

Faith-Based Programming: Re-entry and Recidivism

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- What role can/should faith programming play?
- Faith and **Community Capacity**

“the interaction of human capital, organizational resources and social capital within a community... leveraged to solve collective problems and improve (individual and communal) well-being” (Robert Chaskin et al. 2001:7).

Capacity-building resources?

(to nurture successful outcomes)

■ *Institutional/policy*

- Illustrations of success (other places)

 - * Home for Good (OR)

- Plan of action

- Resource networks (political, agency, commu.)

■ *Academic/research*

- Longitudinal data

- Participatory action methodology

Needs, Cautions, Critiques, Questions

- Definitions of “faith” too narrow?
- State/church interaction properly protected?
- Current disproportionalities being addressed?
- Liberation theology enough of a foundation?
- Empowerment enough of a motive and goal?
- Spectrum of ideological differences present?

The Goal We Share:

Nurturing a momentum of healthy transformations;
Individually, Institutionally, Culturally

“Hope is believing in spite of the evidence, then watching the evidence change...Faith is ‘the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’ It is not something you possess but rather something you practice.”

-- Jim Wallis, *Faith Works*

The Impossible Will Take a Little While

Paul Rogat Loeb (ed.)