Observances

Trivia Day- 4
National Second Hand Wardrobe Day- 5
Fruitcake Toss Day -6
I'm Not Going To Take It Anymore Day- 7
National Clean Off Your Desk Day-8
Organize Your Home Day- 8
Thank God It's Monday – 8
Show and Tell Day at Work- 8
Penguin Awareness Day – 13
Humanitarian Day- 15
Martin Luther King Day – 15
Nothing Day- 16
National Hugging Day – 21
Celebration of Life Day – 22
National Pie Day- 23
Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day- 23
Belly Laugh Day- 24
Fun at Work Day- 26
Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day - 29

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