



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 November 17, 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@drc.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@drc.state.oh.us). Let's turn the **SPOTLIGHT** on for Reentry.

www.svori-evaluation.org

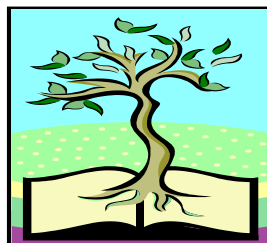
Visit the Multi-Site Evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative website. This website is full of great information about the SVORI grant nationally. What will you find at this website?

- **Background and SVORI site information**
- **Background, implementation, impact and economic analysis in reference to the evaluation**
- **Resources, reports and presentation**

When you visit the site sign up to receive updates from the site so you will be update on what is going on with SVORI.

REENTRY UPDATES

“Wisdom Gained Through Experience” **Restorative Justice Week is November 13-19, 2005**



There will be a **Restorative Justice Week Kick Off** event on November 14, 2005 from 9:00am to Noon. The event will take place at the Ohio Institute on Correctional Best Practices located at 1580 St.Rt. 56, London, Ohio 43140. All are welcome to attend to learn more about Restorative Justice and meet providers from the community. If you are interested in setting up a booth for the event or plan to attend, please contact Candace Knight at 740-845-3222 or email her at Candace.knight@drc.state.oh.us. Please RSVP by November 7, 2005.

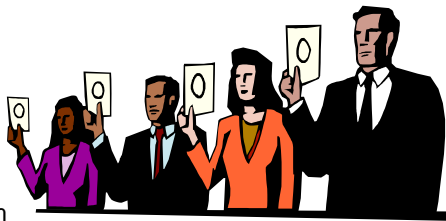
Institution Announcements and Events

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).

NCCTF Reentry Day held on Thursday October 27th A Success

Susan Renick and James Dixon attended the NCCTF Reentry Day held on Thursday October 27th. The private prison had a very successful Reentry Day, provided in a morning and afternoon session. There was good community agency representation at this event. Agencies included Lorain Co Urban League, Catholic Charities- Columbiana Mahoning and Trumbull counties, Cleveland Mission Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Canton area, Cleveland State University, Volunteers of America, The LEAP Program, United Way of Lorain Co., Parents Anonymous, family First of Stark Co. Lorain co. Dept of Jobs & Family Services, The Employment Network, and representing the APA and promoting Citizen Circles was one of the Reentry coordinators. It was a very good turnout and some agencies that could not show sent materials to hand out. All community agencies and guests were given a MTC cup filled with candy and a pen along with a very nice brochure about MTC Management & Training Corporation Success For Life- Preparing inmates for Successful reintegration.

◆ ◆ ACI to Hold a Community Wellness, Reentry and Job Fair ◆ ◆



When: November 9, 2005 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Where: Allen Correctional Institution

Various agencies including Medical, Recovery Services, Education and Employment will be asked to join us in collaboration, to assist offender upon their reentry into society. For those offenders close to release job interviews will be conducted.

If your organization or business interesting in participating please contact: Randall Factor at 419-224-8000 ext. 2530 or email him at Randy.Factor@odrc.state.oh.us



◆ ◆ Akron APA Region Open House ◆ ◆

When: December 7, 2005 from 10am to 2pm

Located: The Morley Health Building Auditorium 177 South Broadway St. Akron Ohio 44308

The Open House will provide an opportunity to learn about the daily operations of the Adult Parole Authority, our Correctional Institutions and our Community Partners as well as our current Reentry Initiatives in the Akron Region. There will be opportunities to meet/network with people committed to offender Reentry. Come be a part of the Reentry effort in the Akron Region.

Representatives will be available to provide information in the following areas:

- Reentry efforts in four of our Correctional Institutions
- Adult Parole Field Supervision
- Sex Offender Management
- Offender Mental Health issues
- Offender Substance Abuse intervention
- Offender Employment initiatives
- Citizen Circles
- Seeking Employment with the Adult Parole Authority
- Volunteering with the Adult Parole Authority
- Seeking Reentry Program approval
- Tours of the Akron Adult Parole Authority Office (Hourly)
- Community Agency Partners in the Akron Area
- And more...

For more information please contact: John Geras (330 643-1472) and James Dowdell (330 643-1055)

◆◆ ROSS CORRECTIONAL AND CHILLICOTHE APA REENTRY INITIATIVE DAY ◆◆
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005



Ross Correctional Institution and the Chillicothe Regional APA hosted their annual **Reentry Initiative Day** on Monday, October 3, 2005 at RCI. The following providers were present:

Goodwill Industries, Alvis House Community Center, Community Behavioral Health, Portsmouth rehabilitation, TASC of Southeast Ohio, S.P.A.R.K. (Mentoring Children of Incarcerated parents), Job and Family Services (One Stop), Ohio University, Franklin County Child Support, Ross County Community Action, Social Security Administration, Africentric Personal Development Shop, Peter Winston Ministries, Ross County Veterans Service Office, UMADAOP (Dayton Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program), Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Services, Ross-CO Redi Mix, RCI health services and RCI mental health services.

The event was offered to all inmates that are being released back into society within the next 12 months. Approximately 140 inmates participated in the event. Two motivated speakers (Joe Wrightsel, Charles Winston) were the speakers of the day. Both speakers captivated the audience with their life experiences and stories.

The RCI *Food Service Apprenticeship* program provided the snacks and lunch. The event was truly a success. RCI will be sponsoring the event on an annual basis.

[APA Regional Announcements and Events](#)

Columbus:

◆◆ COLUMBUS APA REGION HOLD A SUCCESSFUL REENTRY DAY OPEN HOUSE ◆◆



The Columbus Adult Parole Authority's First Annual Community Open House Reentry Day was a great success! The event was held on Friday September 30, 2005 at the Columbus APA Regional Office and focused on the theme "Safer Communities Get Informed and Get Involved."

Representatives from various sections of the Adult Parole Authority and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction were available to speak with guests about their job duties and how they impact offender reentry. Guests were able to learn about the Ohio Institute for Correctional Best Practices, the Parole Board, the Bureau of Community Sanctions, the Office of Victim Services, and APA Field Supervision, including the Offender Services Network, Sex Offender and Security Threat Group supervision, and drug testing and DNA testing. Community Connection and Build the Bridge, two local agencies who provide services specifically for ex-offenders, were also available to speak to guests about their programs. In addition to an opportunity to get informed about reentry, the Open House also afforded community members an opportunity to get involved in local reentry efforts. Guests were able to learn about Citizen Circles, Community Reentry Management Teams, the CORE local steering committee, and volunteer, internship and employment opportunities with the Division of Parole and Community Services.

Visitors enjoyed refreshments as they networked and gathered information, perused inmate art for sale, and watched videos produced by Community Connection about the challenges of offender re-entry as well as ex-offender success stories.

In conjunction with the Open House, the APA and the CORE local steering committee offered continuing education credits for a special training session titled "Community Reentry: Collaborating for Success." The original capacity of 30 participants was doubled due to

tremendous interest from the community! Training modules included the philosophy of reentry and offender supervision; risk assessment, criminogenic needs and program referrals; Community Reentry Management Teams and Citizen Circles; enhancing Parole Officer and provider communication; the offender experience: barriers, challenges, and opportunities; and Community Oriented Reentry (CORE).

Invitations were extended to many local agencies, and APA staff aggressively canvassed the neighborhoods surrounding the APA office to invite community members and businesses. Approximately 150 guests visited the APA Open House, including representatives from local treatment providers, social service agencies, neighborhood associations, government agencies, churches and other faith – based organizations, employers and landlords, the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and more. Most importantly, many of the guests were simply members of the community who wanted to know more about the Adult Parole Authority and offender reentry.

Thank you to the Adult Parole Authority staff, Community Connection, Build the Bridge, the CORE local steering committee, and all the other community partners who assisted with the Open House.

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:

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!

▷ Lima Citizen Circle:

Lima Citizen's Circle covers Allen County and all surrounding communities for offenders with transportation.

Meeting Day/Time: Third Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm.

Meeting Place: Grace United Methodist Church, 25 W. Kibby Street, Lima, Ohio.

Mission Statement: Through positive asset discovery, the Lima Citizen Circle will assist participants in taking a responsible and pro-active role as a community member. Lima Citizen's Circle is a group of dedicated citizens and community partners. They have an understanding of the barriers our offenders face and their families. The service professionals have increased their agency's interactions with our offenders. These concerned professionals and citizens have given countless hours, resources, and energy. Their dedication has impacted our offenders' lives as well as their families. They have truly made a difference in their community!

▷ Darke County Citizen Circle covers a service Area of 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.

Darke County Citizen's Circle is a group of dedicated citizens and community partners. They have an understanding of the barriers our offenders face and their families. The service professionals have increased their agency's interactions with our offenders. These concerned professionals and citizens have given countless hours, resources, and energy. Their dedication has impacted our offenders' lives as well as their families. They have truly made a difference in their community!

▷ North Toledo Citizen's Circle.

NTCC meets first Thursday of every month at noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2934 Stickney Avenue, and Toledo.

NTCC's Vision Statement: "Empowering North Toledo Citizens to develop safer communities and improved quality of life for its members"

NTCC's. Mission – To create partnerships that will increase opportunities for productive community membership. NTCC is a group of dedicated citizens and community partners operating over two years. They have an understanding of the barriers our offenders face as well as their families. These service professionals have increased their agency's interactions with our offenders. These concerned professionals and citizens have given countless hours, resources, and energy. Their dedication has impacted our offenders' lives as well as their families. They have truly made a difference in their community!

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

◆◆ LIMA REGION ANNOUNCES A GOLD STAR NOMINATION ◆◆

A Gold Star Award Nomination was recommended for Dr. John A. Kruszewski, O.D from Pinnacle Eye Group for exemplary effort and service. His can be contacted at the following address: 7205 West Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43617. (419) 843-2020.

What a commitment Dr. Kruszewski makes to the community! He has contributed by donating his time and services to many homeless as well as medically indigent persons. This includes families, children, and many of our reentering citizens in Lucas County, Ohio. He has assisted us in A.C.T.I.O.N by sharing information and fliers of Prevent Blindness Ohio – A Vision Care Outreach with multi faith communities. "ACTION" is sharing ideas and exchanging information to help make the community healthier.

Dr. Kruszewski dedicated efforts and hard work makes a difference in our community. He volunteers his time on monthly basis working at Mildred Bayer Homeless Clinic and Northwest Vision Care Outreach Program on "Prevent Blindness Ohio". All resources for the Outreach program our privately donated. Recently, Dr. Kruszewski heard about a reentering citizen, who attends North Toledo Citizen's Circle. The reentering citizen was experiencing vision problems and headaches. This citizen was on the right course caring for his diabetic father, looking for employment, meeting all of his supervision requirements, and attending North Toledo Citizen's Circle. With just a phone call, Dr. Kruszewski personally worked this citizen into his schedule for an appointment. Dr. Kruszewski provided free valuable eye care and glasses for this citizen. He contributes to our mission offering a holistic approach by assisting us with resources. In addition to the above, Dr. Kruszewski indicated he would assist us by offering important eye care needs for children of reentering citizens of our community. He is caring for the community and his quality of work is exceptional! Dr. Kruszewski's dedicated service is vision connected and makes our community healthier!

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A WORD FROM OUR PROJECT DIRECTOR

As the year draws to an end let us continue to work together to see the grant through, your motivation and dedication is making such a difference in so many lives. It is your commitment that is drawing attention to CORE and reentry nationally. On November 3, 2005, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones testified in front of the House Judiciary Committee on the Second Chance Act of 2005. In her testimony she cited CORE as a prime example for the need of addressing the reentry needs of offenders.

-Angi Lee, Reentry Administrator

CORE COMMITTEE NOTES

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

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.

- **It is that time again to hand in copies of CORE File documents. Please refer to your CORE Users Guide on page 48. If you are not sure which months your team need to submit please contact Candace Knight for more information. File copies are due to our office by December 9th. Please DO NOT FAX THIS PAPERWORK.**

New Monthly Report Form

Starting with **November Monthly Reports** all sites will be using the new reporting format. Training for local sites is being conducted on November 4th in conjunction with a refresh DOTS training at the Columbus APA office. It will be the responsibility of those in attendance to go back and train their staff on the new process.

◆◆ SVORI Multi-Site Evaluation ◆◆

Official Website for SVORI Multi-site Evaluation: <http://www.svori-evaluation.org/>

Two New Reentry Research in Action Briefs:

▷ **Reentry Research In Action: Implementation of SVORI Programs:** A two page brief about the implementation of SVORI programs, including their current status and barriers encountered
http://www.svori-evaluation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_reports

▷ **Reentry Research In Action: Characteristics of Prisoner Reentry Programs for Juveniles:** A four page brief highlighting various dimensions of SVORI programs exclusively serving juveniles
http://www.svori-evaluation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_reports

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.

Columbus would like to welcome Twin Valley Behavioral Health to the Columbus CORE Team. They will be serving as the contract provider for mental health services for the CORE Mental Health Supplemental Grant. Welcome Aboard.

Cleveland

The Cleveland CORE Team would like to welcome Barrett Cain. Barrett is the new Community Reentry Coordinator for the CORE grant in Cuyahoga County. Welcome Aboard.

AND MORE

BOOKS AND WEBSITES

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEBSITES AND BOOKS

▷ **Restorative Justice Online**

Prison Fellowship International
<http://www.restorativejustice.org/>

▷ **Restorative Justice Resources**

Correctional Service of Canada
http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/prgrm/rjust_e.shtml

▷ **The Centre For Restorative Justice: Simon Fraser University**

<http://www.sfu.ca/crj/>

▷ **Restorative Justice: Healing the effects of Crime**

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

▷ **Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking**

An International Resource Center In Support of Restorative Dialogue Practice, Research and Training
<http://2ssw.che.umn.edu/rjp/>

▷ **Restorative Justice Project**

Restorative Justice Implementation CORP Resource and Training Center
<http://www.fresno.edu/pacs/rjp/>

▷ **Restorative Justice On-Line Notebook**

NIJ
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/rest-just/>

▷ **Restorative Justice Consortium**

<http://www.restorativejustice.org.uk/>

▷ **Pinellas Ex-offender Reentry Coalition**

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

▷ **The Little Book of Restorative Justice**

By Howard Zehr, 2002
ISBN: 1-56148-376-1, www.goodbks.com

▷ **Transcending: Reflections Of Crime Victims**

Portraits and Interviews by Howard Zehr, 2001
ISBN: 1-56148-333-8, www.gookbks.com

▷ **Doing Life: Reflections of Men and Women Serving Life Sentences**

Portraits and Interviews by Howard Zehr, 1996
ISBN: 1-56148-203-X, www.goodbks.com

▷ **New Updates from The Re-Entry Policy Council**

Re-Entry Policy Council

Senate Leaders Introduce Second Chance Act of 2005
<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/SCA.Introduced.php>

Re-Entry Policy Council

Minnesota Bill would Define and Catalog Collateral Sanctions
<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/news/Collateral-Sanctions.php>

▷ **FASTEN: Sharing knowledge, strengthening connections, and improving outcomes.**

Fasten offers networking opportunities and informational resources to equip faith based practitioners, private philanthropist and public administrator seeking to collaborate effectively to renew urban communities.
<http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=Home>

▷ **Office of National Drug Control Policy**

Drug Facts, Street Terms: Drugs and the Drug Trade
 The Street Terms database contains over 2,300 street terms that refer to specific drug types or drug activity. Police officers, parents, treatment providers and others who require a better understanding of drug culture use the database.
<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/streetterms/>

▷ **Offender Reentry: Statistics and Solutions**

PowerPoint by Meredith Lyon Assistant City Attorney and Community Prosecutor
http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/committee_briefings/briefings/QOL-Offender_Reentry_files/frame.htm#slide0001.htm

▷ **Power Point on North Carolina's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative**

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/sas/tasc/re%20entry%20NASADAD.ppt>

▷ **Developing and Evaluating Community Based Offender Reentry Programs: Challenges and opportunities for Applied Research**

PowerPoint by Anthony E.O.King PhD from the School of Social Work, Wayne State University
<http://www.culma.wayne.edu/spc/ResearchPublications/PublicationsAssets/KingPresentation2Dec04.pdf>

▷ **Reentry Policy Council: Charting the Safe and Successful Return of Prisoner to the Community**

Check out the section on housing options for ex-offenders
<http://www.reentrypolicy.org/report/ps19-housing.php>

▷ **HJR 273: Joint Subcommittee Studying Prison Reentry into Society**

September 12, 2005
<http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/legisrec/2005/sjr273b.htm>

▷ **Future Trends in State Courts 2005**

Richland County Model Reentry Court
http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Trends/2005/ProAltReentryCt.html

▷ **Prison Reentry: A Pathfinder**

Lloyd Sealy Library, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
 Prepared by Lloyd Sealy Librarians Barbara Carrel and Catherine Stern
<http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/research/pathfinder.html>

▷ **Alcoholics Anonymous and treatment seem to work best together**

Back to Addiction Science Made Easy
 The Addiction Technology Transfer Center National Office provides funding for this Addiction Science Made Easy project, under the cooperative agreement from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of SAMHSA. Articles were written based on the following published research: Moos, Bernice S. (October 2005). Paths of entry into alcoholics anonymous: consequences for participation and remission. *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*.
<http://www.nattc.org/asme/details.asp?ID=0511b>

▷ **The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics**

This website is full of justice and public safety information
<http://www.search.org/>

▷ **Breaking the Cycle of Drugs and Crime**

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Volume 20, Number 3 (October 2005)
http://www.drugabuse.gov/NIDA_notes/NNvol20N3/BBoard.html#Breaking

▷ **Understanding the Challenges of Offender Reentry in Allegheny County**

February 2005

<http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/dhs/JailInit/OffReentryP1.pdf>

▷ **Offender Reentry Panel Member**

United Way of Chittenden County, October 14, 2005

<http://www.volunteersolutions.org/chittenden/org/opp/8858995.html>

▷ **Fast Research Facts: Ex-offender reentry programs**

<http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=PrisonerReentry>

▷ **Texas Offender Reentry Initiative: Training Reentry Volunteering and Mentorship**

National Alliance of Faith and Justice

<http://www.nafj-nabcj.org/programs/tori.php>

▷ **U.S. Department of Justice awards federal grant to Wisconsin DOC for state offender reentry initiative**

June 29, 2005, Federal grant strengthens Wisconsin's efforts to promote greater community safety

http://www.wi-doc.com/Reentry_Initiative.htm

Returning Home Illinois Policy Brief: Health and Prisoner Reentry

By Kamala Mallik Kane, August 30, 2005

<http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=311214>

Returning Home Illinois Policy Brief: Prisoner Reentry and Residential Mobility

By Nancy G. La Vigne and Barbara Parthasarath, August 30, 2005

<http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=311213>

Returning Home Illinois Policy Brief: Treatment Matching

By Laura Winterfield and Jennifer Castro, August 30, 2005

<http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=311216>

Returning Home Illinois Policy Brief: Employment and Prisoner Reentry

By Vera Kachnowski, August 30, 2005

<http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=311215>

Ohio County Helps Juveniles with Mental Illness/Substance Abuse Problems

By Sarah Etter, The Correction Connection, October 2005

<http://www.corrections.com/healthnetwork/healthnews.aspx>

TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

▷ **Prisoner Reentry: Facing the Challenges of Returning Home.**"

This On-line event scheduled for November 9, 2005 2:00 – 4:00 pm EDT

The event will tap into the knowledge and experience of key leaders in reentry research and program development, highlight housing programs designed to assist returning prisoners, and discuss the resulting policy challenges for lawmakers.

For more information, go to <http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/>. To attend the session, please send an e-mail with the subject "Reentry RSVP" to James_Cooney@ksg.harvard.edu and include your name, affiliation, and e-mail address. You will need phone and Internet access:

▷ **Mark Your Calendars: HOUSING FOR A 2nd CHANCE** ▷

Family, Government, and Community Partnerships for Housing People Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Date: November 15, 2005 from 8:30AM - 1:00PM

Location: 525 Hamilton Street, 2nd Floor, Toledo, Ohio

This free training is for public housing authorities, property managers, community development corporations, law enforcement, and social service providers interested in promoting safe, stable housing and increasing housing accessibility for formerly incarcerated people and their families.

Please **RSVP** directly with Mark Conyers from the CSI staff: mconyers@lisc.org

Any questions please feel free to contact Margaret DiZerega, at mdizerega@lisc.org or manueljburgos@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Reentry: Addressing the Challenges for the Community and the Offender

Date: November 17, 2005

Location: Myers University Club, Cleveland Ohio

For more information call: **877-736-5801**

National Offender Workforce Development Conference

Call for Presentations

Deadline December 1st, 2005

The National Offender Workforce Development Program Committee is soliciting this call for presentation for their 2nd Annual conference scheduled for April 11th-13th, 2006 at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

The National Offender Workforce Development Conference seeks innovative and informative presentations that address issues, legislation, best practices, programs, products and ideas that relate directly advancing the employability of ex-offender populations. The presentation sessions are 2 hours in length and we recommend that you allow 15 minutes for questions and answers.

Please feel free to contact Terrell Whitener at 314-209-9400 with any questions concerning your proposals or e-mail me at twhitener@proworkdev.com. You should also feel free to e-mail your proposals to twhitener@proworkdev.com also. If you choose to mail in your proposal, please mail your proposal to:

Productive Workforce Development L.L.C.
540 Northwest Plaza
St. Ann, Missouri 63074
Attn: Terrell Whitener

Proposals received after December 1st will not be considered. Please make sure that your proposal is in Microsoft Word format, to assure that the information is readable.

When submitting your proposal please also include the following;

- + Workshop title
- + Presenters name (only two presenters will receive complimentary conference registration)
- + Audiovisual requirements
- + One paragraph biographical sketch of presenter's
- + Primary presenter contact information.

At this time the National Offender Workforce conference is unable to pay for transportation or lodging for the conference. If this situation changes prior to the conference, we will inform the presenters. If your workshop is selected we will forward information about printing and other services available to presenters at that time. All presentations submitted will receive a response from the program committee.

Creating Trauma-Informed Services for Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System

Date: November 18, 2005

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM- Registration—8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Location: Concourse Hotel and Conference Center, 4300 International Gateway, Columbus, Ohio 43219

For more information, please see the attached brochure and visit the Supreme Court of Ohio website:

www.sconet.state.oh.us/spec_dockets/events. Or contact Kate Brunner at the Supreme Court of Ohio at (614) 387-9430 or specdocs@sconet.state.oh.us.

American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)

2006 Winter Training Institute

Date: January 8-11, 2006

Location: Austin, Texas

Call Kris Chappell at (859) 244-8204 for more information or visit www.appa-net.org.

▶ The 4th National GAINS Center Conference

System Transformation at the Interface of the Criminal Justice and mental health Systems

When: April 5-7, 2006

Where: Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA

The conference is currently requesting calls for presenter check out the website for more information.

http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/pdfs/conference/Call_for_Papers.pdf

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

▶ Ohio State Bar Foundation Grant

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. Their mission statement is: The Ohio State Bar Foundation strives to be a catalyst, convener and collaborator in promoting public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio.

The Foundation's Trustees consider proposals twice each year. Deadlines for submitting grant applications are **February 15** and **August 15**. Proposal decisions are made by June 30 and November 30. For more information about OSBF Grants go to:

http://www.osbf.net/grant_home.html

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

The application deadline for this funding opportunity is November 18, 2005

OVC is seeking proposals for innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide awareness of the rights and available services for all types of crime victims during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 23-29, 2006. Approximately 60 communities across the United States will be competitively selected to receive a sub-contract that will provide up to \$5,000 reimbursement for approved NCVRW public awareness activities. To learn more about NCVRW Community Awareness Project **for information on the application process**, visit the OVC Web site at <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/2006NCVRWfund/welcome.html> or the OVC Headlines page at <http://www.ovc.gov>.

Community-Based Care for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Abuse

Deadline: November 18, 2005

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), among other federal agencies, are inviting letters of intent from community-based service organizations that provide drug abuse prevention and treatment to conduct practice improvement research. A total of \$1.9 million will support 8-12 new grants to conduct preliminary or pilot studies of the adoption, implementation and sustained use of science-based policies and practices; and to access the effectiveness of promising but unproven policies and practices. Final applications are due December 19, 2005.

Information: The request for application is at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-06-001.html>

Community Advocacy Project

Deadline: Ongoing

The Open Society Institute's (OSI) Community Advocacy Project awards grants to national, state and local tax-exempt organizations committed to reducing over-incarceration and to assisting marginalized people, such as ex-offenders, their families and at-risk youth.

Information: Open Society Institute, 400 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10009; 212/548-0363; or online at <http://www.soros.org/crime>

Public Welfare Foundation Funds for Service Needs

Deadline: Ongoing

The Public Welfare Foundation (PWF) is a nongovernmental grant-making organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Areas of interest include criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly and youth, environment, population, health, community and economic development, human rights, and technology assistance. Award amounts range from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and may fund specific programs or general operating support to accepted foundations. Eligibility is flexible so that PWF can respond to requests that address new, unusual and immediate problems as they arise. New applications-including both requests for first-time support and projects that have not received funding from the foundation in the recent past-should be submitted in the form of a three-part letter of inquiry in English. However, the foundation does not accept requests to fund scholarships, graduate work, individuals, government projects, academic research or foreign study. Funding for conferences, seminars or workshops, publications, or video or media production is only awarded when there is a close connection with current work at the foundation.

Information: www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp; www.publicwelfare.org/grants/grants/2005_grants.asp

Seed Funds for Social Justice, Media and Campaign Reform

Deadline: March 1, 2006 and September 1, 2006

The Arca Foundation offers grants of \$50,000 to include worker justice, campaign finance reform, government or corporate accountability, civic participation or media and First Amendment rights. Grants will be awarded based on interests to pursue social equity and justice efforts that affect public policy. The Arca Foundation sees itself as a "seeder" that provides initial funds for new projects of progressive policy. It sometimes supports former grantees if their work merits continued funding or occasional multi-year grants. Nonprofits that can educate the general public and impact policy are eligible to apply.

Information: Donna Edwards, Executive Director, Arca Foundation, 1308 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, 202/822-9193 or by e-mail request at grants@arcafoundation.org

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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