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Attorney General Janet Reno gave the keynote address today at the official opening of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) Learning Lab at St. Luke's Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, SE.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Attorney General Janet Reno noted the importance of re-entry programs which re-integrate offenders into the community upon release from incarceration so that they will become law-abiding and productive members of society.

CSOSA's Learning Lab at St. Luke's Center is a critical component of the agency's pilot Re-entry Program. The Learning Lab provides offenders with GED/Adult Literacy classes, as well as basic and vocational computer skill classes. Learning Lab professionals direct offenders toward meaningful employment opportunities that help prepare them for productive and responsible roles in the workplace and in their communities.

Jasper Ormond, Interim Director of CSOSA stated, "Many of the individuals returning to the community were sentenced for crimes involving illegal substances. Additionally, they often lack the educational background required to compete successfully in the workforce. The re-entry team will work with offenders to target substance abuse problems, make appropriate interventions and provide educational tools and other resources to assist them during the transitional phases. Re-entry programs are a win-win opportunity for offenders and their communities."