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February

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Go to:

<http://www.black-history-month.co.uk/>

And

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/blackhis/history/>

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 **March 1, 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

Providing Real Opportunities for Ex-Offenders to Succeed (PROES)

Providing Real Opportunities for Ex-Offenders to Succeed (PROES) is a program within the City of Cleveland's Department of Economic Development/Division of Workforce Development. The intensive four-week program includes life skills training, communication skills, and job readiness preparation. The focus of the program is to match ex-offenders with local employers who need employees so that the ex-offenders may begin to provide for themselves and their families, as well as lower recidivism. The PROES staff utilizes all resources available to obtain employment for attendees, but job placement depends on each individual's personal situation, employment experience, and job skills. There is no fee for attending the PROES Program. To better serve the offender population returning to Cuyahoga County, a collaborative videoconference process has been established. This process will decrease the time that eligible ex-offenders may have to wait between making an appointment to attend orientation, complete the orientation process, complete the PROES program, and enter the workforce. Eligible inmates participating in the videoconferences receive an overview of the program and complete the orientation via videoconference. Those offenders who complete the orientation are provided an appointment with a PROES Case Manager immediately upon their release, potentially permitting them to enter the workforce weeks earlier than would occur if the process were to begin post-release.

For more information about PROES contact Edward Little, Project Manager Cleveland, OH, Tel (216) 664-4673 ext 381

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 Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Receives Grant Award

In July 2006, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) were selected as one of the US Department of Justice's Prisoner Reentry Initiative grantees. Ohio's grant, *Linking Individuals with New Chances* (LINC) was awarded \$448,000 and will run for two years. The grant provides pre-release services for 200 non-violent offenders returning to the Hamilton County area in collaboration with Talbert House of Cincinnati, who were the award recipients of the US Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative. Under LINC, DRC serves as the lead agency and ensures appropriate pre-release services are provided to the target population. Four institutions are participating in the LINC program, Lebanon Correctional Institution, Dayton Correctional Institution, Ohio Reformatory for Women, and London Correctional Institution. LINC will provide direct client services during incarceration that include but are not limited to: static/needs assessment, utilizing and administering the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R), development of an individualized transition plan, enhancing the skills and knowledge learned in the release preparation program, Transitional Educational Programming (TEP), Targeting Success financial planning seminar, mental health and substance abuse assessments, family support services, mentoring services, and other supportive services. The Talbert House case manager will meet with the offender a minimum of two times a month until released to the community.

For more information about LINC contact Candace Knight at 740-845-3222 or candace.knight@odrc.state.oh.us.

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](#).

NABCJ and Marion Correctional Institution Partnered to help the Community

On Thursday, December 21, 2006 the Columbus chapter of NABCJ and MCI partnered to assist with Isabelle Ridgeway Nursing Care Center to help with their Christmas party for the residents. Offenders at MCI made and crafted gifts as well as donated various clothing items that were not allowed in their perspective clothing boxes sent in by their families. Offenders made hat/scarves sets, lap throws, flowers, and stuffed animals. In conjunction NABCJ members and member's children helped wrap gifts, sing Christmas Carols, and served the residents and their families' food and snacks during their annual Christmas party. Also, resident's families were given a box of frozen cookies donated by MCI.

APA Regional Announcements and Events

AKRON

The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

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Chillicothe:

The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

Gretchen Breckenridge
Chillicothe Region
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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
Phone (740) 702-1238
Fax (740) 702-1240
gretchen.breckenridge@odrc.state.oh.us

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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Cincinnati Region
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Cleveland:

The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

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Cleveland Region
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sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us

Cleveland Region's 2nd Annual Information Forum

When

Wednesday April 25, 2007 from 10am – 2pm

Where

Lausche Building- Cleveland Ohio

Who Should Attend?

The purpose of the Forum is to give the clients an opportunity to gain information about resources in the community, engage in dialogue in a non intimidating environment and to give the agencies a chance to network with each other.

For more information contact Sharyna Cloud at 216-787-4147

Cleveland Citizen Circles

**** Attention Upcoming Citizen Circle Training ****

When

Saturday, February 24th from 8:00am to 3:30pm

Where:

Location to be announced

For more information contact

Sharyna Cloud at 216-787-4147

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

Cleveland Circles Continued:

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

Columbus

The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

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Columbus Region
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Columbus, Ohio 43209
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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

Carol Hill (614) 752-0831
carol.hill@odrc.state.oh.us

We will schedule training sessions in the Columbus area throughout the next several months for those who are interested in becoming involved.

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

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Toledo, Ohio 43604

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Fax (419) 241-2986

chris.stewart@odrc.state.oh.us**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.**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!**Mansfield:****The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:****Jay Glauner****Mansfield Region**

38 South Park Street

Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Phone (419) 522-2441

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jay.glauner@odrc.state.oh.us**Mansfield Region Citizen Circles**

The Mansfield Region currently hosts four local Citizen Circles in the counties of Ashland, Lorain, Marion, and Richland. The various Citizen Circles in the Mansfield Region have the same central goal: to offer support to those under supervision by helping them shed the label of "offender" and become productive members of their local communities again. To get involved with any of these Circles, please contact Jay Glauner at (419) 521-3750 or Lisa Fernandez at (419) 522-2441.

Mansfield Citizen Circles Continued:

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

Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative 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>

Prisoner Reentry Initiative Updates

Presidential Prisoner Re-entry Initiative Kick-Off Meeting January 31- February 1, 2007

Collaboration was the theme of the two day Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI) meeting. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) were in attendance to kick off the conference. As part of the Kick-Off the grantee sites for the DOJ Prisoner Re-entry Initiative along with a one representative from the DOL grantee sites were asked to attend. During the first day a complete overview of the DOJ PRI grant was presented along with information on the progress of the DOL partners. It was stressed throughout the meeting how important it is for DOJ grantees collaborate with their DOL grantee sites.

One of the presentations during the meeting was "*Getting to Know Your Department of Labor Partners.*" Part of the presentation included an overview of the DOL-PRI grant which included their latest statistics. To date the DOL-PRI grant has enrolled 3,182 participants and served 2,987 with 799 exiting the program. Of the participants 77% are male and 23% are female. Thirty-two and a half percent of participants were high school graduates with 46.6% indicating they had attended high school. Furthermore, data collected on these participants showed that 138 are homeless, 1646 have a history of alcohol and/or drug use with the average stay in prison being 3 years. Additional information was shared on the top DOL-PRI grantee sites. Talbert House in Cincinnati, Ohio ranked 1st in mentoring services, 2nd in supportive services and 3rd in job placement. Overall Talbert House is ranked 2nd overall in performance out of the 30 grant sites. A portion of the meeting included a panel of representatives inclusive of DOJ and DOL grantees highlighting success stories revolving around collaboration, recruitment, and program implementation. Ohio's DOJ/DOL PRI program "Linking Individuals with New Chances" (LINC) was asked to participate as one of the sites Ohio was showcased as a grantee site that is having success in all the aforementioned areas. Other DOJ/DOL PRI grantees on the panel included representatives from the states of California and Missouri. Delegates from the participating PRI federal agencies stressed the importance of collaboration amongst community agencies and all levels of government agencies through a series of presentations.

AND MORE

Books and Websites

eBasedAcademy

eBasedAcademy is a free, online professional development resource for ATOD prevention and treatment professionals. It includes both instructor led and self-paced courses. Courses include multimedia items, discussion boards, quizzes, glossaries, and a number of other activities to enhance the online learning environment. eBasedAcademy has been online since April 2006. Since that time there have been a total of four 6-week sessions offered on eBasedAcademy. The website is managed by the Ohio Resource Network for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities which is funded by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Education. To start you online courses go to www.ebasedacademy.org

♦ **Touching Lives and Communities Training Video Workshops**

U.S Department of Labor
Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/online_training_explanatory.htm

♦ **HBO's Groundbreaking 14-Part Series, The ADDICTION Project, Kicks Off March 15th**

Announcement- Join Together- January 18, 2007
For more information go to: www.hbo.com or
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/yourturn/announcements/2007/hbo-the-addiction-project.html>

Treatment Improvement Exchange (TIE) Website

TIE is a resource sponsored by the Division of State and Community Assistance of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to provide information exchange between CSAT staff and state and local alcohol and substance abuse agencies. **Visit the TIE website at:** <http://tie.samhsa.gov/index.htm>

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 are available 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.

- **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**

News, Research, and Reports

◆ Group helps ex-cons return to life beyond bars

By Kelli Wynn- Dayton Daily News, February 11, 2007

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/n/content/oh/story/news/local/2007/02/10/ddn021107bhmcon.html>

◆ Task force on leading of state, national efforts to help ex-convicts

By Tom Beyerlein and Kelli Wynn- Dayton Daily News, February 11, 2007

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/n/content/oh/story/news/local/2007/02/11/ddn021107reentry.html>

◆ House of Representatives Holds Hearings on the Second Chance Act and Drug Treatment

Feb 9, 2007- Re-Entry Policy Council

http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/Document_View.asp?DocumentID=1055

◆ Study finds novel sentencing program works

Wilson Ring- Rutland Herald-February 1, 2007

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070201/NEWS03/702010417/1004/NEWS03>

◆ Governor Henry Proposes Smart on Crime Plan in Oklahoma

State of Oklahoma website-January 31, 2007

http://www.governor.state.ok.us/display_article.php?article_id=883&article_type=1

◆ Oklahoma inmate population bursting at seams

By Sean Murphy- The Daily Ardmoreite- January 31, 2007

<http://ap.ardmoreite.com/pstories/state/ok/20070130/143307946.shtml>

◆ Report identifies prison problems

By Mike Ward- Austin American –Statesman- January 31, 2007

<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/region/legislature/stories/01/31/31crime.html>

◆ **Crist's office unveils plans for report offenders**

By Jim Leusner and John Kennedy- Orlando Sentinel- January 30, 2007
http://www.orlandosentinel.com/orl-crime3007jan30_0_7164779.story

◆ **General Re-Entry Statistics**

Re-Entry Policy Council- January 31, 2007
<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/ASP.Net/Components/AX.CMS.DocumentViewer/Download.aspx?DocumentID=904>

◆ **Crowded inmates shipped out**

By Kirk Mitchell- Denver Post- January 29, 2007
http://www.denverpost.com/ci_5109276

◆ **Inmates who work can cut sentences nearly in half**

By Katie Stallcup and Wesley Steckler- The Natchez Democrat- January 29, 2007
<http://www.natchezdemocrat.com/articles/2007/01/20/news/news455.txt>

◆ **On Kansas' growing Prison Population: As I see it: State must prepare inmates for life outside cells**

By State Sen. John Vratil, the Kansas City Star- January 27, 2007
<http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/16556615.htm>

◆ **After the prison doors swing open**

By Andy Luger- The Star Tribune- January 26, 2007
<http://www.startribune.com/562/story/960551.html>

◆ **Felon re-entry sparks anger**

By Brian Woodman Jr- the Bloomfield Journal- January 25, 2007
http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17749953&BRD=1650&PAG=461&dept_id=12156&rfi=6

◆ **Students, inmates take class in prison**

By Sheila Burke- The Tennessean, January 25, 2007
<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070125/NEWS04/701250404>

◆ **Area prisons open up to methadone**

By Ann Wlazelek- The Morning Call online- January 23, 2007
http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-a1_5methadonejan23_0_2618140.story?page=3

◆ **Life on the outside**

By Century Editors- The Christian Century- January 23, 2007
<http://www.christiancentury.org/article.lasso?id=2809>

◆ **Scientology Treatment Program for Prisoners Funded by Feds**

News Summary- Join Together- January 22, 2007
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2007/scientology-treatment-program.html>

◆ **City adopts parolee re-entry program**

By Banks Albach- Palo Alto Daily News- January 21, 2007
<http://www.paloaltdailynews.com/article/2007-1-21-epa-parole>

◆ **States Look at Adult Basic Education Programs in Prison to Increase Education Levels and Reduce Recidivism**

Re-Entry Policy Council – January 19, 2007
http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/Document_View.asp?DocumentID=1712

The Mentally Ill, Behind Bars

By Bernard E. Harcourt- The New York Times- January 15, 2007
http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/15/opinion/15harcourt.html?_r=1&n=Top%2fReference%2fTimes%20Topics%2fSubjects%2fP%2fPrisons%20and%20Prisoners&oref=slogin

Anything but More Prisons

N.Y Region Options- The New York Times- January 14, 2007
<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/14/opinion/nyregionopinions/CT-prisons.html?n=Top%2fReference%2fTimes%20Topics%2fSubjects%2fP%2fPrisons%20and%20Prisoners>

◆ **Legislators want to build lives of inmates to fight reoffenses**

By Joseph Turner- The News tribune- January 12, 2007
<http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/story/6320130p-5509796c.html>

Life After Prison Can Be Deadly, a Study Finds

By Reuters- The New York Times, January 11, 2007

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/11/us/11prison.html?n=Top%2fReference%2fTimes%20Topics%2fSubjects%2fP%2fPrisons%20and%20Prisoners>

Florida Adopts Plan for Mentally Ill Inmates

By Christine Jordan Sexton, The New York Times, January 11, 2007

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/11/us/11florida.html?n=Top%2fReference%2fTimes%20Topics%2fSubjects%2fP%2fPrisons%20and%20Prisoners>

Turning their lives around

By Mary Fairchild- Daily Freeman, January 8, 2007

http://zwire.townnews.biz/site/news.cfm?notn=1&ncdr=1&newsid=17681553&BRD=1769&PAG=461&dept_id=74969&rfi=6

Spitzer orders high prisoner collect-call fees to end

By Mark Johnson, silive.com (Everything Staten Island), January 8, 2007

<http://www.silive.com/newsflash/metro/index.ssf?/base/news-20/1168293565299790.xml&storylist=simetro>

Texas Prison Rehab Plans Pushed

Join Together, January 5, 2007

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2007/texas-prison-rehab-plans.html>

Restore freed felons' vote

Editorial- Toledo Blade- January 4, 2007

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

Second Chance Labor Project: Major U.S Cities Adopt New Hiring Policies Removing Unfair Barriers to Employment of People with Criminal Records

National Employment Law Project- January 3, 2007

http://www.nelp.org/nwp/second_chance_labor_project/citypolicies.cfm

Studying the Effects of Incarceration on Offending Trajectories: AN Information Theoretic Approach

By Avinash Singh Bhati, Urban Institute of Justice-July 2006

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/216639.pdf>

Understanding the Female Offender- Final Report

By Lisa M. Broidy and Elizabeth E. Cauffman, 2006

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/216615.pdf>

Maintaining Family Contact When A Family Member Goes to Prison: An Examination of State Policies on Mail, Visiting, and Telephone Access

By the Florida House of Representatives' Justice Council, Committee on Corrections

<http://nicic.org/Misc/URLShell.aspx?SRC=Catalog&REF=http://nicic.org/Library/015772&ID=015772&TYPE=HTML&URL=http://www.fcc.state.fl.us/fcc/reports/family/famcont.html>

Corrections Program Still Challenged by Inmate Idleness, Prison Planning, and Fleet Maintenance: OPPAGA Progress Report August 2004 (Report No. 04-60)

By the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, an office of the Florida Legislature

<http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/reports/pdf/0460rpt.pdf>

Operational Audit of the Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc.

By the State of Florida Auditor General (http://www.state.fl.us/audgen/pages/pdf_files/12859.pdf)

Use of Inmate Labor Through PRIDE, Inc.

By the Florida Corrections Commission (<http://www.fcc.state.fl.us/fcc/reports/02Chapter3R.pdf>)

Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., Industries Training Corporation and Affiliates Audit Number 2004-4

By the Chief Inspector General's Office, Executive Office of the Governor

http://www.flgov.com/eog/inspector_general/pdfs/PRIDE_2005.pdf

Funding Opportunities

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.

♦ Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking and Sexual Assault

Deadline: February 22, 2007

The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. It is critical that successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allows victims to choose the course of action that is best for them. Transitional housing programs may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff and case managers may also be available to work with clients to help them determine and reach their goals. The award ceiling for the grants is: \$350,000.

Eligible entities include: City or township governments, state governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education and county governments

For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=12164>

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>

◆ U.S. Mayors' HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants**Deadline:** Feb. 26, 2007

Grants to prevent HIV/AIDS among high-risk populations, including Native Americans, African-American and Hispanic women, will be awarded by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A total of \$530,000 in grants will be awarded, including three \$60,000 grants for Native Americans and five \$70,000 grants for high-risk women. The one-year grants are considered seed money for innovative projects.

For more information: <http://usmayors.org/hivprevention/rfp07.asp>**CSAT Grants Target Treatment, HIV/AIDS****Deadline:** February 28, 2007

The federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment will award 65 targeted capacity-expansion grants to programs that enhance and expand addiction treatment and/or outreach and pretreatment services alongside HIV/AIDS services in African American, Latino/Hispanic, and other racial or ethnic communities highly affected by addiction and HIV/AIDS.

For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=12100>**◆ CSAT Recovery Services Community Funding****Deadline:** February 28, 2007

The federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) will award \$2.9 million in grants to enhance delivery of peer-to-peer recovery support services under its Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP). The money can be used to support efforts to prevent addiction relapse and promote sustained recovery.

For more information:www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=12007 or contact Kimberly Pendleton at 240-276-1421.**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>

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. Or visit them on the web at <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/grant/>**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 that is 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/>

◆ American Psychiatric Foundation**Deadline:** 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. 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.

For more information: Send an email to: apf@psych.org or visit their website at: <http://www.psychfoundation.org/>

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.asp?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

Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation

Deadline: Rolling

The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation is seeking applications for the health and mental health grants program. The purpose of this program is to increase access for underserved individuals to quality healthcare. Preference is given to mental health care initiatives focusing on prevention and early intervention. The foundation gives priority to programs that provide comprehensive services for clients, including case management, childcare and housing.

For more information: www.blaufund.org/foundations/jacobandhilda_f.html

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%2526InPrinterFriendly%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>.

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.ihtml

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.

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**♦ Healthy Marriage Collaboration of Central Ohio Presents: For Better or Worse- Special Issues in Marriages**

The Marriage Coalition will host a day of workshops and trainings to equip marriage leaders/ mentor couples to strengthen and enhance marriages in Central Ohio. All workshops are FREE for residents of Region 1 in Central Ohio. For all others, cost is \$75

When: Saturday February 24, 2007 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m.**Where:** Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 W. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43223**To Register go to:**

<http://whatcounts.com/t?ctl=15E5723:F11953EDB6D44516360BB3CDB0E3833C7B69DE15931AE871>

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/>

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

Reentry: Recasting Corrections Locally, Nationally and Internationally**When:** March 18-21, 2007**Where:** Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, MarylandMore 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, PennsylvaniaTo 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**Institute for Excellence in Justice
Quarterly Seminar Series****Employment Experiences of Ohio Offenders Following Release from Prison**

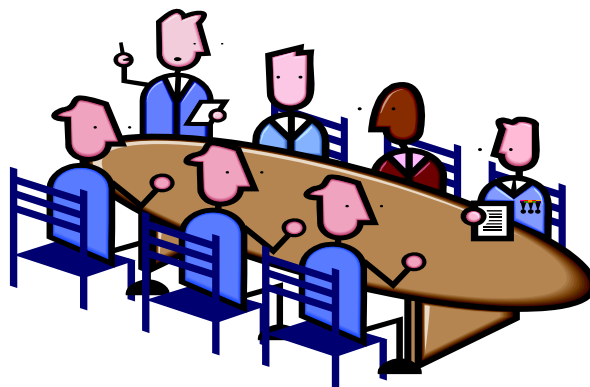
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Location: TBD

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**The 2007 Addiction Studies Institute****When:** August 14-17, 2007**Where:** The Greater Columbus Convention CenterPrevention, treatment, recovery support and criminal justice professionals, stay tuned for breaking information about the 2007 Addiction Studies Institute. Mark your calendars now. The 2007 Addiction Studies Institute Call for Presentations is now available online. Submission information and forms are available at www.asiconference.garrisonevents.com. Registration brochures and on-line registration will be available after May 1, 2007. Please watch the ODADAS website Event Calendar for more information at www.odadas.state.oh.us.

February Monthly Observances

American Heart Month
International Boost Self Esteem Month
Library Lovers Month
National African American History Month
National Black History Month
National Parent Leadership Month
National Time Management Month
National Weddings Month
Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month
Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month
Youth Leadership Month

February Weekly Observances

National Family, Career & Community Leaders of America Week 11-17
Jell-O Week 11-17
Random Acts of Kindness Week 12-18
National Pancake Week 18-24

February Daily Observances

National Gum Drop Day 15
My Way Day 17
Who Shall Be Day? 17
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International Pancake Day 20
Single Tasking day 21
National Chili Day 22
Curling is Cool Day 23
For Pete's Sake Day 26
Inconvenience Yourself Day 28
National Tooth Fairy Day 28

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