

State Leaders' National Forum on Reentry and Recidivism

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Agenda

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8:00 a.m.	Registration	GRAND BALLROOM FOYER
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Michael Thompson, <i>Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center</i> Representative Pat Colloton, <i>Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, Kansas</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
8:45 a.m.	Remarks from the U.S. Department of Justice The Honorable Laurie Robinson, <i>Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
9:00 a.m.	Remarks from the U.S House of Representatives The Honorable Frank Wolf, <i>Chair, U.S House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science</i> The Honorable Chaka Fattah, <i>Ranking Member, U.S. House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
9:15 a.m.	The Role of the Corrections Director in Reentry and Reducing Recidivism A.T. Wall, <i>President, Association of State Correctional Administrators, and Director, Department of Corrections, Rhode Island</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
9:25 a.m.	The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senator, Rhode Island	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
9:30 a.m.	Recent National and State-by-State Trends in Recidivism Ryan King, <i>Research Manager, Public Safety Performance Project, Pew Center on the States</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
9:45 a.m.	Policies and Practices Essential to Reducing Recidivism Ed Latessa, Ph.D., <i>Corrections Institute, University of Cincinnati</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
10:25 a.m.	Panel Discussion: Setting Recidivism Reduction-Goals and Realizing Those Targets MODERATOR: Michael Thompson, <i>Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center</i> PANELISTS: Representative Pat Colloton, <i>Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, Kansas</i> Chris Epps, <i>Commissioner, Department of Corrections, Mississippi</i> Justin Jones, <i>Director, Department of Corrections, Oklahoma</i> Michael Lawlor, <i>Undersecretary, State Office of Policy and Management, Criminal Justice and Planning Division, Connecticut</i> LaDonna Thompson, <i>Commissioner, Department of Corrections, Kentucky</i> A.T. Wall, <i>Director, Department of Corrections, Rhode Island</i>	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH

11:15 a.m.	What Will Be Your Role in Helping Your State Set and Realize a Goal for Reducing Recidivism? (Breakout Sessions According to Discipline) <i>Corrections Directors: Grand Ballroom Central</i> <i>Reentry / Field Supervision: Meeting Rooms 15 and 16</i> <i>State Champions: Grand Ballroom South</i>	
12:30 p.m.	Working Lunch: How Police Executives Responded to the Challenge from Elected Officials to Reduce Crime <i>Food for lunch generously provided by Public Welfare Foundation. No federal dollars have been spent on food or beverages for this event.</i> Gary Dennis, Ph.D., Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice The Honorable Michael A. Delaney, Attorney General, New Hampshire Darrel Stephens, Executive Director, Major Cities Chiefs Association	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
1:30 p.m.	Developing State Plans (Breakout Sessions by State Team)	MEETING ROOMS 8, 9, 15, 16 AND GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	The Honorable Rob Portman, U.S. Senator, Ohio	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
3:10 p.m.	State/Federal Panel: How Can the Federal Government Help States Reduce Recidivism? MODERATOR: Amy Solomon, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice PANELISTS: Liz Aloï, Senior Counsel, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary Assemblyman Jeffrion L. Aubry, Chair, Corrections Committee, New York Tom Culligan, Legislative Director, Congressman Frank R. Wolf, Chair, U.S. House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science Gary Mohr, Director, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Ohio Andy Pallito, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, Vermont Ruby Qazilbash, Associate Deputy Director for Justice Systems, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
4:00 p.m.	Next Steps: Working Together to Reach Our Goals Denise O'Donnell, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice	GRAND BALLROOM SOUTH
4:30 p.m.	End	





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Dear Colleague:

You recently received an invitation from the leaders of the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Association of State Correctional Administrators to participate in a national forum on reentry and recidivism reduction on December 8, 2011, in Washington, D.C. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, along with the Pew Center on the States and the Public Welfare Foundation. I hope you will make time to attend this important meeting.

Prisoner reentry is a priority issue at the Department of Justice. Our commitments in this area include Second Chance Act investments, reentry research and evaluation, national recidivism studies, the establishment of the National Reentry Resource Center, and a new interagency Reentry Council led by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. Effective reentry strategies that reduce recidivism are central to our work and mission.

We see this forum as a unique opportunity to build on the momentum you and your counterparts from across the country have helped to generate in the area of reentry and to close the gap between current practice and what the research tells us works to reduce recidivism. We also are eager to hear from you and state leaders across the country about how we in the Department of Justice can help you ensure that our combined efforts in the area of reentry yield measurable reductions in recidivism.

Please return your registration form at your earliest convenience to confirm your participation in this invitation-only meeting. If you have any questions about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact conference organizers at the Council of State Governments Justice Center (ailarraza@csg.org). We look forward to seeing you in December and working together to create safer [communities](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Robinson".

Laurie O. Robinson
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise E. O'Donnell".

Denise O'Donnell
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 5, 2011

Dear Representative Colloton and Director Wall:

We are pleased to learn that state leaders are convening a national forum on reentry and recidivism reduction in Washington, DC. We look forward to this event.

As you may know, in a series of hearings on prisoner reentry held before the U.S. House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittee in 2009, we heard of the challenges around prisoner reentry, recidivism, and how high rates of reincarceration are straining our corrections system at all levels. While these problems are daunting, we learned that many states are already taking innovative steps. Witnesses during the hearings reported on many successful state and local initiatives to improve prisoner reentry and thereby reduce recidivism.

This subcommittee called on state governments to convene a national summit to advance data-driven crime and corrections policies. On January 27, 2010, the first National Summit on Justice Reinvestment and Public Safety was held at the U.S. Capitol. It examined how some states and local governments are successfully changing their crime and corrections policies to be more effective and fiscally responsible through evidence-based policies and practices. The summit report highlights the essential elements of any effort to reduce recidivism, which can be implemented only through comprehensive efforts that engage leaders of multiple independent organizations and agencies.

We are delighted to hear that the principles and research that have been highlighted through the hearings, summit and report will continue to inform the field at the "State Leaders' National Forum on Reentry and Recidivism" being held on December 8, 2011. This forum presents an opportunity to position every state to translate the knowledge base that now exists into policy and practice so that they can improve their reentry efforts and generate concrete reductions in recidivism.

We congratulate the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Association of State Corrections Administrators, and their partners at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Public Welfare Foundation, for focusing attention on these important topics.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress



Chaka Fattah
Member of Congress

About the Partners



The Council of State Governments 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. The Justice Center specializes in taking on complex issues at the intersection of the criminal justice, public health, and other systems. Staff and board members are committed to bringing a diverse range of professions and perspectives together to ensure that recommended policy reforms are practical and effective. For more about the CSG Justice Center, see www.justicecenter.csg.org.



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The Pew Center on the States is a division of The Pew Charitable Trusts that identifies and advances effective solutions to critical issues facing states. Pew is a nonprofit organization that applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public, and stimulate civic life. Launched in 2006, the Public Safety Performance Project helps states advance fiscally sound, data-driven policies and practices in sentencing and corrections that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and control corrections costs. For more information, visit www.pewcenteronthestates.org.



The Public Welfare Foundation supports efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Program seeks out opportunities for systems change to reduce prison and jail populations and rates of incarceration in America while ensuring public safety. To learn more about the Public Welfare Foundation, see www.publicwelfare.org.



The Association of State Correctional Administrators seeks to influence public correctional policy, serve as a clearinghouse of correctional information and standards, identify and share correctional best practices, advance the professionalism of the corrections discipline, and serve the individual and agency needs of its members. Our goals are (1) to influence and shape correctional policy through acceptance by policymakers of ASCA's agenda, which will be grounded in empirical data and thorough analysis; (2) to identify and serve as a clearinghouse to share with its members proven correctional practices, standards, and performance measures to ensure the furtherance of successful state-of-the-art activities; and (3) to support its membership through a regimen of training and professional development programs designed to enhance members' professional skills and awareness of advancements in the profession. To learn more about the Association of State Correctional Administrators, see www.ASCA.net.

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