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Today---Reentry of Offenders in Washington, D.C.

Forum on Faith-Based Mentors and Offenders

Radio Shows Available at <u>http://media.csosa.gov</u> (See radio shows-Alliance of Concerned Men (current) or see "reentry" or "faith-based")

WHO: Faith-based mentors and the offenders they assist.

WHAT: Forum of mentors and offenders participating in faith-based efforts.

WHEN: Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Lukes Church Center, 4923 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20019

WHY: Each year, approximately 2,400 offenders return from federal correctional institutions (to CSOSA supervision) to the District of Columbia. Faith-based volunteers provide support, encouragement, fellowship and resources. Many offenders credit mentors for their successful adjustment. CSOSA supervises and assists 16,000 offenders on parole or probation daily.

Editor's Note: Dynamic environment (faith-based choir) plus interviews with former offenders.

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