

MAKING SECOND CHANCES WORK:

A Conference for Grantees Committed to Successful Reentry

MAY 26-27, 2010

The Fairmont, Washington, DC
AGENDA



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The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC) provides education, training, and technical assistance to states, tribes, territories, local governments, service providers, nonprofit organizations, and corrections institutions working on prisoner reentry. The NRRC is coordinated by the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice. It was established by Congress through the Second Chance Act.

Signed into law on April 9, 2008, the Second Chance Act (Public Law 110-199) was designed to improve outcomes for people returning to communities from prisons and jails. This first-of-its-kind legislation authorizes federal grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victims support, and other services that can help reduce recidivism.

The NRRC's work also is guided by the Justice Center's key project partners: the Urban Institute, Association of State Correctional Administrators, American Probation and Parole Association, and Shay Bilchik, research professor/center director, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute. Additional guidance is provided by advisory committees that include representatives of nearly 100 leading nonprofit organizations and service providers in the reentry field.

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The CSG Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. It provides practical, nonpartisan advice and consensus-driven strategies—informed by available evidence—to increase public safety and strengthen communities. For more about the CSG Justice Center, see www.justicecenter.csg.org.

Welcome to ***Making Second Chances Work***, the first national conference for Second Chance Act grantees. The objectives of the conference are to provide

- 1) a forum for peer-to-peer networking, where grantees from across the nation will have an opportunity to meet and discuss challenges and share their experiences;
- 2) an opportunity for grantees to learn from subject-matter experts in relevant issue areas and receive on-site technical assistance; and
- 3) more information about the types of technical assistance available to grantees through the National Reentry Resource Center.

Agenda

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Registration

Prefunction, Ballroom Level

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Ballroom

Members of Congress and representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Council of State Governments Justice Center will welcome grantees to the conference, discuss the importance of the Second Chance Act, and introduce the National Reentry Resource Center.

Speakers:

- The Honorable Sam Brownback (KS), United States Senate
- The Honorable Danny Davis (IL), United States House of Representatives
- The Honorable Bobby Scott (VA), United States House of Representatives
- Jim Burch, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice
- Rep. Pat Colloton, Kansas House of Representatives; Member, Council of State Governments Justice Center Board of Directors
- Michael Thompson, Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary: Developing and Implementing Reentry Collaborations

Ballroom

Building strong collaboration and partnerships are the first steps to developing a reentry initiative. Essential to this process is getting the appropriate people to the table and eliciting a commitment to working together on a particular aspect of the issue. This plenary will focus on identifying and recruiting key organizations and individuals, and initiating and maintaining lasting relationships in an effort to establish an effective reentry program.

Speaker:

- Le'Ann Duran, Project Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Topic Discussions

The topic discussions provide an opportunity for grantees to interact with national leaders and subject matter experts. All topic discussions will repeat on Thursday, with the following exceptions:

- “*Supporting Juveniles Returning from Confinement and Their Families*” will feature a presentation by a panel of national experts on Wednesday, whereas the juvenile reentry discussion on Thursday will be facilitated discussion between grantees about their initiatives.
- “*Linking Law Enforcement to Reentry Efforts*” is only scheduled for Wednesday.

Creating the Strategic Plan

Alice Longworth Room, Ballroom Level

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Facilitators:

- Leonard Engel, Senior Policy Analyst, Crime and Justice Institute
- Meghan Guevara, Managing Associate, Crime and Justice Institute

Implementing a Risk/Needs Assessment

Imperial Room II, Ballroom Level

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Facilitator:

- Carl Wicklund, Executive Director, American Probation and Parole Association

Juveniles who are released from institutional confinement are more likely to succeed if they have access to services and structures that can help them thrive in a non-institutional environment. This panel discussion will focus on the key components of reentry from the juvenile justice system that can help reduce recidivism and help youth build healthy, productive futures, including substance abuse and mental health treatment, education, housing, and family and youth engagement in reentry planning. The discussion will emphasize strategies to integrate and improve coordination across systems and agencies.

Speakers:

- David Altschuler, Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- Shay Bilchik, Founder and Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute
- Rich Hooks Wayman, Senior Policy Analyst, National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Robert Kinscherff, Ph.D., Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology
- Peter Leone, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Special Education, University of Maryland
- Carol Shapiro, Associate Research Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University

This session will focus on what works in job readiness—offering strategies for government and community-based organizations to use transitional employment and other approaches that can provide both an income and structure as individuals reintegrate into their communities. This topic discussion will focus on building and sustaining effective employment and education programs.

Facilitators:

- Deborah Mukamal, Director, Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Mindy Tarlow, Executive Director & CEO, Center for Employment Opportunities
- B. Diane Williams, President & CEO, Safer Foundation

People in prison and jail often have significant and complex health needs. High rates of chronic illnesses and communicable diseases are common in correctional institutions. In addition, the majority of people in prison and jail have a substance use disorder. The prevalence of mental illness—including schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder—is two to four times higher among people in prisons than in the general public, and co-occurring disorders further add to the complexity of planning for treatment and release. Connecting people to effective treatment programs, prioritizing resources for high-risk groups and those nearing release, and encouraging community-based aftercare will ensure better outcomes for people released from prisons and jails, and the communities to which they return. This session will discuss best practices in each of these areas, with a focus on highlighting what works and what doesn't in connecting people to necessary community-based care.

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- Josiah Rich, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Community Health, Brown University
- Faye Taxman, Ph.D., University Professor, George Mason University

Strengthening Pro-social Support and Developing Effective Mentor Programs:

The Intersection of Faith and Justice

Dumbarton Suite, Third Floor

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- Harold Dean Trulear, Director, Healing Communities Prison Ministry and Reentry Project, Philadelphia Leadership Foundation

Helping people released from prisons or jails find safe places to live is critical to reducing homelessness and recidivism, and making communities safer. Research has shown that people who do not find stable housing in the community are more likely to return to incarceration than those who have housing. This session will focus on innovative steps communities are taking to develop housing support for recently released individuals.

Facilitator:

- Andy McMahon, Associate Director, Corporation for Supportive Housing

*Engaging the Media, the Public, Corrections,
and Elected Officials**Decatur Room, Ballroom Level*

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Facilitators:

- Michael Thompson, Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- A.T. Wall, Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections

*Involving Returning Citizens, their Families,
and Communities**Benjamin Latrobe Room, Ballroom Level*

This session highlights the important role families and communities play in the lives of individuals returning home from prison. This session focuses on strategies to build support for reentry efforts from key stakeholders, including family and neighbors, as well as incorporating pro-social supports.

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- Dee Ann Newell, Executive Director, Arkansas Voices for the Children Left Behind, Inc.; Coordinator of the National Policy Partnership for Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP): A 14-State Collaborative

Law enforcement agencies are key partners in any reentry initiative. Many agencies use community policing strategies and strong community partnerships to address recidivism. This workshop will provide an interactive discussion with local practitioners who have developed collaborative partnerships bridging government and law enforcement agencies, service providers, and community leaders.

Speakers:

- Andrea Cabral, Sheriff, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
- Stevyn Fogg, Program Manager, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Christopher Mallette, Director, Community Safety Initiatives, City of Chicago, Illinois
- Blake Norton, Project Director, Law Enforcement Initiatives, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Julia Ryan, LISC, Project Director, Community Safety Initiative, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break and Room Change

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Networking Lunch

Ballroom II

During lunch, grantees will have the opportunity to meet in small groups with conference speakers and National Reentry Resource Center staff and partners.

Speakers:

- Gary Dennis, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
- Le'Ann Duran, Project Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Justin Jones, Director, Oklahoma Department of Corrections

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Break and Room Change

Demonstration Grantees: System Mapping***Ballroom I***

It is difficult to develop a coherent reentry initiative without a clear understanding of the flow of individuals through the reentry process—from the point an individual enters a correctional facility through his or her release and return home. During this hands-on workshop designed specifically for demonstration grantees, we will provide an overview of how to do system mapping, and then facilitators will work with each grantee team to begin developing a map of their reentry process.

Speakers:

- Le’Ann Duran, Project Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Kermit Humphries, Correctional Program Specialist, National Institute of Corrections

Adult Mentoring Grantees: Working with Corrections and Community Corrections***Executive Forum, Ballroom Level***

The Second Chance Act requires grantees to develop initiatives that provide services both pre- and post-release, which requires grantees to develop collaborative relationships with corrections and community corrections agencies. During this workshop, designed specifically for mentoring grantees, speakers with corrections and community corrections backgrounds will facilitate a discussion about developing productive relationships with those agencies.

Speakers:

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Juvenile Mentoring Grantees: Meeting with the Center for the Advancement of Mentoring***Roosevelt Room, Ballroom Level***

Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), The Center for the Advancement of Mentoring (TCAM) provides technical assistance and training to OJJDP-funded youth mentoring programs. During this session, juvenile mentoring grantees will meet with a TCAM representative.

Speaker:

- Roger Jarjoura, Associate Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis; Founder, Aftercare for the Incarcerated through Mentoring

The Castle is an emotional and inspirational account of the lives of four individuals and their courageous paths to rebuilding their lives after collectively spending more than seventy years incarcerated in New York State prisons. After the presentation, Glenn Martin, from the Fortune Society, will facilitate a discussion among the performers and the audience to process questions and responses to the performance.

Featuring:

- Vilma Ortiz Donovan
- Kenneth Harrigan
- Angel Ramos
- Casimiro Torres

The impact of the Second Chance Act will be far reaching, as each project works to interrupt the costly cycle of victimization and improve safety for communities and families. Each Second Chance Act grant provides the receiving agency an opportunity to increase public safety by enhancing a person's transition back into the community. An effective reentry program can be one of the strongest indications that the criminal justice system is working to protect victims and strengthen the community. The speaker will discuss the important role that Second Chance Act grantees can play in protecting communities and families by achieving improved outcomes for recently released individuals. A networking reception will follow.

Speaker:

- Suzanne Brown-McBride, Deputy Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Thursday, May 27, 2010

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Prefunction, Ballroom Level

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Topic Discussions

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*Supporting Juveniles Returning from Confinement
and Their Families: A Discussion with the Field*

Imperial Room II, Ballroom Level

This group discussion will provide grantees an opportunity to share and reflect on the challenges they face and the strategies they are developing to improve reentry of juveniles from out-of-home placement.

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*Making Connections to Health, Mental Health,
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Sulgrave Suite, Third Floor

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10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break and Room Change

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Workshops

Using Data to Design Reentry and Reinvestment Initiatives

Ballroom I

Using data is important to develop reentry and reinvestment strategies that will have the greatest impact on prison and jail populations despite limited resources. The speakers will discuss the connection between data and sustainability, particularly in times of significant budget constraints.

Speakers:

- Marshall Clement, Project Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Nancy La Vigne, Director, Justice Policy Center, The Urban Institute

Keys to Effective Case Management

Executive Forum, Ballroom Level

Effective case management is essential for people returning home. The speaker will offer guidance on incorporating services, supports, and supervision into effective, individualized reentry plans.

Speaker:

- Richard Stroker, Senior Manager, Center for Effective Public Policy

Innovative Foundation Partnerships

Roosevelt Room, Ballroom Level

Several Second Chance Act grantees have formed innovative partnerships with foundations to leverage and expand their reentry efforts. This workshop will highlight New Hampshire's partnership with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Speakers:

- Joseph Diament, Director of Community Corrections, New Hampshire Department of Justice
- Seema Gajwani, Public Welfare Foundation
- Katie Merrow, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Break and Room Change

At times, it can seem as if the system of incarceration and supervision is disconnected from the individual lives it affects. During this closing plenary, A.T. Wall, director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, and Andres Idarraga, a student at Yale Law School who was previously incarcerated in Rhode Island, will share an inspiring example of what is possible when the system and the individual work together to achieve a successful reentry.

Speakers:

- Andres Idarraga
- A.T. Wall, Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Break and Room Change

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Grant Management Work Sessions

Staff from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will provide grantees with information about grant management requirements.

Adult Demonstration Grantees

Executive Forum, Ballroom Level

Adult Mentoring Grantees

Ballroom I

Juvenile Grantees

Lord Culpepper Room, Ballroom Level

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break and Room Change

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Performance Measurement Work Sessions

Staff from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will provide grantees with information about performance measurement and data collection requirements.

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Executive Forum, Ballroom Level

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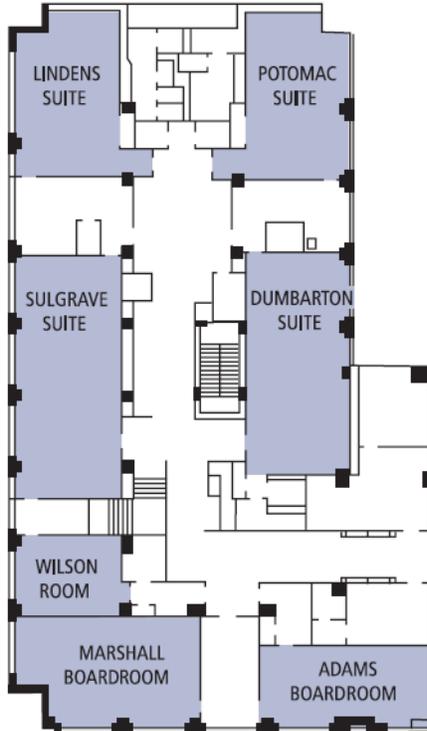
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