



THE REENTRY, CORE AND MORE UPDATE

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REENTRY

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

Come visit us online at www.drc.state.oh.us/web/offenderreentry.htm for back issues of the Update, or visit on the DRC Intranet under the Employee Information tab. We are under Newsletters then select Offender Reentry. The next issue of the Update will be out October 6, 2005

WELCOME TO THE UPDATE

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

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](mailto:Candace.Knight@odrc.state.oh.us). Let's turn the **SPOTLIGHT** on for Reentry.

◆◆ Ex-Offender Panel a Success ◆◆

On August 18th, the Best Practices Institute hosted an "Ex-Offender Panel on Reentry." This event involved a moderator and eight individuals who had previously served time in an Ohio prison or the federal system. The panelists had an opportunity to share their "success stories" and how they dealt with the challenges associated with reentry upon their release. Approximately 100 individuals viewed the panel at the Best Practices Institute. Individuals from another 21 sites were able to observe the panel via videoconferencing. A videotape will be produced and distributed highlighting the insights and observations conveyed by this extraordinary group of panelists.

REENTRY UPDATES

◆◆ Offender Workforce Development Training ◆◆

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections is announcing the upcoming **Offender Workforce Development training**, which will be provided early in 2006. The application deadline is September 30, 2005. A brochure that briefly highlights the training can be found at <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/OWDS%20Brochure.pdf>

For more detailed information and the complete application form, please check the following website:
<http://www.drc.state.oh.us/>

Or check the other websites indicated on the flyer. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Susan Renick (susan.renick@odrc.state.oh.us) or Gwendolyn Woods (Gwendolyn.woods@odrc.state.oh.us).

Institution Announcements and Events

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

◆◆Madison Correctional to Host Reentry Day◆◆

On September 26, 2005 MaCI will be hosting their Reentry Day. This event will reinforce partnerships with community agencies and open awareness to offenders of the department's vision of reentry and the resources available to offenders in their communities. We will also be integrating a Job Fair component into day. For more information on MaCI Reentry event please contact: Barbara White-Terry at 740-852-9777 ext. 2300 or email her at Barbara.White-Terry@odrc.state.oh.us.

◆◆CMC Yard Day Featured Reentry Components◆◆

CMC held their Yard Day on September 7, 2005. One of the major components of the event was Reentry. Participants from outside the institution included representatives from Community Connection (Christy Washington), Job & Family Services (Koya Artes), APA (Carol Hill) and the Columbus AIDS Task Force (Kathy Sellers). Our Education staff also presented applicable information. Cadre and inmate patients who were eligible and able to participate in the outdoor event spent time talking to and gathering information from the representatives. Copies of the information distributed during the event were later made available to the CMC inmate-patients who were unable to participate in Yard Day.



◆◆DCI holds their Second Annual Reentry Spring Kick-Off◆◆

Dayton Correctional Institution hosted its second annual "Spring Kick-Off" on May 24th, 2005, to increase inmate awareness of rehabilitative programming opportunities available and to further the mission of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Reentry Initiative. The Kick-Off consisted of an open house where various community organizations and volunteers had a booth and presented programs and activities available to the inmates. These organizations offered rehabilitative information ranging from housing and recovery services to anger management, education, child support services and religious services.

◆◆ TCI holds their first Motherhood Day ◆◆

Trumbull Correctional Camp held its 1st Motherhood Day. The day began at 8:30 a.m. with the offenders and their children taking pictures and ended at 3:00 p.m. with hugs of love. There were more than 10 craft stations set up both inside and outside for the families to partake. The children took pleasure in picking out the designs for face painting for their moms and themselves, as well as painting and potting flowerpots and decorating various crafts to include picture frames, sun visors, sun catchers, and handprints.

The afternoon was filled with various outdoor games and laughter as they participated in the 3 legged- race, dropped their eggs in the egg race, and played outdoor sports. The children were elated to show their mothers that they could jump rope, play catch, or out run them across the yard. Many families stated that the day was absolutely wonderful and needed. It was definitely more than pleasurable for the participants, volunteers, and all of the families that attended!

THE DAY CONSISTED OF BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS WITH ARTS AND CRAFTS. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED DESIGNING PICTURE FRAMES, DOOR HANGERS, AND SUN VISORS WITH THEIR MOMS.



◆◆ SCI and Reentry ◆◆

Warden Sanders shares what is going on with Reentry at SCI.

The SCI Executive Staff has been attending RMT meetings weekly, rotating their presence. I attend many of them personally. This started out as a familiarization technique for them, but now it has become practice. They have taken an active role in the planning and accountability for the inmates. The response from the staff and inmates has been very positive to this "extra" intervention.

SCI will be starting a Citizens Circle in the near future for the Lancaster area. I had some early conversations with Terri Minney from APA about attending a Circle and discovered that there is none close by. I have already talked with the local Community Corrections Board and some of them have volunteered to be on the steering committee.

The ACTS program, a community faith-based recovery services education/treatment group, will be providing programs to inmates in SCI, and they also intend to continue their role with the offenders after their release. The ACTS program is an outreach ministry of the New Life Temple in Lancaster and consists of volunteers from their congregation. They are already active in the Community Transition Center and the local probation department, so they believe that SCI is the next logical step. .

◆◆ Chillicothe APA Hosts Reentry Events ◆◆



On Tuesday, August 16, 2005, the Chillicothe APA and the Chillicothe Alvis House hosted a "back-to-school" cookout for area disadvantage school aged children and their families. Both the APA and the Alvis House contacted area faith based organizations, community agencies, and local businesses to participate in the annual event. We collected much needed school supplies for the local disadvantage school aged children and distributed them at the cookout. Our focus for the cookout was not only to build a rapport with the community, but also to instill trust in the children to see a different side of the churches, prisons, and the APA.

Special recognition goes out to the following agencies and churches for making the cook-out a successful event:

New Life Christian Church, Just Meats, Ross Co-Redi-Mix, Herrs Potato Chip Factory, McDonalds (Bridge Street), Metropolitan Housing, Ross Correctional Institution, Ross County Community Action, Floral Baptist Church, Chillicothe Anglican Fellowship, Glorious Church of God, Alvis House Offenders, APA-Chillicothe Region, Ross County Banking Center, Wonder Bakery, and Subway on Western Ave. It was truly rewarding to see the children accepting the supplies and enjoying themselves at the cookout. The Chillicothe Anglican Fellowship Church was in charge of the extra curricular activities, while the APA staff, ex-offenders, and Alvis House were responsible for the grilling activities. For further information on this event and others occurring in the Chillicothe APA Region contact: Gretchen L. Breckenridge, Chillicothe Regional Re-entry Coordinator at 740-702-1213 or email her at Gretchen.Breckenridge@odrc.state.oh.us.

Columbus Region Announcements:

**◆◆September 30th: Community OPEN HOUSE◆◆
ALL ARE WELCOME**

The Columbus Region Adult Parole Authority is hosting a Reentry Open House on Friday September 30, 2005 from 9:00 AM until noon at the Columbus Regional Office, located at 1030 Alum Creek Drive. Come learn more about the philosophy of Reentry, the Adult Parole Authority, our local Reentry initiatives, and our community partners. Learn how YOU can get involved in Ohio's Reentry efforts!

Contact Carol Hill (614-752-0831) or Lisa Morgan (614-995-3771) with any questions.

Franklin County Citizen Circle accepting applications

Central Ohio Citizen Circle East is taking applications for ex-offender participants. The Circle meets at the Columbus Urban League (788 Mt. Vernon Avenue) from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Knowledgeable and dedicated Circle members provide participants with referrals, resources, support and accountability as they strive to meet their goals.

Contact Carol Hill (614-752-0831) or Lisa Morgan (614-995-3771) with referrals, or to learn how you may become part of a Citizen Circle in the Central Ohio area!

LIMA Region Announcements:

Good News Lima from the desk of Patti Filipski, Regional Services Coordinator-Patti.Filipski@odrc.state.oh.us

We would like to extend an invitation to all faith communities and social services that are interested in getting involved in Citizen's Circles ...all are welcome!

◆◆Now taking applications, please note we have openings for offenders at the following Citizen's Circles◆◆

North Toledo's Citizen's Circle

Service Area; Lucas County

Wesley United Methodist Church, 2934 Stickney Avenue, Toledo
First Thursday of every Month at Noon

Lima Citizen's Circle

Service area: Allen County and surrounding areas

Grace United Methodist Church, 125 W. Kibby Street, Lima, Ohio
*** Third Wednesday of Every Month at 2:00 PM ***

Darke County Citizen Circle

Service Area: Darke County

Meeting Day/Time: Second Thursday of each month at 12:00pm.
Meeting Place: Greenville Church of the Brethern
421 Central Avenue
Greenville, Ohio

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

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A WORD FROM OUR PROJECT DIRECTOR

The CORE grant has entered its last year of the program, officially ending on June 30, 2006. I would like to once again thank all of you for your continued dedication and commitment to a project that will have far reaching rewards.

-Angi Lee, Reentry Administrator

CORE COMMITTEE NOTES

◆◆CMAT and CSAT Surveys◆◆

The CMAT and CSAT surveys are past due. Please make sure to make copies for your records. We are requesting that the surveys be sent via mail and not FAXED. **Please refer to your CORE Users Guide on page 48 and 82 for a list of due dates on all CORE reports and paperwork.**

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

Local Level CORE Meetings

The next Local CORE meeting is **October 3rd at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held at Best Practices. If you have anything you wanted added to the agenda please contact Angi Lee. Please [RSVP](#) by September 28, 2005.

State Level CORE Meetings

The next State Level CORE meeting is **October 4th at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held at Best Practices. If you have anything you wanted added to the agenda please contact Angi Lee. Please [RSVP](#) by September 28, 2005.

STATE AND LOCAL CORE PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any of our State or Local partners have any announcements or upcoming events please forward your information to [Candace Knight](#).

Columbus:

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

AND MORE

BOOKS AND WEBSITES

◆◆ **Check out the official website for:** The Multi-site Evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative
<http://www.svori-evaluation.org/>

◆◆ **Faith-Based Involvement: Findings from the SVORI Multi-site Evaluation**

By Christine Lindquist and Susan Brumbaugh, *RTI International* July 2005

<http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/RRIA-Faith%20Based%20Report.pdf>

◆◆ **Characteristics of Prisoner Reentry Programs**

By Laura Winterfield, Urban Institute, and Christine Lindquist, *RTI International* July 2005

<http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/RRIA-Program%20Characteristics%20Report.pdf>

◆◆ **ARC: Accessing Resources for Community and Faith Based Organizations**

This website offers information on writing award winning grants, building and maintaining partnerships, training and how to establish 501(c) 3 organizations. <http://arc.nttac.org/>

Reentry Lesson plan by one of ODRC's very own was highlighted in the July Edition of the Journal of Correctional Education

For anyone who needs a lesson plan pertaining to reentry, the Journal of Correctional Education July edition (actually labeled June) features a lesson plan pertaining to reentry. It uses the video "Success Stories - Change is Possible". This 32-minute video may be purchased from FMS Productions, 5320/D Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93014. It shows how 4 adults of various ethnicities, overcame their past, which included years of prison time. It shows how these 3 men and 1 woman, made actual changes - and the changes began while incarcerated. Much emphasis is placed on being responsible, and staying away from old "friends". This has proven to be one of my most interesting lessons. If you need further information feel free to contact Dorla Finch at Dorla.Finch@odrc.state.oh.us

Successful Strategies for Recruiting Training and Utilizing Volunteers: A Guide for Faith- and Community-Based Service Providers

SAMSA, February 2005,

<https://store.health.org/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=17055>

Women's Prison Association

Spotlighted on their website is a reentry tool kit for transitioning female offenders. The kit is downloadable. Visit their website to find this and more information on women offenders.

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

Michigan Prison Reentry Initiative

Michigan Department of Corrections

Take a look at what the DOC in Michigan is doing with reentry.

http://www.michigan.gov/corrections/0,1607,7-119-9741_33218---,00.html

Informative brochure for offenders to help prevent job discrimination

By The Legal Action Center

http://www.lac.org/pubs/gratis/Do_You_brochure.pdf

Online Resources

The Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) has new online resources that are located on the U.S. Department of Labor website. To get more information on making a difference through strategic business partnerships, Promising Practices, Accomplishments Report and Accomplishment Financials visit <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/pubsmaterials.htm>

"Finding Work"

Glenn Martin, Co-Director of the *National HIRE Network* was interviewed by www.corrections.com on Friday, July 8, 2005

The interview is about the National HIRE Network's work and barriers to employment for people with criminal records. To listen, go to www.corrections.com and click on the "Live Programming" link on the right side of the homepage.

The 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.nicic.org/Library/020200

Profile of Nonviolent Offenders Exiting State Prisons

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Date: October 2004

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

Description:

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

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

Source: Center for Multicultural Human Services

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

Description:

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

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

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

Boston Reentry Program (Boston)

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is committed to providing reentry services to offenders integrating back to their communities. Through the development of strategic partnerships and programs, the Department maintains an innovative reentry program while maintaining and enhancing public safety. <http://www.scsdma.org/reentryServices/index.html>
CA 947099, ISBN# 0-938678-06-X.

NEWS, RESEARCH AND REPORTS

A Community Response Manual: The Victim's Role in Offender Reentry

By Anne K. Seymour, American Probation and Parole Association

<http://www.appa-net.org/manual.pdf>

Columbus agency helps ex-offenders find jobs

Tom Borgerding, WOSU Reporter, June 13, 2005

This story and radio broadcast features Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, located in Columbus Ohio

http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wosu/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=783297

The Employment Retention and Advancement Project Early Results from Four Sites

By Dan Bloom, Richard Hendra, Karin Martinson, and Susan Scrivener (July 2005).

Millions of welfare recipients have entered the labor force in the past decade, but surveys show that many remain in unstable, low-paying jobs that offer few opportunities for advancement. This report presents early evidence on the effectiveness of four diverse programs designed to help current or former welfare recipient's work more steadily and increase their earnings.

To download the report, see <http://www.mdrc.org/publications/413/overview.html>

(Information was taken from the September Issue of the HIRE Network Newsletter)

Criminal justice requires united effort, Means says Monday Mission

by Val Hymes, Episcopal; News Service, August 22, 2005

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_64298_ENG_HTML.htm

Re-Entry Courts: An Emerging Trend

Re-Entry Policy Council, August 18, 2005

<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/features.php#reentrycourts>

BUFFALO LICK: Church's program addresses the problems of people's lives

By Tonya S. Grace, The Kentucky New Era, August 6, 2005

http://www.kentuckynewera.com/articles/stories/public/200508/06/04uO_news.html

The Challenge of Reentry: Keeping Ex-offenders free

By Daniel Dighton, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=Publications&metapage=CompilerSummer02_01

Road To Redemption: What We Should Do With Ex-Prisoners

By Pat Nolan, Justice Fellowship, July 1, 2004

http://www.pfm.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Justice_Fellowship1&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=12914

A Better Life- A Safer Community Helping Inmates Access Federal Benefits

By Chris Koyanagi, Bazelon Center Issue Brief

<http://www.bazelon.org/issues/criminalization/publications/gains/index.htm>

When Prisoner' Return: Reentry Resources

Justice Fellowship

http://www.pfm.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Justice_Fellowship1&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=14691

Law & Psychiatry: Slowing the Revolving Door: Community Reentry of Offenders with Mental Illness

By Stephan Haimowitz, J.D., Psychiatric Services website, April 2004
<http://ps.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/55/4/373>

EXODUS: Helping Others on the Way to Successful Reentry: A Noble Opportunity for Church

by Val Hymes, Prison Ministry Conference, April 21, 2005
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/33597_61430_ENG_HTM.htm

Church takes prison ministry to dioceses

By Val Hymes, Prison Ministry Network News, Wednesday, May 25, 2005
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/33597_62396_ENG_HTM.htm?menu=menu34906

Time. {And Time Again.}

By Joseph Rosenbloom, The Boston Globe, July 31, 2005
http://www.boston.com/news/globe/magazine/articles/2005/07/31/time_and_time_again/

Ex-Offender Resource Guide- Baltimore Maryland

http://www.oedworks.com/exoffender/resource_guide.pdf

Crime and Justice Institute

<http://crjustice.org/cji/index.html>

CORI: Balancing Individual Rights and Public Access

Wednesday, May 18, 2005
<http://crjustice.org/cji/cjipublications.html>

Concentrating on Reentry Yields Results

In Sites Summer 2005
<http://www.ncjrs.org/ccdo/in-sites/reentry.html>

Ex-felon hopes to practice law

By Robin Topping Staff Writer, newsday.com 2005
http://www.newsday.com/news/local/longisland/ny-lifelo01_0_2935521_story

Relief From The Collateral Consequences Of A Criminal Conviction: A State –By-State Resource Guide

By Margaret Colgate Love
Taken from the Sentencing Project
<http://www.sentencingproject.org/rights-restoration.cfm>

Mentors Help Reduce Recidivism

District of Massachusetts 2005
<http://www.psn.gov/News.asp?FormMode=release&ID=215>

TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

◆◆ **“You Visited Me in Prison!”** ◆◆

Overcoming the Odds Conference

Date: Saturday October 1, 2005
Location: Procter Conference Center, 11235 S. R. 38 SE, London Ohio
Time: 9:30am to 3:30pm

As Bishop Thompson spelled out in his 2001 pastoral letter, Let My People Go, incarceration is having a devastating effect on Ohio's communities. Churches can play a decisive role in rebuilding the lives of ex-offenders and their families. Come learn how at ECSF's, you will:

- Receive a succinct overview of the factors in the statewide prison crisis
- Learn about specific and MANAGEABLE ways your church can help
- Connect with grassroots organizations who are working effectively in your part of the state

The goals are to foster KNOWLEDGE and TEAMWORK so that your community can pull together to prevent crime and recidivism. Most workshop leaders are ex-offenders who are doing fruitful work on this issue and for whom faith and local congregations were vital to successful re-entry. The conference fee is \$15 to cover the cost of meals and a resource guide.

To sign up or to find out more, please contact Ariel Miller, ECSF Executive Director, at ECSF@eos.net or 513-221-0547

◆◆ National Institute of Corrections Satellite Broadcast ◆◆

Transition from Prison to Community: Making It Work

Broadcast Date: Sept. 28, 2005 **Deadline to register:** September 26, 2005

This session will focus on how corrections officials in Missouri and Michigan are implementing system change to improve the success of offenders released to the community. The goals of the broadcast are to: Understand the importance of offender transition from prison to community from a variety of perspectives. Understand the primary elements of the TPC model and the key principles underlying the model's approach. Understand the key steps in the process of designing and implementing a more effective approach to transition from prison to community. To get information on how to register for this 3-hour satellite broadcast visit the NICIC website at:

http://www.nicic.org/WebVideo_390.htm

First Wednesdays in Supportive Housing

Please note that there will be no First Wednesday call on August 3, 2005. Save the date, though, for our next call on October 5, 2005, from 3 to 4pm ET. Titled "New Financing Models in Supportive Housing," this call will cover topics ranging from new options with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to innovative approaches with operating subsidies. Watch this space for information about speakers and registration. In the meantime, please visit our comprehensive and newly updated Financing Supportive Housing Guide at

<http://www.csh.org/financing>

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

Source: Center for Sex Offender Management

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

Description:

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

6th Annual Conference on Addiction and Criminal Behavior

Date: September 18-21, 2005

Location: St. Louis, MO

Contact: GWC, Inc

Tel: 800-851-5406

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

CEA-Ohio Conference: "Honor, Opportunity, Pride, Education"

Date: September 28th-30th, 2005

Location: Holiday Inn, Cleveland, Ohio

For more information and the conference registration forms go to: <http://www.ceareg3.org/Ohiochapter.html>

National Conference on Addiction & Criminal Behavior

Date: September 18-21, 2005,

Location: St. Louis, Missouri

For registration information call 800-851-5406 or online at www.gwcinc.com.

The 13th Annual Conference on Homelessness

Date: September 19-21, 2005

Location: Shreveport, LA

Contact: Terri Brock

Tel: 318-227-2100 or email tbrock@centerpt.org

11th National Workshop on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders

Date: October 15-19, 2005,

Location: Bloomington, Minnesota

For more information about registration, conference schedule and exhibitor information, go to www.ajfo.org

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

Date: October 28-30, 2005

Location: Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel, Nashville, TN

Tel: 313-875-3883 x 27

Contact: www.topinc.net

The International Community Corrections Association Conference:

"Making 'What Works' Work: Practical Application of Evidence Based Practices"

Date: November 7-10, 2005

Location: Atlantic City, NJ at the Caesars Atlantic City

For more information on the conference, contact: ICCA Conference Coordinator - (608) 785-0200, icca@execpc.com

http://www.appa-net.org/c/headlines/docs/ICCA_Brochure.pdf

AmeriCorps Grants

The 2006 AmeriCorps Grant Guidelines and application instructions are now available. Faith-based and other organizations operating a national and community service program in two or more states may apply as a new applicant for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant. The grants support the operation of national and community service programs. A total of \$20 million will be awarded. The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope of the proposed project.

Applications for each of these AmeriCorps funding opportunities are due February 14, 2006. The entire program announcement is at: http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/05_0802_ameri_corps_nofa.pdf

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

Application Deadline: June 15 or November 1, 2005

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

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

Foundation Funding to Prevent Domestic Violence

Application Deadline: Open

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

For more information, visit: http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.ihtml.

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

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/after_prison/guidelines

Application Deadline: Inquiries are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

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