

# SECOND CHANCES AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

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MAY 22–24, 2012

*The Washington Marriott Wardman Park  
2660 Woodley Road, NW  
Washington, D.C., 20008*

## Conference Agenda





# JUSTICE CENTER

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

**About the Justice Center:** The Council of State Governments (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](http://www.justicecenter.csg.org).



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**About OJJDP:** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, accomplishes its mission by supporting states, local communities, and tribal jurisdictions in their efforts to develop and implement effective programs for juveniles. The Office strives to strengthen the juvenile justice system's efforts to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and provide services that address the needs of youth and their families.

Through its components, OJJDP sponsors research, program, and training initiatives; develops priorities and goals and sets policies to guide federal juvenile justice issues; disseminates information about juvenile justice issues; and awards funds to states to support local programming. Visit [www.ojjdp.gov](http://www.ojjdp.gov) for more information.



# the NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

— A project of the CSG Justice Center —

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) is 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 support, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, family programming, mentoring, outreach to victims, and other services that can help reduce recidivism.

The NRRC's work also is guided by the CSG 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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Welcome to *Second Chances and Safer Communities*. The objectives of the conference are to provide

- 1) a forum for peer-to-peer networking, where reentry leaders from across the nation can meet and discuss challenges and share their experiences;
- 2) an opportunity for federal grantees and other individuals committed to successful reentry to learn from subject-matter experts in relevant issue areas and receive on-site technical assistance; and
- 3) more information about the training and technical assistance available through the National Reentry Resource Center.

## Schedule at a Glance

All rooms are located on the Lobby Level, unless otherwise noted. Washington 5 and 6 are located on the Exhibition Level, one floor below the lobby.

### Tuesday, May 22nd *At-a-Glance*

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| <b>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</b>        | <b>Registration</b> (CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK)   |   |
| <b>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.</b>       | <b>Opening Plenary Session and Address by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder</b> (MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3) |   |
| <b>11:00 – 11:15 a.m.</b>      | <b>Break</b>   |   |
| <b>11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Smaller Group Sessions: Learning from One Another</b>   | Adult planning grantees (MARYLAND A)  |
|                                |  | Adult demonstration (implementation) and technology career training grantees (DELAWARE)                   |
|                                |  | Adult mentoring grantees (WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)   |
|                                |  | Family-based substance abuse treatment grantees (MARYLAND B)  |
|                                |  | Co-occurring disorder treatment grantees (MARYLAND C)   |
|                                |  | Reentry court grantees (PARK TOWER 8216)  |
|                                |  | Juvenile demonstration (planning and implementation) and technology career training grantees (VIRGINIA A) |
|                                |  | Juvenile mentoring grantees (PARK TOWER 8212)   |
|                                |  | Other attendees: Building Relationships across Grant Programs (WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)            |

## Tuesday, May 22nd (continued)

### At-a-Glance

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| <p><b>12:45 – 2:15 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>Attendees have lunch on their own</b><br/> <i>Meals are not provided, but a pizza, soup, and salad buffet will be available for purchase at the federal per diem rate at the Stone’s Throw Restaurant and Bar, located in the hotel lobby. Maps of area dining options are available at the Convention Registration Desk.</i></p> |   |
| <p><b>2:15 – 3:45 p.m.</b></p>  | <p><b>Plenary Session: The Federal Interagency Reentry Council—<br/>           Reducing Barriers to Successful Reentry</b> (MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 &amp; 3)</p>   |   |
| <p><b>3:45 – 4:00 p.m.</b></p>  | <p><b>Break</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>4:00 – 5:30 p.m.</b></p>  | <p><b>Smaller-<br/>           Group Topic<br/>           Discussions</b></p>  | <p>Working with judges, law enforcement, and prosecutors (VIRGINIA C)</p> <p>Constructing tribal reentry programs (VIRGINIA A)</p> <p>Building meaningful partnerships across the corrections/ community divide (WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)<br/> <i>This workshop will repeat in a special session for non-Second Chance Act grantees on Thursday, May 24th at 8:30 a.m.</i></p> <p>Developing trauma-based approaches to reentry (DELAWARE A)</p> <p>Using graduated responses to improve juvenile reentry (DELAWARE B)</p> <p>Supporting victims (VIRGINIA B)</p> <p>Engaging families and positive support networks for reentering adults (MARYLAND B)</p> <p>Implementing evidence-based practices in substance abuse and mental health/criminal justice collaborations (MARYLAND C)</p> <p>Working with sex offenders (MARYLAND A)</p> <p>Understanding federal policies and programs that affect your reentry population: A conversation with the Federal Interagency Reentry Council representatives (WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)</p> |

# Wednesday, May 23rd

## *At-a-Glance*

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| <b>9:00 – 9:15 a.m.</b>        | <b>Address by U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis</b><br>(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)  |   |
| <b>9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b>  | <b>Concurrent Session: Evaluators Meet Only with 2009 Adult Demonstration Grantees (break included)</b> (VIRGINIA A)   |   |
| <b>9:15 – 10:30 a.m.</b>       | <b>Concurrent Sessions:</b>  | Improving employment outcomes and reducing recidivism<br>(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)   |
|                                |  | Embracing principles of effective practice for juvenile reentry<br>(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)   |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45 a.m.</b>      | <b>Break</b>   |   |
| <b>10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Concurrent Sessions:</b>  | Responding to adults with substance abuse and mental health needs under correctional supervision (MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)   |
|                                |  | Responding to juveniles with substance abuse and mental health treatment needs under correctional supervision<br>(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)   |
| <b>12:15 – 1:45 p.m.</b>       | <b>Attendees have lunch on their own</b><br><i>Meals are not provided, but a pizza, soup, and salad buffet will be available for purchase at the federal per diem rate at the Stone's Throw Restaurant and Bar, located in the hotel lobby. Maps of area dining options are available at the Convention Registration Desk.</i> |   |
| <b>1:45 – 3:15 p.m.</b>        | <b>Concurrent Smaller Group Topic Discussions</b>  | Measuring Recidivism in the Performance Management Tool (Only pre-designated attendees) (PARK TOWER 8212 OR 8216, AS PRE-ASSIGNED)  |
|                                |  | RAND Correctional Education Focus Group with Technology Career Training Demonstration Project Grantees (Only Technology Career Training Demonstration Project grantees) (PARK TOWER 8219) |
|                                | <i>All remaining attendees may choose from the following sessions based on their interest:</i>   | Integrating risk-reduction principles into mentoring programs<br>(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)   |
|                                |  | Developing housing supports for reentering adults (MARYLAND A)  |
|                                |  | Advancing tribal reentry efforts (MARYLAND B)   |
|                                | Working with probation and parole (DELAWARE A)<br><i>This workshop will repeat in a special session for non-Second Chance Act grantees on Thursday, May 24, at 1:45 p.m.</i>   |   |

## Wednesday, May 23rd (continued)

### At-a-Glance

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| <b>1:45 – 3:15 p.m.</b><br>(CONTINUED) | <i>All remaining attendees may choose from the following sessions based on their interest:</i><br>(CONTINUED) | Improving employment outcomes and reducing recidivism: Continuing the conversation (DELAWARE B)  |
|  |   | Families and juvenile justice agencies: A necessary partnership (WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)   |
|  |   | Working with women and girls: Gender-responsive treatment strategies in corrections (MARYLAND C)   |
|  |   | Leveraging national health reform to sustain your program, reduce recidivism and build recovery (VIRGINIA A)   |
|  |   | Sharing lessons learned from the “Responsible Fatherhood, Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated and Re-entering Fathers and their Partners” (MFS-IP) Grants (VIRGINIA B) |
|  |   | Focusing on rural reentry (VIRGINIA C)   |
| <b>3:15 – 3:30 p.m.</b>                | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| <b>3:30 – 5:00 p.m.</b>                | <b>Concurrent Sessions</b>  | Measuring and reducing adult recidivism (MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)   |
|  |   | Measuring and reducing juvenile recidivism (WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)  |



# Thursday, May 24th

## *At-a-Glance*

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| <b>8:30 – 10:00 a.m.</b>       | <b>Concurrent Smaller Group Sessions: Performance Measurement, Grantee Exercises, and Partnerships*</b>  |   |
|                                | <b>Performance Measurement Workshops for Second Chance Act Grantees:</b>   | Adult demonstration (planning and implementation) grantees (DELAWARE)   |
|                                |  | Reentry courts grantees (PARK TOWER 8216)                               |
|                                |  | Adult co-occurring treatment grantees (MARYLAND A)                      |
|                                |  | Juvenile demonstration and co-occurring treatment grantees (VIRGINIA A) |
|                                | <b>Wrap-Up Exercises for Second Chance Act Grantees:</b>   | Adult mentoring grantees (WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)               |
|                                |  | Family-based substance abuse treatment (MARYLAND B)                     |
|                                |  | Technology career training grantees (MARYLAND C)                        |
|                                |  | Juvenile mentoring grantees (VIRGINIA B)                                |
|                                | <b>Building Meaningful Partnerships across the Corrections/Community Divide</b><br>All other attendees (repeated) (WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)   |   |
| <b>10:00 – 10:15 a.m.</b>      | <b>Break</b>   |   |
| <b>10:15 – 11:15 a.m.</b>      | <b>Plenary Session: Second Chances in Action</b><br>(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)   |   |
| <b>11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Plenary Session: The What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse</b><br>(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)  |   |
| <b>12:15 – 1:45 p.m.</b>       | <b>Attendees have lunch on their own</b><br><i>Meals are not provided, but a pizza, soup, and salad buffet will be available for purchase at the federal per diem rate at the Stone's Throw Restaurant and Bar, located in the hotel lobby. Maps of area dining options are available at the Convention Registration Desk.</i> |   |

\*Each Second Chance Act grant program is scheduled for one performance measurement workshop on May 24th, and one wrap-up exercise session with CSG Justice Center staff.

## Thursday, May 24th (continued)

### At-a-Glance

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| 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. | <b>Performance Measurement Workshops for Second Chance Act Grantees</b>                          | Adult mentoring grantees (DELAWARE)  |
|                  |  | Technology career training grantees (PARK TOWER 8216)                          |
|                  |  | Family-based substance abuse treatment grantees (MARYLAND A)                   |
|                  |  | Juvenile mentoring grantees (VIRGINIA A)                                       |
|                  | <b>Wrap-Up Exercises for Second Chance Act Grantees</b>  | Adult planning grantees (VIRGINIA C)   |
|                  |  | Adult demonstration (implementation) grantees (WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL) |
|                  |  | Co-occurring disorder treatment grantees (MARYLAND B)                          |
|                  |  | Reentry court grantees (MARYLAND C)  |
|                  |  | Juvenile planning grantees (PARK TOWER 8212)                                   |
|                  |  | Juvenile demonstration (implementation) grantees (VIRGINIA B)                  |
|                  | <b>Working with Probation and Parole</b><br>All other attendees (WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL) |  |
| 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. | <b>Break</b>   |  |
| 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. | <b>Closing</b> (MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)  |  |

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8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

## Registration

CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK

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9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

## Opening Plenary Session

MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and other leaders from the Department of Justice will welcome grantees and other participants to commend them for their reentry work. They will highlight how the Second Chance Act fits into the agency's efforts to increase public safety and improve outcomes for people returning to the community from prison or jail. U.S. Representative Danny Davis (IL), original sponsor and key champion of the Second Chance Act, will also greet and congratulate grantees and highlight how the Second Chance Act fits into Congressional efforts to strengthen communities.

### SPEAKERS:

- **The Honorable Eric Holder**, *Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice*
  - **The Honorable Danny Davis**, *U.S. House of Representatives (IL-07)*
  - **Mary Lou Leary**, *Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
  - **Denise O'Donnell**, *Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
  - **Melodee Hanes**, *Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
  - **Michael Thompson**, *Director, CSG Justice Center*
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11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

## Break

11:15 – 12:45 p.m.

## Smaller Group Sessions: Learning from One Another

In these smaller sessions, Second Chance Act grantees should find the discussion group for their program track. Nongrant participant may attend any grantee session that addresses a topic of interest or the final workshop on building relationships across grant programs listed below.

### Adult Planning Grantees: The Role of Reentry Councils in Implementing a Comprehensive Recidivism-Reduction Strategy

#### MARYLAND A

Establishing a robust reentry council that can foster meaningful collaborations between community-based service providers and corrections agencies is essential to developing and implementing an effective strategic plan. The reentry council can set priorities, help define and promote reentry within the community, and guide and organize the implementation of strategies. This session will highlight lessons learned from two jurisdictions that have successfully developed reentry councils and will put them in a national context. Attendees can share experiences about how councils' well-planned prisoner reentry efforts can reduce rates of reincarceration.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Le'Ann Duran**, *Corrections Program Director, CSG Justice Center*
- **Darryl Graves**, *Reentry Administrator, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction*
- **Jennifer Scaife**, *Reentry Resources Coordinator, San Francisco Adult Probation Department*

### Adult Demonstration (Implementation) and Technology Career Training Grantees: Implementing Evidence-Based Practices with Fidelity

#### DELAWARE

Years of research and experimentation have resulted in the growing use of objective assessment tools to better identify individuals' likelihood of committing a future crime and their related needs. These principles of risk, need, and responsivity are essential to developing programming that can reduce recidivism. However, to be effective, these principles must be reflected in the policies, procedures, and day-to-day work of all agencies and staff who work with individuals leaving prisons and jails. During this session, speakers will provide guidance and facilitate discussion on developing and implementing reentry programs that incorporate evidence-based practices with fidelity and help ensure agency accountability.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Edward Latessa**, *Professor and Director, School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati*
- **Cindy Booth**, *Administrator, Transition & Release, Oregon Department of Corrections*
- **Kathryn Myers**, *Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Team Cognitive Specialist, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas*
- **Risë Haneberg**, *Criminal Justice Coordinator, Johnson County, Kansas*

## Adult Mentoring Grantees: Lessons Learned

### WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL

Positive social relationships are critical for individuals trying to change criminal behaviors. Mentoring programs are well-suited to providing the kind of prosocial support needed by people returning home from prison and jail. These programs, however, must be rooted in strong, trusting relationships and thoughtful program implementation. A panel of adult mentoring grantees will reflect on their experiences, challenges, and successes.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Christi Hurt**, *Consultant, CSG Justice Center*
- **Kerri Schultheis**, *Project Director, Prisoner Reentry Programs, Arizona Women's Education and Employment, Inc.*
- **Juliana Robinson**, *Director, Hour Women to Women Mentoring Program, Hour Children, Inc.*
- **Carletta Stringer**, *Mentor Recruiter, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma*
- **Andy Sagvold**, *Manager, Reentry Services, Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota*
- **Boyd Brown**, *Director, Employment Services, Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota*

## Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Grantees: Implementing Effective Interventions

### MARYLAND B

This session will focus on developing effective strategies for working with incarcerated parents and their families to address substance use and dependency. The speakers will provide an overview of the core goals of the Second Chance Act family-based substance abuse treatment grant. Three featured grantees will share their approaches for successful family treatment and engagement.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Margaret diZerega**, *Director, Family Justice Program, Vera Institute of Justice*
- **Liv Jensen**, *Manager, Transition Services Unit, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Oregon*
- **Joenne McGerr**, *Manager, Family Services Unit, Washington State Department of Corrections*
- **Erica Molett**, *Program Administrator, Offender Reentry Division, City of Dallas, Texas*
- **Stacey Burns**, *Clinical Director, Nexus Recovery Center, Inc.*

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## Co-occurring Disorder Treatment Grantees: Integrated Responses for Individuals with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders in the Corrections System

(MARYLAND C)

Panelists will discuss evidence-based corrections and treatment practices for individuals with co-occurring disorders. The session's overview of research-driven strategies will include a strong focus on the Risk/Need/Responsivity model, which relies on objective assessments to identify individuals' needs that are related to their likelihood of criminal activity. Speakers will highlight integrated treatment strategies that span the reentry continuum for individuals with co-occurring disorders.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Roger Peters**, *Chair and Professor, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, University of South Florida*
- **Alexa Eggleston**, *Substance Abuse and Addictions Project Director, CSG Justice Center*
- **Dr. Virginia Barber Rioja**, *Forensic Psychologist, Division of Forensic Psychiatry/ Inpatient Service, Bellevue Hospital Center; Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine*
- **Kevin Warwick**, *President, Alternative Solutions Associates Inc.*
- **Ross Cunningham**, *Superintendent, Sullivan County Department of Corrections, New Hampshire*

## Reentry Court Grantees: Identifying and Addressing Common Challenges

(PARK TOWER 8216)

Reentry court grantees attending this session will have the opportunity to discuss challenges and successes related to the implementation of their proposed programs. Among the topics that will be addressed by the CSG Justice Center Courts Program Director are connecting with appropriate community-based treatment providers and planning for program sustainability. Attendees will be encouraged to share their experiences and lessons learned.

### SPEAKER:

- **Hallie Fader-Towe**, *Director, Courts Program, CSG Justice Center*
- **Christopher Watler**, *Project Director, Harlem Community Justice Center*

## Juvenile Demonstration (Planning and Implementation) and Technology Career Training Grantees: Collaborating for Results

### VIRGINIA A

The Second Chance Act requires demonstration grantees to develop broad-based collaborations between juvenile corrections and supervision agencies and community-based providers. During this session, a Second Chance Act juvenile demonstration grantee will reflect on his experience implementing a highly collaborative reentry program. Speakers will provide advice on developing processes to share information between partner agencies on program participants program outcomes.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. David Altschuler**, *Principal Research Scientist, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University*
- **Vincent Holmes**, *Principal Analyst, Service Integration Branch, Chief Executive Office, County of Los Angeles, California*
- **Edward Sykes**, *Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Los Angeles County Probation Department*

## Juvenile Mentoring Grantees: Lessons Learned

### PARK TOWER 8212

Mentoring is an important intervention that has been shown to make a difference in helping youth reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system. An emphasis on connecting young people to positive, supportive networks of peers and role models has been critical to its success. Juvenile mentoring programs are well-suited to providing positive social supports to youths returning to the community, but relies on thoughtful program implementation. During this session, attendees will be given the opportunity to share their experiences, successes, and challenges.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Laura Zeliger**, *Policy Analyst, CSG Justice Center*
- **Saudia Abdullah**, *Program Associate, CSG Justice Center*

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## Building Relationships across Grant Programs

### WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL

Reentry is a priority for agencies throughout the federal government. During this session, representatives from the U.S. Departments of Justice, Labor, and Health and Human Services will discuss their efforts to leverage each agency's funding. This session will also feature grantees funded under the Second Chance Act and the Department of Health and Human Services' Community-Centered Responsible Fatherhood Ex-Prisoner Reentry Pilot Project. This session focuses on how to coordinate resources from the Second Chance Act grant program, the Department of Labor's Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) grant project, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development's local Public Housing Authorities. A representative of the Urban Institute will discuss its evaluation of the pilot program, which supports projects that offer reentry and supportive services to reentering fathers and their families to help reduce recidivism and promote self-sufficiency through the strengthening of families.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Ron Ashford**, Director, Public Housing Supportive Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Charles Sutton**, Project Officer, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Carl Chadband**, Employment Program Manager, Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc.
- **Mel Harrington**, Counseling Services Director, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
- **Sara Miller**, Fatherhood Director, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
- **Jocelyn Fontaine**, Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute
- **Dr. Gary Dennis**, Senior Policy Advisor for Corrections, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Earl Johnson**, Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

## Plenary Session: The Federal Interagency Reentry Council: Reducing Barriers to Successful Reentry

MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3

The Federal Interagency Reentry Council represents 20 federal agencies working collaboratively to make communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization, assisting individuals returning from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens, and saving taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration. A chief focus for the Reentry Council is to improve outcomes and remove federal barriers to successful reentry, so that formerly incarcerated individuals are able to compete for jobs, attain stable housing, support their children and their families, and contribute to their communities. Federal officials will highlight progress to date, as well as dispel myths and clarify policies pertaining to the reentry population. Council representatives will invite conference participants to offer suggestions for future directions.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Tonya Robinson**, *Special Assistant to the President for Justice and Regulatory Policy, White House Domestic Policy Council*
- **Marlene Beckman**, *Counselor, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Amy Solomon**, *Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Ron Ashford**, *Director, Public Housing Supportive Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- **Todd Cox**, *Director, Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*
- **Gregg Weltz**, *Division Chief, Division of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor*
- **Linda Mellgren**, *Senior Social Science Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
- **Sean Clark**, *National Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach Program, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

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3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

## Smaller Group Topic Discussions

Attendees are invited to participate in the session of their choice.

### Working with Judges, Law Enforcement, and Prosecutors

(VIRGINIA C)

Although they are generally seen as “front-end” stakeholders, law enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors can be key champions of and partners for reentry initiatives. Attendees will be offered the chance to participate in an interactive technical assistance session focusing on how to engage members of these groups in their own communities. Presenters will draw on the Justice Center’s COPS Office-funded toolkit *Planning and Assessing a Law Enforcement Reentry Strategy*, as well as their extensive training experience working with judges and attorneys, to examine the value of cross-system collaboration. They will work with grantees on assessing their engagement progress and answer any questions about how to involve judges, prosecutors, and policing professionals in reentry initiatives—from planning through implementation.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Blake Norton**, *Division Director, Local Initiatives, CSG Justice Center*
- **Hallie Fader-Towe**, *Director, Courts Program, CSG Justice Center*

### Constructing Tribal Reentry Programs

(VIRGINIA A)

American Indian and Alaska Native people incarcerated in tribal, county, state or federal facilities often return to their tribal communities. Tribal governments and communities need to develop a program for reentry that addresses changes at the individual and family, community, systems, and intergovernmental levels. This session will provide attendees with strategies for developing a reentry program that reflects the distinct challenges that tribal agencies face and the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Ada Pecos Melton**, *President/Owner, American Indian Development Associates*
- **Norena Henry**, *Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Mary Elam**, *Director of Program Operations, Alaska Native Justice Center*

## Building Meaningful Partnerships across the Corrections/ Community Divide

(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

At times, the differences in culture and outlook among corrections professionals and community members or government and nongovernment personnel can seem staggering. Yet building truly effective partnerships that can bridge this divide is essential to achieving long-term improvements for people leaving prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities. Participants will learn about different approaches for making these partnerships work and will be invited to share their own experiences. *This workshop will repeat in a special session for non-Second Chance Act grantees on Thursday, May 24th at 8:30 a.m.*

### SPEAKER:

- **Roger Werholtz**, *Consultant, CSG Justice Center*
- **A.T. Wall**, *Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections*
- **Gregg and Lisa Nicklas**, *Co-Chief Executive Officers, Christian Heritage Children's Home*

## Developing Trauma-Based Approaches to Reentry

(DELAWARE A)

This session will highlight the role of both adult and juvenile trauma-informed care in achieving reentry goals. Participants will learn about how trauma is defined, the rationale for integrating trauma-informed care in reentry efforts, educating various stakeholders and obtaining their support, and identifying and measuring outcomes.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Joan Gillece**, *Project Manager, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors*
- **Lisa Freese**, *Consultant, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency*
- **David Washington**, *Program Coordinator, Washington County Health Department, Maryland*

## Using Graduated Responses to Improve Juvenile Reentry

(DELAWARE B)

Incentives and graduated sanctions are critical tools for out-of-home placement facilities and community supervision agencies. Their use has been shown to better manage behavior and hold juveniles accountable for their actions, both positive and negative. Once a young person has returned to the community and is under the supervision of a juvenile community corrections agency, graduated responses offer probation or parole officers a means to encourage compliance and deter technical violations. This session will provide guidance on developing and implementing such a system.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. David Altschuler**, *Principal Research Scientist, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University*
- **Randy Muck**, *Senior Clinical Consultant, Advocates for Youth and Family Behavioral Health Treatment, LLC*

## Supporting Victims

(VIRGINIA B)

Does it sometimes seem like victim services staff and reentry initiative professionals are on different teams? Attendees will discuss the different ways to collaborate with victim services in their own communities to achieve shared goals. Presenters will emphasize the role that victim services can play in the reentry process and will highlight practical strategies to support victim service efforts. Workshop participants will learn about potential resources and real-world examples of successful collaborations.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Suzanne Brown-McBride**, Deputy Director, CSG Justice Center
- **Christi Hurt**, Consultant, CSG Justice Center
- **Anne Seymour**, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Justice Solutions, Inc.

## Engaging Families and Positive Support Networks for Reentering Adults

(MARYLAND B)

Research shows that incarcerated individuals have better outcomes when they maintain contact with supportive family members. This session will focus on implementing effective strategies for engaging the families of individuals in the reentry process. In addition to highlighting the research related to family involvement, two Second Chance Act grantees will highlight their approaches for increasing engagement and cultivating the strengths of families and support networks.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Margaret diZerega**, Director, Family Justice Program, Vera Institute of Justice
- **Erik Vecere**, Vice President, National Programming, National Fatherhood Initiative
- **Liv Jensen**, Manager, Transition Services Unit, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Oregon
- **Kelli Finley**, One Family Program Manager, Community Works

## Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Substance Abuse and Mental Health/Criminal Justice Collaborations

(MARYLAND C)

Presenters will discuss evidence-based corrections and treatment practices for individuals with behavioral health disorders. They will provide an overview of key research-driven principles for addressing substance abuse and mental health disorders—and the need to ensure that policies and practices remain true to those principles. Integrated care that takes into consideration the risk of committing a future crime, and meeting both mental health and substance use needs, will be considered, including quality assurance.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Roger Peters**, Chair and Professor, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, University of South Florida
- **Stephanie Ainsworth**, Research Assistant, Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence, Department of Criminology, Law, & Society, George Mason University.
- **Glenn Tapia**, Program Director, Office of Community Corrections, Division of Criminal Justice, Colorado Department of Public Safety
- **Joenne McGerr**, Family Services Unit Manager, Washington State Department of Corrections

## Working with Sex Offenders

(MARYLAND A)

Sex offender reentry presents significant challenges for these individuals returning from prison or jail, and sparks strong reactions from the community. Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA) has emerged as one of the most effective management strategies to surface in recent years for this diverse population. The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of COSA and to discuss the role that community members can have in the risk management needed for the successful reintegration of sex offenders.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Scott Matson**, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Dr. Marie Garcia**, Social Science Analyst, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Derek Miodownik**, Restorative Systems Administrator, Vermont Department of Corrections
- **Laura Zeliger**, Policy Analyst, CSG Justice Center

## Understanding Federal Policies and Programs that Affect Your Reentry Population: A Conversation with the Federal Interagency Reentry Council Representatives

(WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

This session, open to State Reentry Coordinators and pre-designated individuals, introduces attendees to more detail about the federal policies and programs that affect their states' reentry population, and provides an opportunity to pose questions to the federal representatives of the various agency members of the Reentry Council.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Amy Solomon**, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Marlene Beckman**, Counselor, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Ron Ashford**, Director, Public Housing Supportive Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Todd Cox**, Director, Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- **Gregg Weltz**, Division Chief, Division of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Linda Mellgren**, Senior Social Science Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Sean Clark**, National Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach Program, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- **John Linton**, Director, Office of Correctional Education, U.S. Department of Education
- **Al Fatur**, Team Supervisor, Office of Income Security Programs, U.S. Social Security Administration
- **Melanca Clark**, Senior Counsel, Access to Justice, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Angela Kline**, Chief, Certification Branch, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Food and Nutrition Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Gerald Flavin**, Assistant Administrator, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Small Business Administration

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

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**9:00 – 9:15 a.m.**

**Address by U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis**

(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)

U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis will talk to attendees about the importance of their efforts. She will discuss relevant initiatives underway at the Department of Labor to improve outcomes for individuals returning from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities. Secretary Solis will be introduced by New York State Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry, Chair of the Committee on Correction and member of the CSG Justice Center's Board of Directors.

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**9:15 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.**

**Concurrent Session: Evaluators Meet Only with 2009 Adult Demonstration Grantees (break included)**

(VIRGINIA A)

Second Chance Act Adult Demonstration Grantees participating in a National Institute of Justice (NIJ)- funded evaluation will be given an opportunity to meet with its researchers from Social Policy Research Associates (SPRA). SPRA will offer additional training; address participants' concerns or questions about the evaluation; and facilitate participants' sharing of success stories, helpful hints, and problem-solving techniques related to the evaluation.

*(All other participants will attend the following sessions for their service population: adult or juvenile.)*

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9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

## Concurrent Session: Improving Employment Outcomes and Reducing Recidivism

(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)

Individuals returning home from prison or jail often identify employment as one of the most important factors in helping them stay crime-free. There are some research studies that support these anecdotal reports, suggesting that employment can help decrease the likelihood that an individual will reoffend and be reincarcerated. This session, open to all attendees working with adult populations not involved in the evaluation session, will provide an overview of some of the key research findings. Presenters will discuss how some programs are using the research findings to change policies and practices that can improve outcomes for men and women returning to the community.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Cindy Redcross**, *Senior Associate, Health and Barriers to Employment Policy Area, MDRC*
- **Mindy Tarlow**, *Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Director, Center for Employment Opportunities*
- **Steven McCullough**, *Chief Operating Officer, Safer Foundation*
- **John Padilla**, *Associate Director, Annie E. Casey Foundation*
- **Le'Ann Duran**, *Corrections Program Director, CSG Justice Center*

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9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

## Concurrent Session: Embracing Principles of Effective Practice for Juvenile Reentry

(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

Juvenile reentry programs are more likely to achieve significant reductions in recidivism if they incorporate the evidence-based principles, programs, and practices that are appropriately tailored to meet the distinct needs of young people. This session will provide a framework for developing such research-driven juvenile reentry programs focused on reducing repeat involvement with the juvenile justice system, and later contact with the criminal justice system.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Dr. Jennifer Pealer**, *Senior Policy Analyst, CSG Justice Center*
- **David D'Amora**, *Director, National Initiatives Division, CSG Justice Center*

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10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

**Break**

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

## Concurrent Session: Responding to Adults with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Needs under Correctional Supervision

(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)

The prevalence of substance abuse and mental health disorders in all corrections populations is disproportionately high. Individuals with either of these disorders, or both, tend to stay longer in correctional facilities and do worse under community supervision. Their disorders can complicate successful reentry and integration into the community. This session will focus on the importance of considering the risk of recidivism in determining effective treatment and supervision strategies associated with positive public health and public safety outcomes for people with behavioral health disorders.

**SPEAKER:**

- **Dr. Fred Osher**, *Director of Health Systems and Services Policy, CSG Justice Center*

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10:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

## Concurrent Session: Responding to Juveniles with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Needs under Correctional Supervision

(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

In order to provide effective treatment and programming to youth with behavioral health needs, juvenile justice authorities and their partners must be equipped to quickly identify individuals who may have these needs, make referrals for full assessments and appropriate services, and provide services both while the youths are in custody and during the reentry process. Presenters will focus on the use of assessment tools to identify behavioral health and other treatment needs, and matching youth to appropriate and effective programs and supports.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Randy Muck**, *Senior Clinical Consultant, Advocates for Youth and Family Behavioral Health Treatment, LLC*
- **Valerie Williams**, *Research Instructor and Co-Director, National Youth Screening & Assessment Project, Center for Mental Health Services Research, Department of Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School*

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12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

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1:45-3:15

## Measuring Recidivism Using the Performance Measurement Tool

(PARK TOWER 8212 AND 8216)

This session should be attended by pre-assigned attendees only. Staff from CSR Incorporated, which developed and administers BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT), will examine how grantees track and collect data on recidivism performance measures. The results of these discussions will be shared with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, to help staff better understand the difficulties and barriers faced when collecting data, in addition to what tools and training may be needed to better assist grantees in the overall data collection process. All other attendees will have the opportunity to attend sessions with staff from CSR Incorporated on Thursday. The selected attendees should refer to their invitations for directions to a particular room, or inquire at the Convention Registration Desk.

**SPEAKERS:**

- *Staff from CSR Incorporated*

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1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

## Concurrent Session: RAND Correctional Education Focus Group with Technology Careers Training Project Grantees

(PARK TOWER 8219)

This discussion session is open to the 13 organizations that received Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Project Grants in 2010 and 2011. The RAND Corporation will conduct a focus group with these grant recipients about the design, operation, and progress of their demonstration projects, including challenges they are encountering and how those challenges are being addressed, the factors that have facilitated their success, and the additional structures that could have better supported their progress. Participants in last year's Technology Careers Training Project focus groups will be encouraged to share recent developments, challenges, and successes.

**SPEAKER:**

- **Jennifer Steele**, *Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation*

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

## Small Group Topic Discussions

All remaining attendees are invited to participate in the session of their choice.

### Integrating Risk-Reduction Principles into Mentoring Programs

(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

Mentoring programs play a critical role in the success of reentry initiatives by connecting participants to networks of prosocial support and other needed resources. Program staffs are crucial partners to corrections and supervision agency professionals that work to reduce recidivism. Presenters will provide mentoring grantees with guidance on integrating the principles of risk of criminal behavior, treatment and service needs, and responsiveness to interventions (risk-need-responsivity) into their programs. Mentoring grantees are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Le’Ann Duran**, *Corrections Project Director, CSG Justice Center*
- **Saudia Abdullah**, *Program Associate, CSG Justice Center*

### Developing Housing Supports for Reentering Individuals

(MARYLAND A)

Identifying and securing housing for people released from prisons or jails is critical to reducing recidivism and homelessness, 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 concrete strategies communities can implement to assist recently released individuals. Attendees will receive basic information about housing resources and strategies, including explanations of public housing authority roles, HUD’s Continuum of Care for homeless populations, and the federal housing Choice Voucher rent subsidy program.

**SPEAKER:**

- **Andy McMahon**, *Managing Director, Government Affairs and Innovation, Corporation for Supportive Housing*

### Advancing Tribal Reentry Efforts

(MARYLAND B)

This discussion builds on the previous session that introduced attendees to how tribal reentry programs have to meet the varied and multiple needs of individuals returning from correctional facilities. It examines how to improve support for employment, housing, treatment, and education, among many other needs. This session discusses current efforts to sustain programs that address the distinct challenges that face tribal leaders.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Norena Henry**, *Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Dr. Keahi Souza**, *Program Manager, Pueblo of Jemez Behavioral Health*
- **Dr. Theda McPheron-Keel**, *President/CEO, Wind Hollow Foundation, Inc.*

## Working with Probation and Parole

(DELAWARE A)

The relationship between community supervision officers and service providers is vital to individuals' successful reentry. Correctional and service agencies' support—through coordinated policies, protocols, and systems—can facilitate understanding of one another's roles, data and information sharing, and enhanced communications. Effective collaboration also can help fill the gaps in services and supervision that are needed to increase positive outcomes. Presenters will focus on how to build successful working relationships between probation and parole officers and local service providers. *This workshop will be repeated in a special session for non-Second Chance Act grantees on Thursday, May 24, at 1:45 p.m.*

### SPEAKERS:

- **Mike Kane**, Senior Associate, Crime & Justice Institute
- **Carl Wicklund**, Executive Director, American Probation and Parole Association
- **Christopher Watler**, Project Director, Harlem Community Justice Center

## Improving Employment Outcomes and Reducing Recidivism: Continuing the Conversation

(DELAWARE B)

Building on the morning plenary about reentry and employment, this workshop will take a closer look at key considerations for designing and successfully implementing an employment-based program tailored to meet the needs and circumstances of a reentry population. Experts will facilitate a group conversation on integrating proven and promising practices into a program design, developing strategies for engaging partners in criminal justice and the workforce development and labor sectors, and considering issues of sustainability.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Cindy Redcross**, Senior Associate, Health and Barriers to Employment Policy Area, MDRC
- **Mindy Tarlow**, Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Director, Center for Employment Opportunities
- **Steven McCullough**, Chief Operating Officer, Safer Foundation

## Families and Juvenile Justice Agencies: A Necessary Partnership

(WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

Research shows that incarcerated youth who have positive relationships with their family members and other supportive people have more positive experiences while they are incarcerated and are more likely to meet their reentry goals after release. This session will focus on strategies and tools that help juvenile justice agencies engage and partner with families, and measure their impact. Presenters will also focus on how families with children in the juvenile justice system are working alongside agency staff to shape policy and also support one another.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Margaret diZerega**, Program Director, Family Justice Program, Vera Institute
- **Grace Bauer**, Co-Director, Justice for Families
- **Ned Loughran**, Executive Director, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators

## Working with Women and Girls: Gender-Responsive Treatment Strategies in Corrections

(MARYLAND C)

Although women and girls in the criminal justice system account for a small percentage of the overall incarcerated population, that number is growing at an alarming rate. Presenters will provide an overview of emerging research regarding what works for women and girls who have been involved in the criminal justice system. The session will include a discussion of how best practices for working with women and girls during incarceration and throughout the reentry continuum have taken shape.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Maureen Buell**, *Correctional Program Specialist, National Institute of Corrections*
- **Shelith Hansbro**, *Warden, Decatur Correctional Center, Illinois Department of Corrections*
- **Erica Molett**, *Program Administrator, Offender Reentry Division, City of Dallas, Texas*
- **Stacey Burns**, *Clinical Director, Nexus Recovery Center, Inc.*
- **Lisa Freese**, *Consultant, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency*

## Leveraging National Health Reform to Sustain your Program, Reduce Recidivism and Build Recovery

(VIRGINIA A)

Access to health and behavioral health services are an important component of comprehensive reentry programs. Historically, the majority of individuals who have been incarcerated have not had access to health insurance upon release into the community, limiting their ability to participate in services that can help reduce recidivism, improve their health, and support their recovery. This session will review the current and future behavioral healthcare trends that could help increase access to treatment services for justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs and their families. In addition, the session will help grantees consider how these trends could help sustain important community-based reentry components of their Second Chance Act program.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Gabrielle de la Guéronnière**, *Director for National Policy, Legal Action Center*
- **Jac Charlier**, *Director, Consulting and Training, Center for Health and Justice, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)*

## Sharing Lessons Learned from the Responsible Fatherhood, Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated and Re-entering Fathers and their Partners (MFS-IP) Grants (VIRGINIA B)

Through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Responsible Fatherhood, Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated Fathers and Their Partners (MFS-IP), grantees delivered services to families affected by incarceration. These grants funded programs that promoted and strengthened marriage among incarcerated and reentering fathers and their partners. Grantees also provided activities to support parenting and foster economic stability. Presenters will focus on lessons learned from grantees serving criminal justice-involved fathers and their families. Two grantees will share the strategies they developed to support fathers and families in building and maintaining positive relationships during incarceration and after release. The Project Manager of RTI International's ongoing seven-year national implementation and impact evaluation will draw on study findings to provide a cross-sites perspective on innovative program strategies for serving incarcerated fathers, their partners, and children.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Charles Sutton**, *Project Officer, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
- **Tasseli McKay**, *Project Manager, RTI International*
- **Ron and Catherine Tijerina**, *Executive Directors, The RIDGE Project*
- **Mel Harrington**, *Counseling Services Director, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota*
- **Sara Miller**, *Fatherhood Director, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota*

## Focusing on Rural Reentry (VIRGINIA C)

To date, no definitive model for delivery of reentry services in rural areas has emerged, yet it is an issue with which most states must contend. Because of the lack of well-established and researched rural strategies, presenters will provide brief descriptions of the kind of work done by some state and local agencies. Attendees can join the panelists in a collaborative brainstorming and problem-solving session devoted to finding possible solutions to the issues confronting front-line practitioners delivering reentry and recidivism-reduction services in rural and frontier settings.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Roger Werholtz**, *Consultant, CSG Justice Center*
- **Kevin Warwick**, *President, Alternative Solutions Associates Inc.*
- **Dudley Bush**, *Administrator, Reentry & Programs, Virginia Department of Corrections*
- **Ross Cunningham**, *Superintendent, Sullivan County Department of Corrections, New Hampshire*

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3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

## Concurrent Session: Measuring and Reducing Adult Recidivism

(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)

Federal, state, and local leaders have made it increasingly clear that their investments in reentry are made on the condition that these efforts will yield reductions in recidivism. Just four months ago the leadership of every state department of corrections in the US convened in Washington, DC, along with members of Congress, Department of Justice officials, legislators and governor's staff to highlight the value of reentry programs, but, more importantly, to focus on the following: setting statewide targets for the reduction of recidivism, developing plans to realize those objectives, and measuring progress toward those goals. In this session, national leaders in corrections and Second Chance Act grantees discuss the potential for states to reduce (and, conversely, increase) recidivism their states, the challenges associated with tracking and interpreting recidivism data, and the opportunities and risks that come with increased scrutiny of this metric.

### SPEAKERS:

- **The Honorable Chaka Fattah**, *U.S. House of Representatives (PA-02)*
- **A.T. Wall**, *Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections*
- **Dr. Gary Dennis**, *Senior Policy Advisor for Corrections, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Ryan King**, *Research Director, Public Safety Performance Project, Pew Center on the States, The Pew Charitable Trusts*
- **Christopher Watler**, *Project Director, Harlem Community Justice Center*
- **Michael Thompson**, *Director, CSG Justice Center*

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3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

## Concurrent Session: Measuring and Reducing Juvenile Recidivism

(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

Recidivism is one of the most frequently requested measurements of effectiveness and accountability for juvenile justice agencies, facilities, and programs. Yet juvenile justice agencies use a wide variety of recidivism measures to track performance, which challenges the efforts of policymakers and practitioners to comparatively assess the success of programs, policies, and practices. In this session, the executive director of the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators will describe his organization's multi-year effort to develop guidelines for measuring and tracking recidivism. A juvenile corrections administrator will describe his agency's efforts, and identify key considerations that should guide agencies in monitoring and targeting recidivism. The acting administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice, will conclude this session by discussing the role of reentry reducing recidivism and achieving positive outcomes for youth and their families.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Ned Loughran**, *Executive Director, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators*
- **Kevin Aucoin**, *Director, Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families*
- **Melodee Hanes**, *Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

## Concurrent Smaller Group Sessions: Performance Measurement, Grantee Exercises, and Partnerships

To ensure grantees can attend both a measurement and an exercise group session, these options will be repeated at 1:45-3:15 p.m. Grantees that attend a performance measurement session in the morning should attend an exercise session in the afternoon (and grantees that attend a morning exercise session should attend a performance measurement session in the afternoon). During each small group session, a topic discussion workshop from earlier in the week will be repeated for non-grantees.

### Performance Measurement Workshops

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| <i>Adult Demonstration (Planning &amp; Implementation) Grantees</i> .....                       | (DELAWARE)        |
| <i>Reentry Court Grantees</i> .....   | (PARK TOWER 8216) |
| <i>Adult Co-occurring Disorder Treatment Grantees</i> .....                                     | (MARYLAND A)      |
| <i>Juvenile Demonstration (Planning &amp; Implementation) &amp; Co-occurring Grantees</i> ..... | (VIRGINIA A)      |

### Wrap-up Exercises

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| <i>Adult Mentoring Grantees</i> .....                        | (WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL) |
| <i>Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Grantees</i> ..... | (MARYLAND B)                     |
| <i>Technology Career Training Grantees</i> .....             | (MARYLAND C)                     |
| <i>Juvenile Mentoring Grantees</i> .....                     | (VIRGINIA B)                     |

## Building Meaningful Partnerships across the Corrections/ Community Divide (repeated for all nongrantees)

(WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)

At times, the differences in culture and outlook among corrections professionals and community members or government and nongovernment personnel can seem staggering. Yet building truly effective partnerships that can bridge this divide is essential to achieving long-term improvements for people leaving prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities. Participants will learn about different approaches for making these partnerships work and will be invited to share their own experiences.

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Roger Werholtz**, *Consultant, CSG Justice Center*
- **Jac Charlier**, *Director, Consulting and Training, Center for Health and Justice, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)*
- **Gregg and Lisa Nicklas**, *Co-Chief Executive Officers, Christian Heritage Children's Home*

Thursday, May 24

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10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

## Break

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10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

## Plenary Session: Second Chances in Action

(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)

During this session, youth from Mentoring Today, a nonprofit organization that provides mentoring and transitional services to youth involved in the juvenile justice system in Washington, D.C., will reflect on their reentry experiences, the mentoring process, and their hopes and goals for the future.

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11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

## Plenary Session: The What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse

(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)

The *What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse* is a multi-year project that is being introduced for the first time at this conference session. The compilation of methodologically rigorous research offers easy access to important information on the effectiveness of a wide variety of reentry programs and practices. It provides a user-friendly, one-stop website for practitioners seeking guidance on evidence-based reentry interventions, as well as a useful resource for researchers and others interested in the studies supporting specific strategies. This tool was developed for the National Reentry Resource Center by the CSG Justice Center and the Urban Institute, with funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Second Chance Act.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Nancy La Vigne**, Director, Justice Policy Center, The Urban Institute
  - **Hannah Dodd**, Research Associate, Justice Policy Center, The Urban Institute
  - **Hank Rosen**, Program Associate, CSG Justice Center
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12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

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1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

**Concurrent Small Group Sessions: Performance Measurement, Grantee Exercises, and Working with Probation and Parole**

**Performance Measurement Workshops**

- Adult Mentoring Grantees*.....(DELAWARE)
- Technology Career Training Grantees* .....(PARK TOWER 8216)
- Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Grantees*.....(MARYLAND A)
- Juvenile Mentoring Grantees* .....(VIRGINIA A)

**Wrap-up Exercises**

- Adult Planning Grantees* .....(VIRGINIA C)
- Adult Demonstration (Implementation) Grantees*.....(WASHINGTON 6, EXHIBITION LEVEL)
- Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment Grantees*.....(MARYLAND B)
- Reentry Court Grantees*.....(MARYLAND C)
- Juvenile Planning Grantees* .....(PARK TOWER 8212)
- Juvenile Demonstration (Implementation) Grantees*.....(VIRGINIA B)

**Working with Probation and Parole (repeated for all nongrantees)  
(WASHINGTON 5, EXHIBITION LEVEL)**

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3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Closing**  
(MARRIOTT BALLROOM SALONS 2 & 3)



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