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Men and Women Returning From Prison Focus of Upcoming Events

See <http://www.csosa.gov> for details and updates regarding all events.

A television show documenting last year's Citywide Reentry Assembly is available at <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/video/2012/09/faith-based-initiatives-for-offender-reentry-dc-public-safety-television/>.

Additional television and radio interviews addressing reentry, employment and interviews with current and former offenders are available at <http://media.csosa.gov>.

Women's Reentry Forum Planned for Saturday, February 9

Mentors and Mentees Celebrate Faith-Based Accomplishments (Citywide Reentry Assembly) scheduled for Thursday, February 21

(Washington, D.C.)- -The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA—a federal executive branch agency) and its Faith Based Initiative announce a series of events designed to highlight issues regarding reentry.

CSOSA provides probation and post-incarceration supervision to approximately 16,000 men and women in D.C. CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety oriented programming and treatment services combining accountability with meaningful opportunity.

Each year, approximately 2,000 men and women return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia. Approximately 700,000 offenders return from federal and state prisons throughout the country each year. Many need supervision, services and support to remain drug and crime free.

Events: January 17 – February 26, 2013. See <http://www.csosa.gov> for details

- **January 17 (Thursday)--What Would Dr. King Say About Mass Incarceration?** Community forum hosted by the Movement for Love and Unity, United Black Fund, Returning Citizens United, Jobs Not Jails Coalition and The Ridley Group. Dorothy Height Library, 3935 Benning Rd, NE, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **January 19 (Saturday)—Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk.** For information, see [Http://www.MLKHolidayParadeDC.Org](http://www.MLKHolidayParadeDC.Org), United Black Fund, 2500 MLK Ave, SE, 10:00 a.m.
- **January 20 (Sunday)--Justice Sunday, CSOSA will join with the National Alliance of Faith and Justice to launch the Annual Reentry Reflection Observances,** Israel Baptist Church, 1251 Saratoga Ave. NE and Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church's Impact Building, 804 Rhode Island Ave. NE, 10:45 a.m.
- **January 26 (Saturday)—Reviving the Spirit, CSOSA Faith Based Initiative** offering health and wellness activities for participants, St. Luke Church Center, 4923 E. Capitol St. SE, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **February 9 (Saturday)--Women's Reentry Forum - Lifetime Makeover:** Women on supervision, multiple speakers and services, Temple of Praise, 700 Southern Ave, SE, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **February 19 (Tuesday)—From Prosecution to Community Reintegration: A Dialog with US Attorney Ronald Machen and Returning Citizens.** Hosted by Returning Citizens United, Allen Chapel AME Church, 2948 Alabama Ave. SE, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **February 21 (Thursday)--Citywide Reentry Assembly,** Faith based mentors and mentees of the year will be recognized, St. Luke Center, 4923 E. Capitol St. SE, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. See <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/video/2012/09/faith-based-initiatives-for-offender-reentry-dc-public-safety-television/> for prior television coverage.
- **February 23 (Saturday)—Conference on Reentry.** D.C. Office of Returning Citizen Affairs. St. Elizabeth's Hospital Aud. E Campus, 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.
- **February 26 (Tuesday)--Community Resource Day Videoconference** with the Rivers Correctional Institution, and other prisons. CSOSA, 633 Indiana Ave, NW from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ###