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WORKSHOP OPTIONS - Snapshot

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TRACK A: Tuesday, November 27, 9:45 am to 11:00 am

I. Workforce Development for Former Prisoners

Presenters will focus on Faith-based and Community Organization (FBCO) programs that model market-driven vocational training; geographically-targeted employers; acquisition of documents needed for job; and different strategies (training vs. immediate employment). Also included in this workshop is working with the One-Stop Career Centers, work-release detention facilities and successful FBCO programs.

PRESENTERS:

Steven Tucker, Co-Founder and President, Jobs Partnership Greater Washington

Heidi Soderburg, Executive Director, SE Works

II. Individual Models of State Reentry Efforts

This Workshop will compare different state models for creating a state-wide reentry plan and for bringing together faith-based and community organizations to work with local corrections agencies and parole/probation. Additionally helpful resources for states will be discussed as they look to replicate successful models.

PRESENTERS:

Vicki Lopez-Lukis, Statewide Expansion Director, Girls Advocacy Project (GAP), Inc.

Jane Brown, Director of the Office of Community Partnerships, Virginia Department of Social Services

III. Promising Examples of Partnerships Between Corrections and Faith-Based and Community Organizations

Presenters will discuss the successes that came through the Prisoner Reentry Initiative from the partnership between the Missouri Department of Corrections engaging two FBCOs: Connections to Success and the St. Patrick's Center. Promising practices of how they have learned to work with each other effectively and overcome challenges.

PRESENTERS:

Dan Buck, Chief Executive Officer, St. Patrick Center

Melissa Massman, Reentry Coordinator, Missouri Department of Corrections

Brandi Jahnke, Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative Project Director, Connections to Success

IV. Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Presenters will discuss the successes and challenges that FBCOs have experienced in establishing and running mentoring programs and other helpful resources for FBCOs in this area. This workshop is discussed from the perspective of a practitioner, including program models and results.

PRESENTERS:

John Coger, Pastor, New Hope Temple Baptist Church

Amy Benson, Program Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County



V. Research on Faith-Based and Community Organizations and Reentry

This forum will present papers that discuss reentry programs and practices. Responses will be offered by researchers and an opportunity for question and answer.

PRESENTERS:

Dr. Byron Johnson, Professor Sociology and Co-Director of the Institute for Studies of Religion,
and Director of the Program on Prosocial Behavior, Baylor University

Janeen Buck Wilson, Research Associate, Urban Institute

Carmen Warner-Robbins, Founder and Executive Director, Welcome Home Ministries

Dr. Mickey Parsons, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Graduate Administration Program,
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing

Paul Connerty, Executive Director, Trident Workforce Investment Board

Daniel Philip, President, The Transformation Network

VI. Juvenile Reentry

Presenters will explore the many important aspects of youth reentry and gang issues that both FBCOs and DOCs encounter. Topics will include promising practices, successful models, and results of programs that these experts have been a part of, successes and challenges, and resources for FBCOs.

PRESENTERS:

Don Smarto, President, Youth Direct Ministries

Eugene Rivers, President, Ella J. Baker House

TRACK B: 11:15 am — 12:30 pm

I. Engaging Faith-Based and Community Organizations from the Corrections Perspective

This workshop will define how and why Departments of Corrections and Faith-Based and Community Organizations should work together in reentry – including some of the successes and challenges that present themselves when working with corrections and FBCOs.

PRESENTERS:

Roger Haden, Deputy Secretary of Corrections, Kansas Department of Corrections

David Burch, Director of Reentry, Indiana Department of Corrections

Ashbel T. Wall, II, Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections

II. Family Reunification

Presenters will discuss how to equip returning offenders and their spouses for effective parenting and healthy marriages.

PRESENTERS:

Margaret diZerega, Senior Project Associate, Family Justice

Cedric Hendricks, Associate Director, Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs,
D.C. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency

III. Pre-release Workforce Development

Presenters will describe job-training programs geared toward improving the employment prospects of ex-offenders prior to release, including how to get information on these programs and training opportunities for staff in these areas.

PRESENTERS:

Dennis Gilbertson, Correctional Program Manager, Hennepin County

Pat Taylor, Correctional Program Specialist in the Offender Workforce Development Division of the National Institute of Corrections

IV. Promising and Effective Faith-Based and Community Organization Programs

This workshop will present effective models and promising practices, from the President's Prisoner Reentry Initiative and the Ready4Work program.

PRESENTERS:

Julio Medina, Founder and Executive Director, Exodus Transitional Community
Jerald Brantley, CEO, Spectrum Resources' Prisoner Reentry Program

V. Research on Faith-Based and Community Organizations and Reentry

Presenters will discuss research in the area of prisoner reentry.

PRESENTERS:

Dr. Byron Johnson, Professor Sociology and Co-Director of the Institute for Studies of Religion,
and Director of the Program on Prosocial Behavior, Baylor University
Janeen Buck Wilson, Research Associate, Urban Institute

TRACK C: 2:00 pm — 3:15 pm

I. Engaging Parole and Probation

Presenters will explain how FBCOs can best work with probation and parole to ensure that all parties are familiar with the rules and services that affect the ex-prisoner.

PRESENTERS:

Carl Wicklund, Executive Director, American Probation and Parole Association
Gary Hinzman, District Director, Dept. of Correctional Services/6th District, Iowa

II. Pre-Release Mentoring

This workshop will focus on mentoring services that link volunteers from FBCOs with prisoners prior to release.

PRESENTERS:

Celsa Snead, Program Director, Pathways to Change at The Mentoring Center
Pat Nolan, President of the Justice Fellowship subdivision, Prison Fellowship Ministries

III. Working with Female Offenders Post-Release

Presenters will describe the unique needs of returning female offenders (e.g., with minor children, health issues, etc) and how to address these issues outside the walls.

PRESENTERS:

Marie Sullivan, President & CEO, Arizona Women's Education & Employment, Inc. (AWEE)
Angela McCabe, Director, The Work Place

IV. Working with Employers

Presenters will demonstrate how to recruit employers, how to market ex-offenders to employers, and how to maintain the relationship to ensure placement and retention of ex-offenders.

PRESENTERS:

Tani Mills, Chief Program Officer, Center for Employment Opportunities
Steve Temple, President, The Community Reintegration Coalition
John Shaheen, Chairman of the Board, Korn's Galvanizing Company, Inc

V. Promising and Effective FBCO Programs

This workshop will present effective models and promising practices, from the President's Prisoner Reentry Initiative and the The Aleph Institute.

PRESENTERS:

Ephraim Eaddy, The Safer Foundation
Rabbi Aaron Lipskar, The Aleph Institute

TRACK D: 3:30 pm — 4:45 pm

I. Participant Choice -- Voucher Service Delivery Models

Presenters will describe how to expand the supply of reentry services in your community by providing returning ex-offenders with a choice of service providers. This workshop highlights the Access to Recovery and Anti-Gang programs.

PRESENTERS:

Karen Eells, Department of State Health Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Texas
Tina Naidoo, Director, Texas Offender Reentry Initiative

II. Leveraging the Armies of Compassion

Presenters will discuss how best to utilize volunteers and FBCOs as they help ex-offenders transition back into society.

PRESENTERS:

Dee Dee Coleman, Executive Director, Wings of Faith, Inc
Jack Cowley, National Director, Alpha USA Prisons & Re-Entry

III. Creating a Local Partnership: Apprenticeship, Faith-Based and Community Organizations, and Parole and Probation

Presenters will describe a promising model from St. Louis that utilizes apprenticeship, FBCOs and parole and probation to provide comprehensive reentry services.

PRESENTERS:

Kathy Lambert, Founder, Connections to Success
Doug Burris, Chief U.S. Probation Officer, Eastern District of Missouri

IV. President's Reentry Initiative and Other Reentry Efforts at DOL and DOJ

Presenters will analyze promising and best practices being learned from programs at Labor and Justice that bring together FBCOs and corrections.

PRESENTERS:

Greg Wertz, Chief, Division of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor
Drew Molloy, Associate Deputy Director for Justice Systems, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice

V. Working with Sex Offenders

Presenters will explain how reentry programs can work with former sex offenders to promote successful reentry, overcome stigma, recruit jobs, and find housing without sacrificing public safety.

PRESENTERS:

Rita Flynn, Restorative Justice, Catholic Charities
Maia Christopher, Director, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

TRACK E: Wednesday, November 28, 9:30 am to 10:45 am

I. Engaging Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Alternatives to Incarceration

Presenters will explain how FBCOs can be engaged in Drug Courts, Jail for parole violations, and Reentry Courts.

PRESENTERS:

Judge Seth Norman, Division IV Criminal Court

Stan Pflueger, Public Affairs Director for Allen County Community Corrections

II. How to Financially Sustain Your Faith-Based and Community Organization

Presenters will explain how to obtain funding for reentry programs from federal, state, and local government as well as from foundations.

PRESENTERS:

Jocelyn Whitfield, Senior Public Health Advisor, SAMHSA

Kevin Gay, President and Founder, Operation New Hope

III. Lessons from Serious & Violent Offender Reentry Initiative

This workshop will provide lessons and best practices being learned from the \$100 million Serious & Violent Offender Reentry Initiative.

PRESENTER:

Pamela Lattimore, Principal Scientist, RTI International

IV. Federal Reentry Resources to Stretch Your Budget

Presenters will reveal resources and services available to ex-offenders and to those who help them from the U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

PRESENTERS:

Darin Selnick, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs

James McGuire, Program Manager, VA Homelessness Prevention and Incarcerated Veterans Program

Allison Young, Director, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Corporation for National and Community Service

Therese Lyons, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Agriculture

V. Pre-Release Programs for Women

Presenters will describe the pre-release programs and best practices that have helped women make successful transitions from prison, how FBCOs can engage in these programs, and helpful resources available for FBCOs and corrections.

PRESENTERS:

Dawn Zobel, Director, Women Inmate Services at Federal Bureau of Prisons

Carmen Warner-Robbins, Founder and Executive Director, Welcome Home Ministries



TRACK F: 11:00 am — 12:15 pm

I. Creating a Comprehensive Reentry Plan

Presenters will explain for FBCOs and corrections professionals how to create a comprehensive reentry plan that taps the synergy of both assessment tools (pre-release) and services provided by FBCOs (post-release).

PRESENTERS:

Ashbel T. Wall, II, Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections
Bret Dorsett, Re-Entry Program Manager, Focus Employment Services

II. Mentally Ill and Homeless Offenders

This workshop will define the potential role of FBCOs to provide the continuity of care and medicine that betters the situation of mentally ill and homeless offenders.

PRESENTER:

Dan Lustig, Vice-President of Program Development at McDermott Center

III. Navigating the Needs of Ex-Offenders

This workshop will explore how to address the multiple needs of ex-prisoners -- including identity cards, driver's licenses, legal barriers to an ex-offender successfully reentering society, child support, and employment barriers.

PRESENTERS:

Felix Mata, National Coordinator, Defendant/Offender Workforce Development (DOWD) Initiative
Alexa Eggleston, Director of Policy, National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
Linda Mills, Attorney-at-Law and Consultant, Annie E. Casey Foundation

IV. Transitional Housing

Presenters will address the housing crisis that an ex-offender faces upon returning home. Topics will include halfway houses; longer nonrestrictive stays; remodeling drug forfeited property; and creative partnerships.

PRESENTERS:

Linda Leathers, Chief Executive Officer, The Next Door, Inc.
Andy McMahon, Senior Program Officer, Corporation for Supportive Housing
Susan Smith, Assistant Executive Director, Exodus Homes

V. Working with Foundations

Presenters will discuss what a private charitable foundation will look for in a grant application from a faith-based or community organization.

PRESENTERS:

Ira Barbell, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
George Kovats, Executive Director, Corporations and Foundations Group
Steve Eldred, Program Officer, The California Endowment

TRACK G: 2:00 pm — 3:15 pm

I. Reentry at the City Level

Presenters will discuss implementing a strong reentry program at the city level. Topics will include different models and approaches to a comprehensive city-wide reentry model.

PRESENTERS:

Harriett Spencer, Executive Director, Mayor's Office for the Reentry of Ex-offenders, City of Philadelphia

Yalanda McFadgon, Executive Director of the Second Chance Program for the City of Memphis and President of Memphis Second Chance Inc.

II. Restorative Justice and Reentry

Presenters will explore the potential and limitations of offender-victim reconciliation and restitution.

PRESENTERS:

Sunny Schwartz, Sheriff's Program Administrator and Founder, Sheriff's Resolve To Stop the Violence Project

Pat Nolan, President of the Justice Fellowship subdivision, Prison Fellowship Ministries

III. Intermediary Model in Prisoner Reentry

Presenters will explain the promising practice of having larger FBCOs with expertise in particular reentry services identify smaller grassroots service providers for subgrants.

PRESENTERS:

Richard Ramos, Executive Director, The Latino Coalition

Renata Cobbs-Fletcher, Vice President for Public Policy and Community Partnerships, Public/Private Ventures

IV. Substance Abuse and Treatment

Presenters will explore the needs of chemically addicted ex-offenders and how FBCOs can help meet them as part of continuum of care.

PRESENTERS:

Fr. Peter Young, Founder and CEO of Peter Young Housing, Industries and Treatment

Karen Engel, President/CEO, Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education)

V. Creating a Self-Sustaining Employment Reentry Program

This workshop will focus on how to establish a unique reentry program model that demonstrates value and is self-sustaining. Topics will include pay for performance, return on investment, education curriculum, and social enterprise.

PRESENTERS:

Peggy Yusten, Chief Operating Officer, Twin Cities RISE!

Larry Fehr, Senior Vice President for Reentry Services, Pioneer Human Services

TRACK H: 3:30 pm — 4:45 pm

I. National Efforts to Create a State-Wide Reentry Plan

Presenters will explore the potential efficiencies and economies of having reentry planned state-wide, including reentry commissions, comprehensive review of state laws & policies, etc.

PRESENTER:

Mike Thompson, Director, Justice Center, Council of State Governments

II. Post-Release Mentoring of Ex-Offenders

Presenters will discuss the vital role and effect of mentoring, including the merits of a team versus one-on-one approach, recruiting and training mentors, making the connection to the ex-offender prior to release, and recruiting ex-offenders as mentors.

PRESENTERS:

Joseph Williams, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, New Creations Community Outreach, Inc.

Renata Cobbs-Fletcher, Vice President for Public Policy and Community Partnerships, Public/Private Ventures

III. Engaging Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Prison Reform

Presenters will describe current reforms in California's prison system and the increasing role of FBCOs in them.

PRESENTER:

Mike Carrington, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Analysis and Planning at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

IV. Pre-Release Faith and Character Dorms in Prison

Presenters will define the practical and legal lessons learned and the current evaluation of "God pods" or their secular equivalent programs, especially the role of FBCOs in providing mentors, instructors, and jobs.

PRESENTERS:

Steve McFarland, Director of the Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice

Tommie Dorsett, Director, Men's and Women's Units of InnerChange Freedom Initiative Texas

V. Reentry from Jails

Presenters will describe what can be done to assist reintegration despite the short terms of jail inmates.

PRESENTERS:

Gale Starkey, Reentry Unit Manager, Montgomery County Correctional Facility

Jose Hernandez, Commander, Chaplaincy Services Bureau, Miami-Dade Corrections & Rehabilitation Department

Representative of Sheriff Lee Baca, L.A. County Jail