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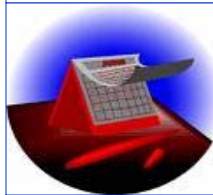
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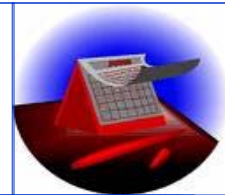
Come and help us CELEBRATE our Mentors and Mentees and the work of our Clusters.



Mark Your Calendar



Revive the Spirit
Jones Memorial UMC
4625 G Street SE
Washington, D.C. 20019



By Hallem Williams, Senior Program Analyst

Each year, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) and our faith community partners present a series of events to raise awareness related to reentry issues. Please join us for fellowship, conversation and celebration.

February 18, 2010

St. Luke Center

4923 East Capitol Street S.E.

6:30 p.m.

Learn more about Reentry Reflection 2010 events at:

www.csosa.gov

What Gifts Do We Bring to Mentoring?

Happy Holidays!!!!

By Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader

The answer to this question is as follows:

- Listening Skills
- Ability to Console
- Empathy
- Role Modeling
- Resource Building
- Advocacy
- Motivational Skills
- And much more!

It is the season of giving in our society as we give turkeys, toys and other such gifts. This seasonal giving puzzles me, because we are only affirmed for a moment and the recipient is comforted for a season. The old saying "Sell a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish....." (Karl Marx), is a true concept. I want my living to not be in vane, so I do not want to be known for the moment, but for going the distance.

As a mentor, you give a gift that last way

beyond a season and in fact, exist for a lifetime. This is true for the giver and the receiver. Sometimes our efforts are often not received well, not welcomed and not appreciated. But just as any other gift, you give it and leave it to the receiver to use at that moment or store for future use.

So why not give the gift that keeps on giving, MENTORING!!!



**Pre-Bidder's Conference
January 26, 2010**

CSOSA is announcing the posting of the Faith-Based Initiative's contract bid. Mark your calendar to attend the Pre-Bidder's Conference. See page 6 for more information.

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Revive the Spirit 2010

Saturday, January 30, 2010

Theme:

“A Stimulus of Faith”

*Speakers, Exhibits, Displays,
Re-turning Citizen's Panel,
Music, Lunch and much
more!!!!*

8:30a.m.—3:00p.m.

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

4625 G Street SE

Washington, D.C. 20019

By Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader

This event is an annual conference designed for previously incarcerated persons under the supervision of CSOSA. This year, we are honoring mentor/mentee relationships and celebrating our special emphasis programming. Workshops and motivational speakers will be presented.

“CELEBRATING YOU”

Mentor Recognition Program— By Sondra Hunt, Special Assistant

Celebrating You is the excitement of honoring our mentors for the outstanding work that they perform. Light refreshments will be served and we will hear from our motivational speaker, Melissa Cupido, Former Mentee. We want you join us to **Celebrate You**, our faithful mentors on February 11, 2010, at Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency at 633 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.

If your faith institution would like to become a participating institution in the faith-based initiative, please contact one of our Cluster Coordinators. Their information is listed below. To find out more about the initiative, visit www.csosa.gov or contact me at 202-220-5346 or email soundra.hunt@csosa.gov.



Cluster Coordinators

By Sondra Hunt, COTR

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Call or e-mail us. We would love to hear from you. You are special to us! Happy Valentines Month



Vacancy—City-Wide Outreach Coordinator

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DAPRP IS LOOKING FOR A TEMPORARY
CITY-WIDE COORDINATOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 9

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Why Do We Celebrate Re-Entry?

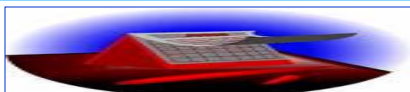


By Adele LaRue, Intern, OLIPA

In 2001, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) reached out to the city's clergy and began our Faith/Community Partnership. The Partnership seeks to increase resources and opportunities available to returning offenders by linking the offenders with the support, services, and fellowship of strong community institutions. Our goal has been to connect returning offenders with institutions and individuals who can support them not only during their supervision, but also can serve as a resource and a haven long after the term of supervision has ended. As January is National Mentoring Month and the National Alliance of Faith and Justice has declared the Sunday prior to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as Justice Sunday, CSOSA has selected this time of year to celebrate the efforts of re-entrants and honor those who serve the reentry community. Reentry Week raises awareness of the needs of prisoners returning from incarceration to the District of Columbia. In 2006, CSOSA expanded the week of celebrations to span an entire month. Throughout the month of events, CSOSA and our faith-based partners host events in honor of exceptional mentors, training and recruitment events for those who would like to mentor and volunteer in the future, spiritual events focusing on reviving the spirit of previously incarcerated individuals and educational events addressing concerns such as unemployment and health issues. The 2010 Reentry Celebration is going to be an exciting and enriching period of celebration. We look forward to continuing and building upon this collaborative effort with the community for years to come.

Calendar of Other Events

- Saturday, January 23, 2010—Returning Citizen's Event at Shiloh Baptist Church, email Cedric.Hendricks@csosa.gov
- Saturday, January 30, 2010—Revive the Spirit III: A Stimulus of Faith Conference for Returning Citizens—8:30a.m.—3:00p.m. at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church 4625 G St. SE (see page 2) for CSOSA's clients—e-mail Alexis.bego@csosa.gov to register prior to January 28, 2010.
- Sunday, January 31, 2010—Super Bowl Sunday Party—2:00p.m.—6:00p.m. at Unity Baptist Church, 2706 Bladensburg Road NE, for CSOSA's clients—e-mail Alexis.bego@csosa.gov to register prior to January 28, 2010.



"Keeping It Real"

Justice Sunday

January 17, 2010

Cluster A:

- **Covenant Baptist Church, 3845 S. Capitol St. SW—Rev. Kelly Wilkins, Cluster A Coordinator, Morning Speaker—8:00a.m. and 10:45a.m.**
- **Pilgrim African Methodist Episcopal Church, 612 17th St. NE—Rev. Karen Harrison, Cluster C Coordinator, Morning Speaker—10:00a.m.**

Cluster B:

- **Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, 610 Rhode Island Ave., NE—Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr., Senior Pastor, Morning Speaker—8:00a.m. and 10:45a.m.**

Cluster C:

- **Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1518 M Street NW—Rev. Ronald Braxton, Pastor & Morning Speaker—9:00a.m.**

- Monday, February 1st—Friday, February 5th—Health Forums at CSOSA's Field Offices
- Thursday, February 4, 2010—Women's Employment/Empowerment Event—10:00a.m.—2:00p.m. (location to be announced) for CSOSA's and Our Place clients—e-mail Alexis.bego@csosa.gov to register prior to February 1, 2010.
- Saturday, February 6, 2010—Women's Forum—e-mail Alexis.bego@csosa.gov to register prior to February 3, 2010.
- Thursday, February 11, 2010—Celebrating Mentors—at 633 Indiana Avenue NW, 6th Floor—6:00p.m.—8:00p.m.—e-mail Alexis.bego@csosa.gov to reserve a reservation prior to February 8, 2010.
- Sunday, February 14, 2010—Worship and Service of Accomplishment—A graduation of the grief counseling, family reunification and relapse prevention classes,—Guildfield Baptist Church 1023 Otis Street NE, -3:00p.m.—5:00p.m.—e-mail Alexis.bego@csosa.gov to reserve a reservation prior to February 11, 2010.
- Thursday, February 18, 2010—City-Wide Assembly at St. Luke Center, 4923 East Capitol Street SE—6:30p.m.—8:30p.m.—e-mail Cedric.Hendricks@csosa.gov

For additional information please log on to www.csosa.gov

Parenting Class Graduation and Farewell

-By Chris Keels, Mentoring Services Liaison Coordinator (MSLC)



On October 1, 2009, the Family Reunification Program graduated its fifth (5th) class. Eleven (11) mentees and their families celebrated their accomplishments at McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church. It was an exciting class that occurred over a four month period during the summer with basic parenting skills, vocational, educational and employment presentation, child support, foster care and legal issues information.

This program is a restorative justice concept in that it seeks to return healthy families to the District's community, thereby strengthening the fabric of its citizenry. The Family Reunification Program is co-sponsored by McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church, Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, The Public Defender's Office and the Child Support Services Division of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

On October 7th, the program began its sixth (6th) class which is scheduled to graduate on February 14, 2010 at Guildfield Baptist Church. Come join us at 3:00p.m. to celebrate!



The SE Parenting Class ended its 23rd class on November 5, 2009. The program graduated seven (7) offenders. The evening was also used as a time to say farewell to Bonnie Andrews who served as the leader for five (5) years. The FBI would like to say thank you to Ms. Andrews for a job well done!!!

The next class will begin on January 7, 2010 at 6:00p.m. at 3850 S. Capitol St. SE.



Singing in the Spirit — of the Season-By Rev. Kelly Wilkins, Cluster A Coordinator

On Saturday, December 12, 2009, the Mentor Orientation Training took on the spirit of the holidays. Mentors and the FBI staff took the time to mentor the residents of the Re-Entry & Sanction Center (RSC) on the grounds of the old DC General Hospital.

Mentors and residents completed holiday cards that were mailed to the resident's families in lieu of their being able to be home for Christmas.

- Games and singing were heard throughout the village as mentors and residents lifted their spirits.

- The RSC is a CSOSA residential facilities that provides substance abuse assessments, diagnostic care and referrals for the offenders assigned to CSOSA.

- Please remember them in your holiday moments of prayer and reflection!!!



CSOSA's RFP For the Faith-Based Initiative

Contracts by: Sondra Hunt, COTR

In January 2010, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) which will seek interested parties capable of providing Faith Based Re-Integration Support Services to the Agency. The solicitation for proposals will be conducted in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

It is anticipated that up to three contracts will be awarded to provide FBI support services in three clusters of the city. The pre-bidder's conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 11:00a.m. at Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 633 Indiana Avenue NW (6th Floor) Washington, D.C. 20004.**

For more information contact Sondra Hunt at sondra.hunt@csosa.gov.

CSOSA is looking for creative, innovative and cutting edge concepts for assisting re-entrants through our nationally recognized mentoring program. The contract bidding is open to all Faith Based Organizations. We look forward to talking to faith leaders and interested parties at the pre-bidder's conference. **Spread the word, there is room for all at the ministry table called re-entry.**



F.B.I. Addresses Relapse Prevention, Grief, Women's Issues and Relationship Restoration

-By Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader



Since early fall, the Faith-Based Initiative (FBI) has been working with several area faith institutions and mentors to meet the needs of mentees. During September, the nation recognized drug prevention and intervention month and FBI launched three new Relapse Prevention Groups.

In Cluster A, "Celebrating My Recovery – Taking Back What Was Stole from Me" for men, began at Community of Hope – Church of the Nazarene on September 29, 2009 and "Walking With Power – A Relapse Prevention Group for Men" was initiated by Cluster C in the NE area of the city on September 16, 2009. The latter group is co-sponsored by Canaan Baptist Church. Both programs have completed a pilot stage and are now being evaluated for future development. The next start dates will occur after the first of the year.

Due to a request for another women's group, Order My Steps-Women's Relapse Prevention Group (II) started November 4, 2009 as a day group for women. Each of the relapse prevention groups focuses on change-triggers and etc.



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In November 2009, Cluster B and C developed a Grief Counseling Program. In NE, Cluster B initiated the "Healing From Within Grief Counseling Program" that covers every aspect of grieving which includes hospice care, terminal illness, funerals and enduring grief. In NW, Cluster C initiated "What Gifts Do We Receive?" The group addresses handling grief during holiday seasons.

Starting December 14, 2009, Cluster A, with the assistance of a new mentor, is addressing the needs of high-risk female offenders through a women's self-esteem building program entitled, "P.U.R.P.O.S.E – A Women's Empowerment Workshop". The program is a sanction group that will benefit Community Supervision Officers (CSO) in addressing compromises to re-entry. CSOSA has been evaluating its programming for offender's in this category and welcomes the volunteerism of mentors who bring an enormous amount of skill and experiences. The group is co-sponsored by Covenant Baptist Church.



Beginning January 5, 2010, Cluster A is launching a Relationship Restoration Group in SE, which is co-sponsored by Balm of Gilead Ministries. "Putting the Pieces Together Again", will focus on conflict resolution, giving and taking, understanding relationships and diversity in relationships in our society. The goal of the group is to help offenders learn to develop relational contracts, to apologize for previous hurts, as well as develop and renew relationships.



By Chris Keels, MSLC

SWOT Analysis for the Faith-Based Initiative

As a contractor, Tashia Chambers was hired to perform a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis of the service provisions that FBI and its faith-based service providers are making available to offenders/mentees.

Ms. Chambers is a graduate of Howard University School of Social Work. In her role as the former FBI Outreach Coordinator, she used her skills to complete the report. The analysis was conducted in August 2009, and will soon be released at a meeting of all the FBI Service Providers.



*Service Providers
Are Cordially Invited*

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010
at 2:00 p.m.
Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
Training Unit (6th Floor)
633 Indiana Avenue NW
Washington, D. C. 20004**

The FBI Team, Cluster Coordinators and Service Providers will review the analysis, discuss programming and pursue ways in which to improve our service delivery. CSOSA will announce new programming that has launched since the report. At this meeting the service providers will be given a copy of CSOSA-FBI's Service Provider Resource Guide and Kit. **You do not want to miss this meeting.**

Use Your Spare Time Wisely



By Hallem Williams, Pro-Social Events Coordinator

As was reported in the Summer Edition of the FBI Journal, CSOSA and its Faith Partners believe that how we spend our time is of significant importance to the quality of life we experience. Accordingly we seek to engage our reentering citizens in positive activities designed to help them upgrade the quality of their lives.

There are many opportunities within the District of Columbia that are socially enriching and culturally fulfilling . Best of all, most of these opportunities are free. Over the last several months, upon referrals from their Community Supervision Officers (CSO) previously incarcerated citizens have attended and participated in vibrant activities such as (1) a visit to the home of Frederick Douglas and heard a great presentation about his remarkable contributions to the physical layout of the District, (2) a visit to the Anacostia Museum to learn about the significant of Black people in the development of Mexico, (3) attended a series of lectures on people of color and their contribution to Egypt and their references in the Bible convened at the DC Public Library. In addition the Re-Entering Citizens visited the Smithsonian Museum of Art and viewed the genius of African American Artists who used various artistic media to express their talents and captured key moments in the world's history. These inquisitive men and women visited the United States Archives and participated in a discussion of how and why we should learn more about our family ancestry. These visits proved to be uplifting and instructional.

CSOSA has opened the door to these treasures and anticipates that these activities and others will continue to be rewarding for our reentering citizens. If your community or faith institution would like to sponsor an event contact Hallem. Williams@csosa.gov

Cluster Spotlights— A

By: Ronnie Corsey, Cluster A Administrative Assistant

Called to Serve!

Minister Kelly Wilkins was called to served God in 1995. She completed Wesley Theological Seminary in 2008 with a Master of Divinity Degree along with a special emphasis on Urban Ministry. Also, in 2007 she was licensed to preach at Covenant Baptist Church, where she serves as an Associate Minister on staff.

In addition, Minister Wilkins serves as the Cluster Coordinator for Cluster A. On November 21, 2009, she was ordained as the Minister of Social Justice at Covenant Baptist Church in an inspiring worship service.

The now Reverend Kelly Wilkins still does not skip a beat in meeting the needs of returning citizens. She feels so compassionate for the people in her community that she has personally mentored 11 mentees. Recently and tragically, one of her mentees passed away. Rev. Wilkins attended the funeral at Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church. When she entered the sanctuary, a family member told the priest that “Rev. Wilkins, must participate in the services” and she was able to deliver words of comfort to the family and friends present in the home going service of her mentee. Her mentee, Clyde Gary Smith had struggled with housing, social security benefits and health issues. Rev. Wilkins had developed resources for him and most importantly had been a listening supportive mentor. The family felt at peace with the presence of Rev. Wilkins and knew that Mr. Smith would have wanted her involved in his farewell ceremony. Reverend Kelly Wilkins dedication to her calling is measured in all she does in the church and throughout the community. Her work is greatly appreciated and she is truly an asset to all who come across her and can see the blessings and works that God has added to her life.



Congratulations Reverend Kelly Wilkins!

A Gift for You—Resource Guide and Kit

The FBI team is proud to announce the completion of a FBI Service Provider Resource Guide and pocket size Resource Guide Kit for mentors, mentees, Service Providers and Community Supervision Officers (CSO).

The 160 page Resource Guide will be listed on CSOSA’s intranet effective December 15, 2009 for CSOs. At monthly mentor meetings in December and January Cluster Coordinators will provide a pocket size Resource Kit (a miniature version of the guide) and will e-mail the 160-page Service Provider Resource Guide to mentors and the faith-leaders.

Don’t miss out on this gift. The Resource Guide Kit will be distributed while available.





Mentor Training Schedule

By *Elmira Gwynn, Training Specialist-FBI*

January 2010

<i>Friday, January 8th</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training</i>
<i>Friday, January 15th</i>	<i>Communication Training</i>
<i>6:00pm -9:00pm</i>	<i>Covenant Baptist Church 3845</i>
<i>(both days)</i>	<i>South Capital Street, SW</i>

April 2010

<i>Saturday, April 24, 2010</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and</i>
<i>8:30am - 4:00pm</i>	<i>Communication Training</i>
	<i>Re-Entry & Sanctions Center</i>
	<i>1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the</i>
	<i>D. C. Jail)</i>

February 2010

<i>Saturday, February 20th</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and</i>
<i>8:30am - 4:00pm</i>	<i>Communication Training</i>
	<i>Re-Entry & Sanctions Center</i>
	<i>1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the</i>
	<i>D. C. Jail)</i>

May 2010

<i>Saturday, May 15th</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and</i>
<i>8:30am - 4:00pm</i>	<i>Communication Training</i>
	<i>Re-Entry & Sanctions Center</i>
	<i>1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C.</i>
	<i>Jail)</i>

March 2010

<i>Saturday, March 20th</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and Com-</i>
<i>8:30am - 4:00pm</i>	<i>munication Training</i>
	<i>Re-Entry & Sanctions Center</i>
	<i>1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C.</i>
	<i>Jail)</i>

June 2010

<i>Saturday, June 12th</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and</i>
<i>8:30am - 4:00pm</i>	<i>Communication Training</i>
	<i>Re-Entry & Sanctions Center</i>
	<i>1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C.</i>
	<i>Jail)</i>

Mentor Matching Report

By *Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader*



The Faith-Based Initiative through the diligent support of the Clusters has faithfully assisted offenders in being matched with mentors. As of November 30, 2009, the following report was filed for the record:

Cluster A – 71

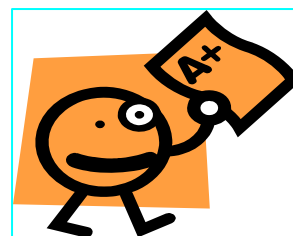
Cluster B—79

Cluster C – 80

TOTAL— 230 matches



Congratulations to the Clusters





Cluster Spotlights– B

By *Howard Moore, Cluster B Coordinator*

Hispanics, CSOSA, and the Criminal Justice System

The Pew Hispanic Center, a nonpartisan research organization that seeks to improve public understanding of the diverse Hispanic population in the United States and to chronicle Latinos' growing impact on the nation, reports that nearly two-in-ten (19%) Latinos had attended court on a criminal matter, and was arrested within the previous five years. 1 in 27 (4%) Hispanics in 2007 was under some form of corrections control, such as probation, parole, prison or jail. Overall, 13% of Latinos say they or an immediate family member had been on probation or parole. As these numbers continue to grow, Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church's Hispanic Ministry's President, Ada Velasquez, and Cluster B's Coordinator, Evangelist Howard Moore, have organized a Latino Ministry Network, consisting of various Hispanic churches throughout the District and surrounding Maryland communities in an effort to help facilitate a Latino Mentoring Initiative.

Christine Keels, Faith-Based Team Leader, Elmira Gwynn, Quality Assurance Specialist, and Rosa Lara, Supervisory Community Supervision Office will be working in partnership with Cluster B's Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church and a local Latino faith-based institution. Their overall mission is to develop a mentoring program designed to help returning Latino offenders identify barriers, and develop solutions to barriers that will assess their strengths, and weaknesses, in an effort to refer them to community based services and resources that will assist them in living a more positive and productive life within the Latino community and beyond.

On November 21, 2009, the first steps towards accomplishing our mission began when ministry leader, Ada Velasquez recruited the first partnering Hispanic Church, Iglesia Tabernaculo de Dios "El Gran Remanente" Ministerio Cristiano de Restauracion. Under the leadership of its founding pastor, Roberto Bernal, along with his wife and co-pastor, Ana Elvia Bernal, 12 members completed the necessary mentor training requirements to begin our mission. In addition to mentoring, Minister Ada Velasquez will also be leading a team of Hispanic Interpreters, to assist the Latino referrals being assigned to CSOSA's Faith Based Initiative's Family Reunification Program.

The Perry's



If you were to visit Cluster B, Wards 5 and 6, you would encounter a warm sense of love, devotion and commitment. What is happening, is that you'd be caught up in the energy of a

remarkable couple at work.

Parenting Life Skills husband and wife team, Mr. Bernard and Edna Perry, members of Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church's Parenting Ministry, started teaching parenting skills for CSOSA's Family Reunification Program in May 2009. Evangelist Moore invited the Perry's to the Faith Based Re Entry Program for the sole purpose of assisting with a program that provides basic parenting skills (among other services) to re-entering citizens. They decided to volunteer their time and skills and have done a remarkable job.

The core curriculum targets the CSOSA clients and focuses on communication, conflict resolution, and discipline, among other issues. They do much more but, suffice it to say that CSOSA and the participating faith institutions are appreciative of the Perry's leadership to assist previously incarcerated citizens to successfully reintegrate with their families as well as the communities. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Perry!

Samuel Als Makes Good on Determination

When it comes to making promises and being determined, Samuel Als stands one above the rest. Samuel Als returned home from prison, and found temporary shelter in DC's Hope Village Halfway House. It wasn't long after that when he decided to submit his request to join CSOSA's Faith Based Mentoring Program. During the winter of 2008, Samuel was matched to his new mentor, Mr. Lavelle Ginyard of Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, located in the Northeast section of the District. When I first met Samuel Als, he didn't hesitate in expressing his determination to me, concerning how he was going to make a difference in his life, as well as the lives of the community in which he lived.

That's why I did not hesitate when Samuel asked me if I would write a letter of endorsement to Ward 8 Councilmember Marion Barry on his behalf, to become a member of the District of Columbia's Commission on Re-entry and Ex-offender Affairs. I knew that he could and would make a difference in the community, if he was only given the opportunity. Samuel Als writes: "*Evangelist Moore, I just wanted to advise you that as of yesterday's December 14, 2009 Swearing-in Ceremony at the Wilson Building, my tenure as a Commission member has officially begun and I wanted to thank you again for your recommendation and vote of confidence which was an integral part of the process. Thank you!*"

Since Samuel's enrollment in our CSOSA Faith Based Initiative Mentoring Program, I have found him to be a much focused, goal-oriented individual, who confronts obstacles or adversity methodically, as well as logically, and to his credit, he has tenaciously held steadfast determination of his short term goals, as well as the promises concerning his long term goals, while adhering to the recommendations offered by his assigned mentor, Mr. Lavelle Ginyard.



Grants



Hallem Williams, Senior Program Analyst

SAMHSA 2010 OFFENDER REENTRY GRANTS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for [Offender Reentry Program](#) grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses. SAMHSA expects that a total of \$39.6 million in funding will be available for the three year project period. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. Deadline: February 2, 2010. Contact: ken-neth.robertson@samhsa.hhs.gov



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December 15, 2009
 For Immediate Release

Congress Approves Appropriations for Key Criminal Justice Programs

• *New York*—The House and Senate have passed an omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 3288) for the remainder of fiscal year 2010 that includes funding for the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill provides \$114 million to the Department of Justice for prisoner reentry, including \$14 million for reentry initiatives in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and \$100 million for Second Chance Act programs, including \$37 million for reentry demonstration projects under Sec. 101 of the Second Chance Act

- \$15 million for mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations under Sec. 211
- \$10 million for reentry courts under Sec. 111
- \$7.5 million for family-based substance abuse treatment under Sec. 113
- \$2.5 million for grants to evaluate and improve education in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities under Sec. 114

- \$5 million for technology careers training demonstration grants under Sec. 115
- \$13 million for reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration under Sec. 201
- \$10 million for reentry research under Sec. 245

The omnibus bill also provides \$108,493,000 to the Department of Labor for ex-offender activities under the Second Chance Act and the Workforce Investment Act, including \$15 million for a transitional jobs grant program. The bill also includes funding for the following programs:

- \$12 million for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act
- \$10 million for a justice reinvestment grant program, which will provide technical assistance, incentive grants, and other activities in support of comprehensive, evidence-based criminal justice reform and recidivism-reduction efforts by states
- \$519 million for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
- \$40 million for the Byrne Competitive Grant Program
- \$45 million for drug courts
- \$330 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)
- \$30 million for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)
- \$1.7986 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant
- \$202.2 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
- \$454.63 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, including \$67.6 million for programs in CSAT's Criminal Justice portfolio
- \$1.0598 billion for the National Institute on Drug Abuse
- \$1.4894 billion for the National Institute of Mental Health
- \$462.35 million for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

For more information on the Second Chance Act and its grantees, please visit the [National Reentry Resource Center](#) website or the [Reentry Policy Council](#).

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Alexis Bego, FBI High School Intern

Faith Based Initiative and CSOSA's Training and Career Development Center co-sponsored three wonderful trainings in the later part of the year. They were Relapse Prevention, Crisis Intervention and Grief and Loss training. For example, the Crisis Intervention course was designed to teach participants crisis communication techniques, types of questions (directive vs. non-directive and open-ended vs. close-ended), diamond structure, psychological reactions to crisis and trauma, mechanism of action in crisis intervention and SAFER-R Model of crisis intervention.

Although this was not a mandatory class for mentors, we had numerous participants within their clusters who came out and supported us. It was a great opportunity for Mentors, CSOSA's Community Supervision Officers (CSO) and Treatment Specialist to learn together, network and share concepts and idea. Look for more these opportunities in 2010!

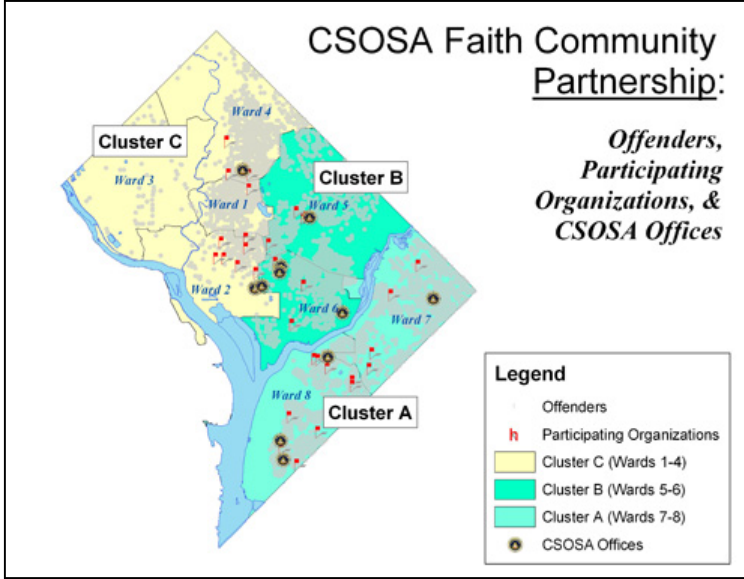


**MENTOR MATCHING IS A WARM &
 LASTING SPIRIT**

As of December 16, 2009, there are 194 offenders who have been matched with mentors. This warm and meaningful gift is a lasting gift. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact:

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