



## **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia**

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### **CSOSA OPENS NEW FACILITY FOR OFFENDER REENTRY SERVICES**

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) will hold an Opening Ceremony for a new field unit. The Ceremony will be officiated by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Councilwoman Sharon Ambrose, and CSOSA Director Paul A. Quander, Jr. The ceremony will be held on December 16, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. at 25 K Street, N.E. CSOSA Director, Paul A. Quander, Jr. stated, " This facility is the product of sound working relationships between the City, the Congress and the Community. We intend to be a good neighbor and provide the kind of services that will enable our clients to achieve stability, and that will increase public safety for all the citizens of the District of Columbia."

The event will also highlight the collaborative work of the D.C. Ex-Offender Reentry Steering Committee, recently established by the Mayor to ensure the delivery of high quality services by city agencies and community organizations to offenders returning from incarceration. Mayor Williams stated, " CSOSA's field units play a critical role in the reentry process. My administration will work closely with CSOSA to see that returning offenders comply with the conditions of their release and that DC agencies provide the services needed to overcome the day to day hurdles that challenge offenders returning from prison to the community."

This is CSOSA's sixth in a growing network of field units. It represents an important addition to the array of resources that CSOSA utilizes to closely monitor and supervise offenders in the community who are serving terms of probation, parole or supervised release. These facilities house teams of Community Supervision Officers who provide counseling and treatment services. They contain Illegal Substance Collection Units, Learning Labs, and space for service providers to help offenders. A tour of the facility will follow the opening ceremony.

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