



# THE REENTRY, CORE AND MORE UPDATE

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## REENTRY

◆◆ Did you miss an issue of the UPDATE? ◆◆

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### **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 second and fourth 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**

#### **Second Chance Act passes the Senate**

On March 11, 2008 The U.S. Senate passed the Second Chance Act of 2007. The next step is the President's desk for signature. The Second Chance Act of 2007 will provide important resources that are designed to reduce the recidivism rate and increase public safety. For more information on this bill, check out these resources and others listed on page 12.

#### **Second Chance Act: Informational Resources**

[http://www.reentrypolicy.org/government\\_affairs/second\\_chance\\_act](http://www.reentrypolicy.org/government_affairs/second_chance_act)

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#### **April Is:**

#### **Financial Literacy Month**

*For more information go to:*

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/financialLiteracy.cfm>

*And*

<http://www.dfi.ca.gov/cflm/2008/>

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#### **H.R. 1593**

[http://www.pfm.org/media/justicefellowship/Docs/2CA\\_House\\_Language\\_071113.pdf](http://www.pfm.org/media/justicefellowship/Docs/2CA_House_Language_071113.pdf)

## *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.



### **Thanks to Good Samaritan Home Ministry for Living Their Dream and Helping Others!**

By: Reentry Coordinator, Rick Harmon

Hello readers and welcome. Let me advise you, before this tale unfolds, the dates are approximated because the subject of this story, John Graham, has to save his memory bank for important things like his wife's birthday, their anniversary, the location of the grant paperwork he is working, etc.

I first met John Graham at the Shelby County Jail in 1997 or 1998, we can't remember! No, we weren't "cellies"! John was working for the Sidney Daily News and was at the jail to pick up and report on the arrest docket for the past week. I was at the jail meeting with offenders. He asked me questions about our department and issues facing parolees as well as the parole officers. I would see John once every one or two months and sometimes he would be present when I met my offenders at the jail.

Let us now fast forward to December of 2003. John and his wife Kathy purchased a home in Greenville to begin their Good Samaritan Home ministry. The idea was to take in releases and assist them with their reentry into society. What happened? Word of the ministry spread and many homeless people appeared at their door wanting help.

The Grahams' then purchased another home across the street from their residence. This house became a shelter for the homeless. The Grahams' enlisted assistance from the community. The shelter was fixed up and became an improvement to the neighborhood and added value to the neighborhood. The shelter is now able to handle up to sixteen persons. The rules at this shelter are very simple. Residents had to obtain employment, obtain a mentor, be involved in community service and maintain the cleanliness of their living area. Cleanliness included making one's bed in the morning. John believed a "made bed is a made life." It may sound silly or overbearing but this simple exercise was the foundation for people adrift in society.

In the Spring of 2007, the Grahams' purchased another residence, located behind their home. This residence had to have walls, wiring, plumbing, and floors replaced and/or repaired. Once again, the community was involved in rehabbing this residence. This residence is used for Independent Housing and has had 19 men reside there in a six month period. The majority of these men are sex offenders.

John told me that there were issues from the neighborhood regarding the housing of sex offenders. He believes rehabbing those houses improved and added value to the neighborhood. This led to acceptance from the neighbors. John told me, "When people wave, they use all of their fingers now."

John became involved in the Citizen's Circle in 2005 and many of the volunteers involved with rehabbing the shelter and Independent Housing residence became members of the Darke County Citizen's Circle. There were approximately 24 members and this number has remained consistent from the beginning of the Citizen's Circle.

The story of John Graham and the Good Samaritan Home does not end here. The next phase will hopefully be the purchase of an apartment complex (16 units) for low income permanent housing. The rent for these apartments would be based on income. Once again the principles of the shelter would also be part of the rent agreement. A budget mentor would also be required and would assist renters in financial decision making.

Finally, John hopes to begin purchasing homes and renovating them with the aid of shelter and Independent Housing occupants. John hopes to have professionals train the occupants, thus providing the occupants with a trade and revitalize deteriorating homes. It is hoped that this venture will also be funded with job training grants. John is also hoping to partner with local businesses and begin a program of subsidizing wages in order to obtain training and/or full time work for the unemployed. He hopes to begin these programs in 2009.

I forgot to mention that John had no job when he began the Good Samaritan Home. He and Kathy invested their retirement money in the purchase of the second residence (the Shelter) and used their savings to purchase the residence that would become the Independent Housing house. They both invested months of their time into the renovation of the homes.

John Graham is a person who saw a need in the community, rolled up his sleeves, and worked to fulfill his dream. He was also fortunate to be married to a special person, Kathy, who supported and assisted him in making their part of the world a better place. John is an example of how one person can make his community better by addressing the needs of those people too often ignored.

Thank you John for your vision, hard work and sacrifice.

## Quotes for Life

**Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.**

-Booker T. Washington

**It is time for us to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever, the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it.**

-Vince Lombardi

## Institution Announcements and Events

In each issue of the Reentry CORE and MORE Update we will highlight upcoming events around reentry at the department's institutions. We will also highlight Reentry Day events. If you would like to advertise your event please send the information to [Candace Knight](#).

### *Family Ties at Franklin Pre Release Center*

As part of its Family Ties program, Franklin Pre-Release Center hosted a number of activities during the Easter weekend through which the inmate mothers had an opportunity to strengthen their relationships with their children. Sixty-seven children participated with their mothers and care-givers in an Easter egg hunt, games and other activities on the holiday theme. The photo below provides a small glimpse into the significance of this event for the mothers and their children.



## **CITIZEN CIRCLES**

For Information on **Citizen Circles** in your area visit our website at:  
<http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/Citizen/citizencircle.htm>

### **AKRON**

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

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**Akron Region**  
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Fax (330) 643-3005  
[john.geras@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:john.geras@odrc.state.oh.us)

### **AKRON REGION CITIZEN CIRCLE SCHEDULE**

#### **Trumbull County**

Fourth Wednesday of the month from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
309 North Park Ave.  
Warren, Ohio 44481

#### **Summit County**

Second Tuesday and Fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Urban Ounce of Prevention  
1501 South Hawkins Blvd.  
Akron, Ohio 44320

#### **Mahoning County**

Third Monday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Youngstown Metropolitan Baptist Church  
359 West Rayen Ave.  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

#### **Stark County (Canton)**

Fourth Monday of each month from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Goodwill Industries  
408 Ninth Street South West  
Canton, Ohio 44707

#### **Stark County (Alliance)**

Second Monday of each month from 1:30pm to 3:30pm  
Feed My Sheep Ministries  
114 East Main Street  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

#### **Stark County (Massillon)** **In the forming stage**

### **Ex-Offender Support Groups**

#### **Painesville/Cleveland Area**

##### Welcome Home

Third Thursday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm  
Advanced Psychotherapy Services  
28916 Euclid Ave.  
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092  
(330) 299-6963

#### **Youngstown Area**

Every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
The Center for Community Empowerment  
1420 Dogwood Lane  
Youngstown, Ohio 44505  
(330) 740-1982 Ext. 31

## Chillicothe:

### The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

**Gretchen Breckenridge**  
**Chillicothe Region**  
8 South Paint Street  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
Phone (740) 702-1238  
Fax (740) 702-1240

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#### **Chillicothe's Citizen Circle**

First Monday of Each Month  
Ross County Service Center, Suite "A"  
Noon- 1:30

#### **Hocking County Citizen Circle Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every Month  
Nelsonville Public Library  
Nelsonville, OH  
3-5 p.m.

## Cincinnati

### The Reentry Coordinator for this region is:

**Jamie Gee**  
**Cincinnati Region**  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45237  
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Fax (513) 821-5213

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### CITIZEN CIRCLES – Cincinnati Region

#### **Hamilton County**

Cincinnati Citizen Circle (Cincinnati)  
Lead Agency: SOS Outreach Center

#### **Meeting Location:**

SOS Outreach Center-4949 Paddock Rd.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Schedule: Fourth Thursday of every month, 11:00am-1:00pm

#### **Montgomery County**

Dayton Citizen Circle (Dayton)  
Lead Agency: Powernet of Dayton

#### **Meeting Location:**

Victor J. Cassano, Sr., Health Center-165 Edwin C. Moses Blvd  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Schedule: First Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Second Thursday of every month, 12:30pm-2:00pm

#### **Miami County**

Miami County Citizen Circle (Troy)  
Lead Agency: Choices

#### **Meeting Location:**

Upper Valley Medical Center-3130 North Dixie  
Troy, Ohio 45373

Schedule: Second Friday of every month, 10:00am-12:00pm

For information concerning these Citizen Circles, contact Jamie Gee, Reentry Coordinator by phone (513) 821-4804 (Cincinnati Regional Parole Office) or email [jamie.gee@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:jamie.gee@odrc.state.oh.us)

## Cleveland:

### **Cleveland Adult Parole Authority 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reentry Information Exposition**

Trying to make a successful transition within your community, recently released from incarceration and need some support to get started, please take advantage of the many resources that will be available at the Reentry Information Exposition at:

#### **The Word Church**

**Located at:** 18909 S. Miles Road in Warrensville Hts.

**When:** April 24, 2008

**Time:** 10:00 A.M. – 2:00P.M.

For more information, please contact the Adult Parole Authority, Sharyna Cloud at 614-787-3019 or Yvette Hill at 216-787-4236

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

##### **Sharyna Cloud Cleveland Region**

615 West Superior Avenue, Room 960  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113 Phone (216)787-3019 Fax (216) 787-4224

[sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:sharyna.cloud@odrc.state.oh.us)

#### **Cleveland Citizen Circles**

The Cleveland Region is host to 7 Citizen Circles 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 6pm – 8pm. For more Information call 216-752-2743

##### **Greater Harvard –**

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

##### **Mt. Pleasant-**

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

##### **East Cleveland**

The Living Truth Center located at 1850 Belmore Ave. East Cleveland 44112. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 5pm to 7pm.

##### **The Central Circle**

7504 Cedar Ave. Cleveland 44103. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 11am to 1pm.

##### **Downtown:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 12pm – 2pm

CEOGC/Medical Arts Building (lower level) 2475 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street-216.881.7882. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 12pm -2pm

## **Columbus**

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

##### **Lisa Morgan**

##### **Columbus Region**

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Columbus, Ohio 43209  
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Fax (614) 752-0900

### **Clark County Circle**

Lead Agency: Opportunities Industrialization Center of Clark County (O.I.C.)

**Meeting Location:**

WorkPlus-1345 Lagonda Ave.  
Springfield, Ohio 45503

Schedule: Third Friday of every month, 1:00pm-3:00pm

If you have questions or referrals contact Paul Leibold at (937) 322-2522

### **Fairfield County Circle**

**Meeting Location:**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services  
239 West Main Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If you have *questions or referrals* contact Christy Nichols at 740.687.6738.

### **Franklin County Circle**

Central Ohio Citizen Circle East

**Meeting Location**

Columbus Urban League  
788 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Columbus, OH 43203

Schedule: 2nd Thursday of every month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

4th Tuesday of every month, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you have questions or referrals contact Weslee Pullen at (614) 257-6300

## **Lima:**

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

**Rick Harmon**

**Lima Region**

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Toledo, Ohio 43604

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## **Lima Region Citizen's Circles**

**Darke County Citizen's Circle:** Second Thursday of each month at Noon Greenville Church of the Brethren, 421 Central Avenue, Greenville. Service area coverage: Darke County For more information contact John Graham at (937)547-6337.

**Lima Citizen's Circle:** Third Wednesday of each month at Two O'clock in the afternoon at Family Promise, 129 S. Pierce Street Lima. Service area coverage: Lima and surrounding communities. For more information contact Lori Reidenbach (419) 228-1112 or Rick Harmon.

**North Toledo Citizen's Circle/Afternoon:** First Thursday of each month at Noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2934 Stickney Avenue, Toledo. Service area: Lucas County. For more information contact Scott Sylak at (419)242-9955

**North River Citizen's Circle/ Evening:** Third Monday at **6:00 pm** each month at Salem Lutheran Church, 1125 North Huron, Toledo 43604. Service area: Lucas County.

**Sandusky/Seneca County Circle** – Meeting held fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Family Worship Center, 120 East State Street, Fremont. Please contact Rev. Jeannie Weber at 419-333-0773 or 419-355-2999 for meeting location.

**Granny's Haven Citizen Circle:** Second Thursday each month at 5:30 pm. This Circle is held at Phillips Temple Church, 565 Palmwood Street, Toledo. Feel free to call Doris Allen at (419) 861-8057. Service area coverage: Lucas County.

**Questions/ Need Information:** Questions pertaining to Citizen Circles can be directed to Reentry Coordinator, Rick Harmon at (419)549-0070 or email him at [rick.harmon@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:rick.harmon@odrc.state.oh.us). Thanks!

## **Mansfield:**

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

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**Mansfield Region**

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Mansfield, Ohio 44902

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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,

## ***Community Updates and Announcements***

### **Community Connection on You Tube**

Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, with offices in Columbus and Lima, has worked exclusively with the reentry issues facing the ex-offender population for the past 15 years. Although the focus is on post release employment, other issues such as education and referrals to appropriate social service agencies are also addressed. The Columbus Re-Entry Center's Director, Randy Baker, recently spoke at the State Job Developers Meeting at The Ohio State University. Since this group does not normally work with this population, Baker produced a video addressing the stereotypes of ex-offenders that job developers and social workers often have. The two and half minute video can now be seen on YouTube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/cconnection43205>

For more information contact Community Connection in Columbus at (614)252-0660 or toll free at 1-888-993-6246. Their website is [www.communityconnectionohio.com](http://www.communityconnectionohio.com).

### **U.S. Department of Labor re-entry program in Cincinnati Helps ex-offenders stay out of jail and start new lives**

A nationally-ranked reentry program is a source of pride for the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati's Adult Services Department. This program helps previously incarcerated non-violent felons successfully return to the community. Through a grant from the Department of Labor, the Talbert House serves as lead agency and provides wrap-around case management services. The Urban League provides pre-employment counseling, professional job seeking assistance, job placement and follow-up support services. Additionally, Transformations of Cincinnati provides life coaching to participants.

For the 2007 calendar year, the reentry program ranked 2nd in the nation among other grant recipients in employing ex-offenders. This translates into a 77% employment rate among program participants. But the true success of this program is its ability to keep graduates from returning to jail. An astounding 75% of ex-offenders return to crime and to jail in Hamilton County. The League has cut that rate for its graduates to an impressive 25%.

## ***Legal Aid Society's Franklin County Prisoner Reentry Program***

In 2006, The Legal Aid Society of Columbus established the Prisoner Reentry Program in order to help formerly incarcerated men and women break down barriers to successful reentry by providing education, connections to resources, advice and counsel, and direct representation. The bi-monthly Legal Aid Prisoner Reentry Clinics focus on a variety of topics from family law to job placement providing opportunities for service providers and ex-offenders to connect and to engage Legal Aid attorneys. Thanks to the community outreach work of the Legal Aid AmeriCorps VISTA Members (Melissa Baker, Lindsey Watson, Erica Steward, Adrienne Porter, and Lisa Scales) the program is steadily gaining strength and adding to the foundation set by those VISTA Members who served in the first project year. This year, the VISTA Members created the Legal Aid Reentry newsletter, *Reentry Quarterly*, in order to promote the work of and build linkages among service providers, reentry programs, formerly incarcerated men and women, legal professionals, and community members. In addition, Legal Aid served as the co-sponsor of the Second Annual Community Justice Walk in Columbus, in honor of International Restorative Justice Week. The Legal Aid reentry team continues to promote a community justice approach and believes that by working together, we can successfully respond to this growing need and help returning men and women come home to stay. To view the winter edition of the newsletter, visit the following website <http://www.columbuslegalaid.org/images/Winter%20Newsletter.pdf>. To learn more about the Reentry Program, contact Erica Steward at (614) 224-8374 x.149.

## **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/>

#### **What We've Learned: Findings from the SVORI Multi-site Evaluation:**

Presentation available from the North Carolina Offender Reentry conference: May 2, 2007

By Pamela K. Lattimore, Ph.D.- RTI International

[https://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/presentations/2007\\_05\\_NCREentryConference.pdf](https://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/presentations/2007_05_NCREentryConference.pdf)

#### **PowerPoint Presentation:**

#### **Roundtable Discussion: Policy Implications of Findings from the Multi-site Evaluation of SVORI**

Presented at the International Reentry Association-March 20, 2007

<http://www.svori.org/documents/presentations/SVORIIRA3-20-07.pdf>

#### **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](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](http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/presentations/2006_11_ASC.pdf)

## **AND MORE**

### **Books, Websites and Resources**

#### **Second Chance Act**

##### **GovTrack.us**

Tracking the 110<sup>th</sup> United States Congress

Track H.R. 1593: Second Chance Act of 2007

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h110-1593>

##### **Senate Clears Prisoners Bill**

By Gary Fields- The Wall Street Journal- March 12, 2008

[http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2008/03/12/senate-clears-prisoner-bill/?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2008/03/12/senate-clears-prisoner-bill/?mod=googlenews_wsj)

### **Senate passes bill to help ex-prisoners**

By Elizabeth Auster- The Plain Dealer- March 12, 2008

<http://www.cleveland.com/plaindealer/stories/index.ssf?base/news/1205397224219180.xml&coll=2>

### **Program Uses Job Training To Slow Prison' Revolving Door**

News4 Jax.com- March 13, 2008

<http://www.news4jax.com/news/15586514/detail.html>

### **Prisoner Re-Entry: Congress Passes Second chance Act, Bill Goes to President Bush**

Drug War Chronicles- Issue 527, March 14, 2008

[http://stopthedrugwar.org/chronicle/527/senate\\_passes\\_second\\_chance\\_act](http://stopthedrugwar.org/chronicle/527/senate_passes_second_chance_act)

### **NAACP-Supported Comprehensive Ex-Offender Reentry Legislation, Already Passed By The U.S. House, Passes Full U.S. Senate**

March 11, 2008- NAACP website

<http://www.naacp.org/get-involved/activism/alerts/110thaa-2008-03-12/>

### **Second Chance Act Improves mental Health Services for Prisoners, USA**

Medical News Today- March 14, 2008

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/100675.php>

### **The Second Chance Act—A Good Start**

Simple Justice- A New York Criminal Defense Blog- March 13, 2008

<http://blog.simplejustice.us/2008/03/13/the-second-chance-act--a-good-start.aspx>

## **Books and Videos**

### **Books Not Bars**

Created by: WITNESS, Street Law, Books Not Bars/The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and the Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School: This is a documentary video about public policy, prisons, the justice system, and youth advocacy around the declining investment in public education.

For more information on how to order visit: <http://www.streetlaw.org/content.asp?ContentId=149>

## **Websites**

### **Prisoner Reentry Institute**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/centersinstitutes/pri/x.asp>

### **MENTOR-National Mentoring Partnership**

[www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org)

### **Missouri Reentry Process Website**

<http://www.doc.mo.gov/reentry/MissouriReentryProcess.htm>

### **Chef Jeff**

COOKED: From the Streets to the Stove, from Cocaine to Foie Gras

<http://www.chefjeffcooked.com/>

## **Podcasts-MP3**

### **Offender Workforce Development Podcasts**

National Institute of Corrections

<http://www.nicic.org/owdpodcasts>

### **Broken Bonds: Understanding and Addressing the Needs of Children with Incarcerated Mothers**

Urban Institute- Thursday's child- February 14, 2008

<http://www.urban.org/Pressroom/thursdayschild/february2008.cfm>

## **Resources**

### **Federal Benefits: Publications and Tools**

Reentry Policy Council- 2008

[http://www.reentrypolicy.org/fedbens\\_pubs\\_tools](http://www.reentrypolicy.org/fedbens_pubs_tools)

- Keyes to federal Benefits Access: [http://tools.reentrypolicy.org/benefits\\_keys](http://tools.reentrypolicy.org/benefits_keys)
- Federal Benefits Chart: [http://tools.reentrypolicy.org/benefits\\_chart](http://tools.reentrypolicy.org/benefits_chart)

### **Ready4Reentry Prisoner Reentry Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Organizations**

United States Department of Labor and Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives- 2007

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/PRItoolkit.pdf>

### **Mentoring Ex-Prisoners: A Guide for Prisoner Reentry Programs**

Developed and Written by Renata Cobbs Fletcher- Public/Private Ventures  
Under a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Labor- November 2007  
<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/20071101Mentoring.pdf>

### **10 Key Components for an Effective Reentry Program**

*Key Components of Effective Prisoner Reentry Programs: A Guide to Matching National Service Programs with Weed and Seed and Other Citywide Initiatives on Prisoner Reentry*  
Winston-Salem State University  
<http://www.wssu.edu/NR/rdonlyres/C5C30622-DE78-42C8-A58C-95DA155B5781/0/10KeyComponentsforanEffectiveReentryProgram.doc>

### **Prisoner Reentry in Communities: A Resource Guide**

Winston-Salem State University- October 2006  
<http://www.wssu.edu/NR/rdonlyres/4D905032-F3AE-498B-8177-13B1ADBB0A69/0/112906CCSReentryResourceGuide.pdf>

### **Drug Abuse Research Resources**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has launched a website to serve researchers, practitioners, and policymakers. The NIDA Networking Project site facilitates information sharing and research collaboration among those concerned with drug abuse through access to locations, people, expertise, and resources from NIDA's research networks. To access the NIDA Networking Project Web site, visit <http://nnp.drugabuse.g>

## **News, Research, and Reports**

### **Crime Prevention Programs Works**

Letters to the Editor- [courant.com](http://www.courant.com)- March 19, 2008  
<http://www.courant.com/news/opinion/letters/hc-digedlets0319.art2mar19.0.6744729.story>

### **Prison's Revolving Door**

By Annie C White-Special to [Seeingblack.com](http://www.seeingblack.com) - March 7, 2008  
[http://www.seeingblack.com/article\\_396.shtml](http://www.seeingblack.com/article_396.shtml)

### **The high number of blacks in prisons cannot be ignore**

By Richard Cohen-[Pressofatlanticcity.com](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com)- March 7, 2008  
<http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/145/story/100484.html>

### **President's FY 2009 Budget Released**

Reentry Policy Council- March 6, 2008  
[http://www.reentrypolicy.org/announcements/presidents\\_budget\\_released](http://www.reentrypolicy.org/announcements/presidents_budget_released)

### **The Black Prison Gulag**

By Glen Ford-[Black Agenda Report.com](http://www.blackagenda.com)- March 6, 2008  
[http://www.seeingblack.com/article\\_394.shtml](http://www.seeingblack.com/article_394.shtml)

### **From Incarceration To Community: The Weed and Seed/ AmeriCorps\*VISTA Reentry Initiative**

By Alvin Atkinson and Joanne Davidson of the Center for Community Safety – Winston Salem State University- 2007  
<http://www.wssu.edu/NR/rdonlyres/30AFD936-218F-4536-934E-75B5AB5ECF5C/0/CCSReentryBookletFinal2.pdf>

### **Mental health Courts**

By Emma A. Schwartz- U.S. News & World Report- March 4, 2008  
<http://www.usnews.com/articles/news/national/2008/02/07/mental-health-courts.html>

### **In Alabama, a Fight to Regain Voting Rights Some Felons Never Lost**

By Shaila Dewan- The New York Times- March 2, 2008  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/02/us/02felons.html?\\_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/02/us/02felons.html?_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin)

### **How Physical, Mental, and Substance Abuse conditions Shape the Process of Reintegration**

By Kamala Mallik-Kane and Christy Visher- Urban Institute- February 26, 2008  
<http://www.urban.org/publications/411617.html>

### **U.S. Imprisons One in 100 Adults, Report Finds**

By Adam Liptak- The New York Times, February 29, 2008  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/29/us/29prison.html?\\_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/29/us/29prison.html?_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin)

### **Veteran state rep. lobbies for alternatives to prison time**

By Charles McMahan, Foster's Daily Democrat, February 28, 2008  
[http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080228/GJNEWS\\_01/177362366/-1/FOSNEWS](http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080228/GJNEWS_01/177362366/-1/FOSNEWS)

### **Forum Tackles Challenges Women Face**

By Sylvia Moreno, Washington Post, February 24, 2008  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/02/23/AR2008022302027.html>

### **Hundreds of Federal Inmates eligible For Early Release Next Month**

By Rebecca Wu, KSDK Channel 5- February 23, 2008

Article includes four part video interview.

[http://www.ksdk.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=140872](http://www.ksdk.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=140872)

### **Nutter names ex-offender to head reentry program**

By Marcia Gelbart- The Philadelphia Inquirer- February 22, 2008

[http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20080222\\_Nutter\\_names\\_ex-](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20080222_Nutter_names_ex-offender_to_head_reentry_program)

[offender to head reentry program Ronald L. Cuie served time in prison. Now he will help released prisoners readapt to society.](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20080222_Nutter_names_ex-offender_to_head_reentry_program) \_html

### **Transitional Jobs for Ex-Prisoners**

*Early Impacts from a Random Assignment Evaluation of the Center for Employment Opportunities Prisoner Reentry Program*

By Dan Bloom, Cindy Redcross, Janine Zwig (Urban Institute) and Gilda Azurdia - MDRC-November 2007-

<http://www.mdrc.org/publications/468/full.pdf>

### **Four Strategies to Overcome Barriers to Employment**

*An Introduction to the Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation Project*

By Dan Bloom, Cindy Redcross, JoAnn Hsueh, Susna Rich and Vanessa Martin- MDRC- October 2007

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/welfare\\_employ/enhanced\\_hardto/reports/four\\_strategies/four\\_strategies.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/welfare_employ/enhanced_hardto/reports/four_strategies/four_strategies.pdf)

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Funding Resources**

#### **Faith-Based Grants and Training Opportunities**

**Website:** <http://www.fbciohio.gov/funding.asp>

**Description:** The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives offers several grant opportunities in the areas of addiction, at-risk youth, children and family, crime victims, ex-offenders, homelessness and housing, and more.

#### **Federal Funds for Organizations That Help Those In Need**

White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives-2007

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-05-2006.pdf>

#### **Ohio Office of Budget and Management's Federal Grants Resource Center**

**Website:** <http://www.obm.ohio.gov/grants/>

**Description:** A center for federal grant information and data, and related information, and to facilitate state agencies and other public and non-profit entities in identifying and competing for federal project grants.

### **Time Sensitive**

#### **Entertainment Software Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** April 15, 2008

Programs that seek to improve youth health, welfare, and quality of life may apply for funding. Nonprofits may apply for the grants to support programs that benefit youth ages 7 to 18 in two or more states. Program areas include skills & personal development; general health & welfare; risk behavior prevention; education; and multimedia arts/technology. For more information and to see if your organization qualifies visit their website at: <http://www.theesa.com/foundation/grant.php>

#### **CSAT Grant: Adult Criminal Justice Treatment**

**Application Deadline:** May 2, 2008

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 Adult Criminal Justice Treatment grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance the community's ability to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and community-based response to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services for adult individuals in the community who are involved with the criminal justice system.

For more information go to: [http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/ti\\_08\\_012.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/ti_08_012.pdf)

#### **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 visit their website at** [http://www.osbf.net/grant\\_home.html](http://www.osbf.net/grant_home.html)

### **Raymond J. & Mary C. Reisert Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** January 1 and June 1, 2008

The Raymond J. & Mary C. Reisert Foundation is a family foundation established in 2001, for the purpose of providing assistance to 501 (c) (3) organizations that work for the betterment of society in several specific areas. The foundation provides grants to fund programs for half-way and safe houses that provide assistance to homeless youth, battered women, the mentally ill, and recovering drug addicts and alcoholics. The largest grant awarded by the foundation was \$20,000 in 2006. Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations. Grants are not provided to individuals. The Raymond J. & Mary C. Reisert Foundation is interested in supporting organizations in the New York metropolitan area, Maine and eastern North Carolina, but will also consider supporting programs elsewhere. Information: Mary Reisert, President, Raymond J. and Mary C. Reisert Foundation, 734 Franklin Avenue, PMB 175 Garden City, NJ 11530-4525; email [informatiom@reiserfoundation.org](mailto:informatiom@reiserfoundation.org); Internet, [www.reiserfoundation.org](http://www.reiserfoundation.org).

### **Dreyer's Foundation**

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/small_grants.asp)

## **Annually**

### **A.L. Mailman Family Foundation**

**Deadline:** Letters of inquiry: December 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> annually;

Full proposals (upon invitation): January 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The foundation funds projects of *national or regional* import in the early childhood field. The foundation does not consider proposals to support locally focused organizations, direct-service organizations, individuals, child-care centers, schools, capital campaigns and endowments, or scholarships. The foundation only supports U.S. organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The foundation's grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, with most in the \$25,000-\$35,000 range.

For more information, visit: [www.mailman.org/guidelines/index.html](http://www.mailman.org/guidelines/index.html).

### **Drug Policy Alliance Accepting Applications for Advocacy Grants Program**

**Deadline:** Various

The Drug Policy Alliance (<http://www.drugpolicy.org/>) has announced that it will allocate another \$1.4 million to its Advocacy Grants Program. The program seeks to promote policy change and advance drug-policy reform at the local, state, and national levels by strategically funding smaller, geographically limited, or single-issue organizations and projects. The program works to raise awareness and promote change through two vehicles: 1) **Promoting Policy Change:** This general funding cycle targets organizations working to advance drug-policy reform at the local, state, and national levels through advocacy, grassroots organizing, and education. Generally, the cap on grants awarded during the Promoting Policy Change cycle is \$50,000 each, with an approximate allocation in total funding of \$1.2 million. 2) **Rapid Response/Special Opportunities:** This monthly funding cycle is for time-sensitive projects to respond or take advantage of strategic public education and campaigns to block drug-war initiatives or advance drug-policy reform. Grants will be made on an ongoing basis until funding is exhausted. The approximate allocation in total funding is \$200,000. Proposals are due on the first business day of the month. Complete program guidelines and application materials are available at the Drug Policy Alliance Web site.

**RFP Link:** <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10007375/drugpolicy>

**For additional RFPs in Substance Abuse, visit:** [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_substance\\_abuse.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_substance_abuse.jhtml)

### **Gerber Foundation offers Grants to Benefit Infants and Young Children**

**Deadline:** For the May grants, submit letters prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>; for the November grants, submit letters prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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, please visit** [www.gerberfoundation.org/grantmaking\\_policies.htm](http://www.gerberfoundation.org/grantmaking_policies.htm)

### **Ludwick Family Foundation**

**Deadline:** Initial requests are only accepted during these times: January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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](mailto:ludwickfndn@ludwick.org).

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

### **Open Meadows Foundation**

**Deadline:** February 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> each year

Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls. Open Meadows Foundation funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age or ability. It offers grants up to \$2000 to projects that: are designed and implemented by women and girls; reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and organization; promote building community power; promote racial, social, economic and environmental justice; have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000. For more information visit their website at

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

### **Surdna Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** February, May and September.

The Surdna Foundation is a family foundation making grants in the areas of the environment, community revitalization, effective citizenry, the arts and the nonprofit sector. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that have valid tax exemption status under 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and are classified as a private charity and not as a "private foundation" under Section 509(a). The foundation will not consider individuals, capital campaigns or building construction, or projects that are internationally based or focused. A letter of intent should start the application process.

For more information: contact Edward Skloot, president, Surdna Foundation, 330 Madison Ave., 30<sup>th</sup> Fl., New York, NY 10017-5001; phone, (212) 557-0010; fax, (212) 557-0003; email, [questions@surdna.org](mailto:questions@surdna.org); or visit their website at: <http://www.surdna.org/>

### **Tiger Woods Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup> 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, please visit** [www.twfound.org/grants/default.sps?itype=7609](http://www.twfound.org/grants/default.sps?itype=7609).

## **Ongoing**

### **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, please visit** [www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundation.html](http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundation.html).

### **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 their website at** [www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant\\_information.html](http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant_information.html).

### **Comcast Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing.

Since 1999, the Comcast Foundation has given more than \$30 million to nonprofit organizations in communities nationwide. The foundation supports a range of efforts, including those which help children, youth and the disadvantaged or homeless. Giving is on a national basis, but funds go primarily to where the company has operations. Check the Web site. The foundation established the Diversity Fund in 2004 to support local nonprofit organizations that provide workforce development and job training, teach literacy, develop youth leaders and promote volunteerism and community service to help raise the cultural awareness of the diverse groups in our service areas. Applications are limited to non-profit organizations.

**For more information go to:** [www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/comcastfoundation.html](http://www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/comcastfoundation.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 visit their website at** <http://www.jehtfoundation.org/index2.html>

### **Dominion Foundation**

Dominion invests in organizations and programs that improve the quality of life in those communities in which the company provides electricity or natural gas service, or has significant facilities and business interests. The company contributes more than \$10 million annually to these nonprofit organizations, primarily through the Dominion Foundation. To check your organizations eligibility, visit their website at:

<http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>

### **Dun & Bradstreet Corporation Foundation**

**Deadline:** None

Dun & Bradstreet, a leading business information service provider, to support disadvantaged youth and youth development, created the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation Foundation in 1953. 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](mailto:rudichy@dnb.com)

### **Entrepreneurial Programs for Veterans Supported**

The Veterans Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial success for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and members of the National Guard and reserve nationwide. The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and outreach organizations that address the entrepreneurial needs of veterans. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business or preparing a business for deployment. Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided. Visit their website for application guidelines and forms.

<http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/>

### **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, please visit** [http://target.com/target\\_group/community\\_giving/local\\_giving.jhtml](http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.jhtml)

### **Ford Foundation**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The Ford Foundation announces grants to develop new ideas or strengthen key organizations that address poverty and injustice while promoting democratic values, international cooperation and human achievement. Within these broad aims, the foundation focuses on fields within 1) Asset Building and Community Development, 2) Peace and Social Justice, 3) Knowledge and Creativity and Freedom. The foundation's funds are limited in relation to the great number of proposals received. The foundation directs its support to activities that are within its current interests and are likely to have wide effect. Support is not normally given for routine operating costs of institutions or for religious activities. Except in rare cases, funding is not available for the construction or maintenance of buildings. Most of the foundation's grant funds are given to organizations. Although it also makes grants to individuals, they are few in number and are limited to research, training and other activities related to its program interests. Since its inception, the foundation has provided more than \$10 billion in grants and loans. Applications are considered throughout the year. Normally applicants may expect to receive within six weeks an indication of whether their proposals are within the foundation's program interests and budget limitations.

For more information: <http://fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

### **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 visit their website at** [www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/grant/grantapp.shtml](http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/grant/grantapp.shtml)

### **Jimmy Buffet's Singing for Change Charitable Foundation (SFC) Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

Jimmy Buffet's Singing for Change Charitable Foundation (SFC) is interested in funding projects that improve the quality of life for people and empower individuals to effect positive change in their communities. Most likely to be considered are organizations that keep their overhead low and collaborate with other groups in their community to find innovative ways of solving common problems. SFC was created from contributions acquired during Buffet's 1995 tour. Letters of inquiry preferred. Initial letters of interest may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Grants usually fall in the \$500 to \$10,000 range. Grants of \$1,000 and less may be awarded on the basis of the letter of interest without requiring a full proposal. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, or who have a sponsoring agency with this status. SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc. does not normally consider grants to individuals or to fund research, basic-needs programs (for example, programs that exist to supply food or clothing) or single service programs, governmental agencies, artistic, political or fundraising organizations or events, programs that promote religious doctrine, or organizations outside the United States. For more information contact: Judith Ranger Smith, SFC director, 816/363-8132, e-mail

[info@singingforchange.com](mailto:info@singingforchange.com) or Internet, [www.singingforchange.com](http://www.singingforchange.com) or [http://margaritaville.com/SFC\\_application.php](http://margaritaville.com/SFC_application.php) .

### **Johnson and Johnson Family Fund Grants**

**Deadline;** Ongoing

Johnson and Johnson Family Fund Grants support a wide range of giving programs focused on women's and children's health, homelessness, community responsibility and disaster relief, access to care, advancing healthcare knowledge, and global public health. The company generally doesn't accept unsolicited proposals, but it does make exceptions. Most of its giving is through its company partners program which involves hundreds of organizations in communities around the country.

Johnson and Johnson contributed \$591.9 million in cash and products to philanthropic efforts worldwide in 2005. Eligible applicants vary by grant. **For more information go to:** <http://www.jnj.com/community/contributions/index.htm>.

### **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, please visit:** <http://www.macfound.org/site/c.1kLXJ8MQKrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>

### **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** contact Reginald Haley, 202-295-1545 or [haley@lsc.gov](mailto:haley@lsc.gov)

### **McCormick Tribune Foundation Communities Program Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The McCormick Tribune Foundation Communities Program supports efforts to stimulate local philanthropy and improve community life through collaborative partnerships in communities nationwide. The foundation helps to support projects that address basic human needs, children and youth at risk, and community strengthening efforts. Nonprofit organizations nationwide are eligible to participate. These organizations are asked to contact their local fund representatives if they are interested in applying.

Communities Program grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. In 2005, the Foundation was able to make 1,600 grants, totaling over \$60 million. Of that total, 54 percent supported programs for children and youth. For more information:

[www.mccormicktribune.org/programs.aspx](http://www.mccormicktribune.org/programs.aspx)

### **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 their website at:** [www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php](http://www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php).

### **Office Depot Taking Care of Kids and Schools Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

Office Depot supports local nonprofit organizations that directly affect the health, education and welfare of children. Office Depot is accepting applications for its Taking Care of Kids & Schools Grants Program. Funds should be used to directly provide services. The funding ceiling for grant awards has not been disclosed. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) status organizations that have an established track record of community advocacy. Information: To request a monetary donation from Office Depot, provide a brief description of the organization, the Federal Tax ID number, an explanation of what is being requested and the rationale based on Office Depot's giving guidelines. Send it to: Office Depot 2200 Old Germantown Rd., Delray Beach, FL 33445 Attn: Donations. Donations Hotline at 800-937-3600 or [www.community.officedepot.com/local.asp](http://www.community.officedepot.com/local.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** contact Theresa Carter, Executive Director, 175 Ghent Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333-3300; phone, 330-869-4289; fax, 330-869-4345. Email:

[Theresa.carter@omnova.com](mailto:Theresa.carter@omnova.com), website, [www.omnova.com/about/community/community.aspx](http://www.omnova.com/about/community/community.aspx)

### **Otto and Fran Walter Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The Otto and Fran Walter Foundation supports projects involving education and legal education, the poor and other programs involving the disadvantaged. The funding ceiling for grant awards has not been disclosed. Eligible entities can include a variety of organizations and institutions. An application form is not required and an appropriate first contact is an email. **For more information contact:** Martha H. Peak, Vice President and Grants Director, Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, 90 Park Ave., Suite 1600, New York, NY 10017-1822, email: [grants@walterfoundation.org](mailto:grants@walterfoundation.org)

### **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, please visit:** <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

### **Palmer Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The Palmer Foundation, a 501(c) (3) foundation, believes in honest, open communication, creativity, education and individual empowerment. With these values in mind, the foundation seeks to empower young people to reach their potential to become responsible contributors to their families and communities. The foundation accepts grant proposals for programs that empower young people up to age 25. The foundation's geographical region is limited to the Mid West states (Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota) and the Mid Atlantic states (Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, DC), unless one of the directors has a personal interest elsewhere. Eligible applicants vary. The highest awarded grant for FY 2006 was \$26,000. **For more information go to:** [www.thepalmerfoundation.org/default.asp?id=5](http://www.thepalmerfoundation.org/default.asp?id=5)

### **Public Welfare Foundation: Community Development Grants**

**DEADLINE:** Ongoing.

The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities. Funding priorities for 2008 include criminal and juvenile justice, health reform, special opportunities and workers' rights. IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations are eligible, but the foundation's Web site outlines alternatives for organizations without 501(c)(3) status whose activities for which they seek funds are charitable. Most grants fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000, though some may fall on either side of that range. For more information, visit [www.publicwelfare.org](http://www.publicwelfare.org)

### **Sherman Fairchild Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The foundation offers support to public safety programs like those which prevent domestic violence and help the homeless. Eligible applicants vary. Grants usually are in the \$25,000 to \$100,000 range. The foundation gave \$25,000 in 2004 to the Woman's Information Service (WISE) in Lebanon, NH, for marketing planning and a building fund. Founded in 1971, WISE provides services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, primarily women and children. WISE crisis intervention advocates offer emotional support and problem-solving assistance to victims who have been physically or emotionally abused. For more information contact the Sherman Fairchild Foundation, 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1205, Chevy Chase MD, 20815, 301/913-5990

### **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. **For more information visit their website at** <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/starr/#guidesched>

### **State Farm Companies Grant Program**

**Deadline:** Grant request are accepted at any time

The State Farm Companies Grants Program is committed to meeting the needs of company communities in the U.S. and Canada. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies working in the areas of safety, community development, and education. The Safe Neighbors category focuses on roadway safety, protecting homes, disaster preparedness, and personal financial security. The Strong Neighborhoods category focuses on affordable housing, homeownership, and sustainable communities. The K-12 Public Schools category focuses on teacher quality, service learning programs, and educational reform. Visit the website listed above for more information.

[http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/grants/cogrants.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp)

### **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>

### **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, please visit:** [http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139\\_414\\_430\\_432,00.html](http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139_414_430_432,00.html)

## **Rolling**

### **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, please visit [http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus\\_areas/after\\_prison/guidelines](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/after_prison/guidelines)

### **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 visit their website at [www.aecf.org/about/grantguidelines.htm](http://www.aecf.org/about/grantguidelines.htm)**

### **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, please visit [www.fidelityfoundation.org](http://www.fidelityfoundation.org)**; for a list of contacts, which vary by location: [www.fidelityfoundation.org/contacts/contacts.html](http://www.fidelityfoundation.org/contacts/contacts.html)

### **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](http://www.hsbcusa.com/corporateresponsibility/contributions_grants/hsbc_in_the_community_foundation.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>**

### **Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation**

**Deadline:** Rolling

The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation are 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, please visit: [http://www.blaufund.org/foundations/jacobandhilda\\_f.html](http://www.blaufund.org/foundations/jacobandhilda_f.html)**

### **MacArthur Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** Rolling

The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development will focus its 2007 grant-making strategies on community change and juvenile justice. The Juvenile Justice effort maintains a national scope and promotes an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, is acknowledged to play a critical role in the community and is held accountable for public safety as well as the rehabilitation of young offenders.

Grant award funding levels vary. Eligible applicants for the Juvenile Justice program include organizations in the United States.

**For more information, please visit [http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic\\_Grantmaking.htm](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic_Grantmaking.htm)**

### **Public Welfare Foundation Grants**

**Deadline:** Rolling

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 contact** The Public Welfare Foundation accepts letters of inquiry through its website at:

[www.publicwelfare.org/first\\_time/online\\_application.asp](http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/online_application.asp)

### **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, please visit [www.forallkids.org/site.php?module=article&pageid=56](http://www.forallkids.org/site.php?module=article&pageid=56)**

## Training and Conference Opportunities

### **The Legal Aid Society of Columbus has announced their 2008 Reentry Clinic Scheduled.**

All are welcome to attend the free clinics with no appointment necessary at: The Legal Aid Society of Columbus 1108 City Park Ave. Columbus, OH 43206. The clinics are held every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 1:30-3:30pm. For more information on topics or if you have any questions, please call: 614-224-8374.

### **OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS**

Visit their website to view the 2008 ODVN training brochure at: <http://www.odvn.org/>

### **◆The ADAMH Training & Learning Institute at Maryhaven — Upcoming Trainings◆**

**Where:** Maryhaven, 1791 Alum Creek Road, Columbus

The ADAMH Training & Learning Institute at Maryhaven is sponsoring a series of trainings this spring/summer. The trainings will offer CEUs and RCHs. For additional details, including costs, presenter bios and registration instructions, visit: [www.maryhaven.com/Training\\_programs.asp](http://www.maryhaven.com/Training_programs.asp). The trainings also appear on the ODADAS

Events Calendar at [www.odadas.state.oh.us](http://www.odadas.state.oh.us) The ADAMH Training & Learning Institute at Maryhaven also sponsors a Dual Diagnosis series, Prevention Professional Development Institute, foreign language and spirituality in recovery trainings. Visit the website above for more details.

### **Free Training and Technical Assistance**

Announcing Free Organizational Development Training and Technical Assistance to Faith Based and Community Based Non-Profit Organization in Ohio. The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives offers free training classes offered through the Ohio Compassion Capital Project (OCCP). The Ohio Compassion Capital Project provides training, collaborative opportunities, and one-on-one technical assistance at no cost to faith-based and grassroots community organizations in Ohio. For a complete listing of the training schedule and on-line registration click on this link: <http://www.ohiofamilies.org/ccftraining.asp>. In addition, one time a year, the project provides sub-award grants for capacity-building activities for faith and community-based organizations throughout the state. For more information about the sub-awards and the new option for collaborations in the 2007 RFP's, click on this link [http://www.fbciohio.gov/pdf/OCCP\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.fbciohio.gov/pdf/OCCP_Brochure.pdf) The OCCP is a collaborative partnership with Community Care Network, Economic and Community Development Institute, Free store Food bank and Ohio Community Action Training Organization.

### **GRANT WRITING SEMINARS IN 2007**

The Office of Criminal Justice Services will be hosting free Grant Writing Seminar on the following dates:

April 29  
May 6  
June 24  
July 29  
August 26  
October 1  
October 28  
November 4  
December 2

OCJS' grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals are discussed. Attendees also receive the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services' publication, Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market. The trainings take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, (To register online, visit <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Training>) To download and print a training registration form, visit OCJS' website <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsTrainings.html>

### **Accessing and Sustaining Resources for Community and Faith-Based Organizations**

**When:** Two Conference Dates: Philadelphia, PA - March 19–20, and Los Angeles, CA- April 1–2

The conferences, which will be addressed by OJJDP Administrator J. Robert Flores, will include such topics as:

- applying for government funding
- attracting private funding
- managing financial growth
- managing and planning for organizational growth while there is no registration fee, early registration is recommended, as seating is limited. To obtain further information about these conferences and register online, visit

<http://www.sei2003.com/ojjdp>.

### **DOJ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Navigating the Future: Accessing and Sustaining Resources for Community and Faith-Based Organizations**

**When:** April 1-2, 2008

**Where:** Los Angeles, CA

Participants will learn, among other things: how to apply for government funding, how to attract private funding, how to manage financial growth, and how to manage and plan for organizational growth. To register for the conference and for more information, please go to: [www.sei2003.com/ojjdp](http://www.sei2003.com/ojjdp) or contact Donni LeBoeuf, Special Assistant to the Administrator, OJJDP, at (202) 307-5911 or [donni.leboeuf@usdoj.gov](mailto:donni.leboeuf@usdoj.gov)

**Invest in Ohio's Future: Promising Practices and Partnerships**

**Dates:** April 1-2, 2008

**Location:** Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center

The 2008 Statewide Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Conference, hosted by the Supreme Court of Ohio and ODADAS is scheduled for April 1-2, 2008 at Deer Creek State Park. Our featured presenters are Michael L. Dennis, Ph.D and Dr. David Mee-Lee. CEUs and RCH's have been applied for. Registration materials will be available on [www.odadas.ohio.gov](http://www.odadas.ohio.gov) in January 2008.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference- "Embracing Excellence: People Are the Key"**

**Dates:** April 2-4, 2008

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel Columbus/ Worthington, Columbus, OH

National speakers include: Carol Shapiro- Family Justice, NY and Otis Williams - Limitless Inc.

RCHs & CEUs will be available. For more information, contact Jene' Turner at (614) 252-8417 or visit their website:

[www.occaonline.org](http://www.occaonline.org)

**Women's Issues in Recovery and Reentry**

**April 11, 2008**

**9am-4pm**

**Ann Bass Academy for Education & Training, Inc.**

**38 N. Walnut St., West Carrollton (South Dayton) OH 45449**

**Women's Issues in Recovery and Reentry.** This workshop will provide participants with information about issues commonly seen in females that affect the CD treatment process. Also, discussed will be the effects of incarceration on female addicts and relate how these effects make it difficult to engage this population in the recovery and re-entry process. Participants will learn techniques designed to assist both female and male clients who are affected by gender specific issues. A panel of women and men will be present to discuss their experiences with recovery and re-entry.

**Presenters:** Edward D. Lampton, B.A., M.Ed., M.B.A., LICDC and Khadijah Ali, CDCA. Mr. Lampton is a seasoned consultant and trainer. He is the author of numerous addiction home study courses published by Ed Lampton & Associates. Ms. Ali is a consultant and co-facilitator for the Ann Bass Academy. She also facilitates groups such as, The Psychology of Incarceration and The Winners' Circle (ODADAS recognized). She is a survivor of abuse, incarceration, and serious addiction issues. Ms. Ali continues to help others in their recovery and re-entry process.

**ONLY \$95 Lunch Is Included**

6 RCHs/CPEs (CEUs) Sponsored by Ed Lampton & Associates. Approved by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board #RCS020501 and the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board #03-0709-35 PVN-CSP Approved for Prevention Specialists Register by phone 937.847.7455 or 1.866.734.9607 Fax: 937.847.7465 Or email [abacademy@aol.com](mailto:abacademy@aol.com) Register online at [www.annbassacademy.com](http://www.annbassacademy.com)

**Rockin to Reentry: Defendant/Offender Workforce Development (DOWD) Conference**

**When:** April 13-16, 2008

**Where:** Cleveland, Ohio

Over 1000 participants from across the United States and other countries are expected to attend. Participants can network with others who are implementing best practices and partnerships, and learn about "hands-on" practices and tools. Register for the conference prior to January 31, 2008 to receive the early registration rate. For additional information, contact Carri Hoffman from the National Career Development Association (NCDA) at [choffman@ncda.org](mailto:choffman@ncda.org) or toll-free at 866-367-6232. To register, go to <http://www.ncda.org/>

**Please join COHHIO for the Housing Ohio 2008 Conference**

**When:** April 14 & 15, 2008

**Where:** Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus

Discounts available for COHHIO members. To learn more or to register, visit [www.cohhio.org](http://www.cohhio.org) <<http://www.cohhio.org>> or call 614-280-1984.

Featured speakers include Nan Roman, president and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness; Dennis Culhane, Ph.D., researcher and professor at the University of Pennsylvania; Martin Eakes, CEO of Self-Help and the Center for Responsible Lending in North Carolina; and Brian Hall, intake counselor for Maryhaven, an addiction recovery facility in Columbus.

Housing Ohio 2008 will again be a <sup>3</sup>meeting of the minds<sup>2</sup> on high-profile issues affecting all Ohioans, including the foreclosure crisis, predatory payday lending, supportive housing, rural homeless issues, and the expansion and preservation of affordable housing. Experts on effective practices from across the state and country will share their knowledge in 24 workshops with 500 of Ohio's front line homeless services providers, fair housing advocates, housing developers, government officials and agency representatives.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Offender Workforce Development Conference**  
**"Breaking Cycles, Changing Lives"**

**When:** April 16-18, 2008

**Where:** Los Angeles, CA at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel.

For more information on this conference visit: <http://www.theeventconn.com/>

**Building a Structure for Sustainability**

April 22-24, 2008

Columbus, OH

Learn about: Organizational Development, Effective Marketing Strategies, Fund Development and Fund Raising Strategies, Building A Structure for Sustainability, Outcome and Results Oriented Evaluation, Building Collaborative Relationships and Partnerships

Priority will be given to community & faith-based organizations in the Ohio area and neighboring communities.

**Space is LIMITED! Sign up NOW! First come First Served!**

Registration Deadline: April 8, 2008

For additional registration information, please contact: Denice DeOliveira by phone 301.589.3955 ext. 134 or by email at [ddeoliveira@dbconsultinggroup.com](mailto:ddeoliveira@dbconsultinggroup.com) or Rashaad Houston by phone 301.589.3955 ext. 140 or by email at [rhouston@dbconsultinggroup.com](mailto:rhouston@dbconsultinggroup.com)

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**Fifteenth Year Celebration**

May 15, 2008

Columbus State Community College  
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Columbus, OH 43215

8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$35.00

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Beth Guzman-Bowman: 614-293-8357

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May 29, 2008

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"Ethical Practices and Developing Effective Listening and  
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PRESENTER

**KAREN VADINO**

### **ADVANCE FATHERHOOD OHIO! SUMMIT**

**When:** Friday May 30, 2008 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Where:** KingsGate Marriott Hotel @ University of Cincinnati

**Cost:** Free

Convening hundreds of public and private stakeholders, fathers, advocates and practitioners to learn about, discuss and set action steps for public policy affecting fathers and families

Sponsors: OPNFF, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Ohio Office of Child Support, and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. For more information email [info@opnff.net](mailto:info@opnff.net) or visit their website at [www.opnff.net](http://www.opnff.net)

### **NIDA Blending Conference**

*Blending Addiction Science and Treatment: The Impact of Evidence-Based Practices on Individuals, Families and Communities*

**When:** June 2-3, 2008

**Where:** Cincinnati, Ohio

Visit [www.NIDABlendingConference.info](http://www.NIDABlendingConference.info) for more details.

### **The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop**

**Dates:** June 2-4, 2008

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly.

For more information, go to: [www.thegrantinstitute.com](http://www.thegrantinstitute.com).

### **Institute for Excellence in Justice\* Quarterly Seminar Series**

***Family and Corrections: The Role of Family During Incarceration and Reentry***

**When:** Friday, June 6, 2008

**Location:** TBA

**Time:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Featured Speaker and Talk: Creasie Finney Hairston – Dean, Professor of Social Work, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois, Chicago. Discussants: Kim Hettel – Family Reentry Project Manager, Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Steve Gavazzi – Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Science, College of Education and Human Development, The Ohio State University and Rachael Woldoff – Assistant Professor, Division of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University. The seminar is free and pre-registration is not required. \*The Institute for Excellence in Justice is a collaborative partnership between the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Institute on Correctional Best Practices and The Ohio State University's Criminal Justice Research Center. For more information, please contact Coretta Pettway, 614-247-7846 or [Coretta.Pettway@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Coretta.Pettway@odrc.state.oh.us) or visit the IEJ website at [www.drc.state.oh.us/web/iej\\_seminars.htm](http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/iej_seminars.htm).

### **OJJDP National Youth Gang Symposium**

***From Faith- and Community-Based Organizations to Law Enforcement***

**When:** June 23–26, 2008

**Where:** Atlanta, Georgia

For more information go to: <http://www.gangsymposium.org/>

### **CMHS'S National Center for Trauma-Informed Care: Dare to Transform, Revolutionizing Mental Health and Human Services**

**Dates:** July 9-10, 2008

**Location:** Washington, DC

For more information, go to: <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/nctic/>

### **Save the Date: UMADAOPs of Ohio 19th Annual Conference**

**When:** August 13-16, 2008

**Where:** Toledo Hilton Hotel

The Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOPs) of Ohio will host its 19th annual conference. This year's conference is themed, "Rebuilding the Fallen Bridge: A Conference to Eliminate the Risk Factors that Produce Educational Achievement Disparities Among Minority Youth." For registration information, call **419-255-4444**.

### April Observances

Alcohol Awareness Month  
Couple Appreciation Month  
Financial Literacy Month  
Holy Humor Month  
Informed Women Month  
Injury Prevention Month  
National Humor Month  
Month of the Young Child  
National Decorating Month  
National Kite Month  
National Pecan Month  
National Poetry Month  
Stress Awareness Month  
Workplace Conflict Awareness Month

### April Weekly Observances

Laugh at Work Week: 1-7  
Golden Rule Week: 1-7  
Explore Your Career Options: 7-11  
National Networking Week: 7-13  
National Crime Victims Rights Week: 13-19  
National Library Week: 13-19  
Administrative Professionals Week: 20-26  
Sky Awareness Week: 20-26  
TV Turn-Off Week: 21-27  
National Volunteer Week: 27-5/3

### April Daily Observances

All Fools Day: 1  
National Fun Day: 1  
National Fun at Work Day: 1  
Sorry Charlie Day: 1  
National Day of Hope: 2  
Victims of Violence Holy Day: 4  
National Love Our Children Day: 5  
Teflon Day: 6  
No Housework Day: 7  
National Sibling Day: 10  
Trivia Day: 11-13  
Walk on Your Wild Side Day: 12  
Take a Wild Guess Day: 15  
That Sucks Day: 15  
National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day: 16  
Blah! Blah! Blah! Blah! Day: 17  
High Five Day: 17  
National Hanging Out Day: 19  
Earth Day: 22  
National Jelly Bean Day: 22  
Administrative Professionals Day or Secretary's Day: 23  
Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day: 24  
Cubicle Day: 28

Visit this website for more details on these holidays and others: <http://www.brownielocks.com/month2.html>

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