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Summer Edition

City-Wide Cluster Coordinator Meeting (see page 11)

July 23, 2010

Keynote Speaker—Mr. Ronald C. Machen Jr., U.S. Attorney for D.C.

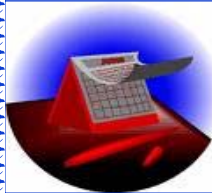
Mark Your Calendar

Quarterly Special Emphasis Graduation/Accomplishment Event

Balm in Gilead Ministry

4025 9th St. SE

Washington, D.C. 20032 (see page 2)



Moving on With My Life—With the Help of Others



By Mr. Hill, Cluster B Mentee

This is my story. My name is Mr. Hill. I'm 35 years old and I'm a convicted felon. I currently have 8 years left on parole for my role in a 1991 shooting that resulted in the death of another man.

On December 21, 1991, myself and my best friend Eddie were hanging out on 14th and Columbia Road N.W. I was 17 and Eddie was 16. Although we were young, we enjoyed the company of the older guys. That would prove to be a big mistake. On this particular night, Eddie and I decided to walk down to Columbia Rd to see if we could find a friend of ours. We ended up running into an older guy (older than us at least) named Burt who didn't care for Eddie or myself too much. This was in part because we wouldn't sell his product on the streets. You see, we were "independent hustlers". So, every time we ran into this guy he would provoke an argument by saying offensive and disrespectful things. Well this night was no different except this time Eddie had a gun on him. Burt started usual and I responded by being equally immature and disrespectful.

Then it happened as fast as the snap of a finger. Burt pulled a knife, Eddie pulled a gun. This was "knife at a gun fight" literally. One shot was fired and Burt was hit in the throat. I was frozen with shock and the consequences registered so I ran. Eddie caught up with me a block away. When we stopped running, we were headed to a friend's apartment. After I was safely inside I started to calm down. My mind knew that my life had just changed forever. Not for something I'd done, but because of the decision Eddie made. If I had the gun I'm not sure I would have made the same decision. Things got bad fast. Witnesses led the police and homicide detectives to where we were "chillin" which confirmed that Burt was dead. (cont. page 10)



Mr. Hill and Tamara Caldwell, CSOSA Counselor-RSC

By Sondra Hunt, Special Assistant

On the evening of March 30, 2010, Pastor Graylon Freeman and his lovely wife graciously welcomed CSOSA and its faith partners to the 13th Street Baptist Church in NW Washington DC. We celebrated the honorees who were recognized for their accomplishments in CSOSA's Special Emphasis Quarterly efforts to welcome its re-entering citizens back home. The music was inspiring, the fellowship was wholesome and the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood reverberated throughout the evening. It was truly an evening to remember.

CSOSA and its faith partners also celebrated the awesome contributions made city wide by men and women of faith during 2010. These men and women gave tirelessly by helping re-entering men and women to whom they were assigned to be mentors (life coaches).

The re entrants and their families were comforted in knowing that people of goodwill were there for them. The future looks bright as we seek to help these citizens stay home.

Call to Action - 2010

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Theme:

“Celebrating Our Mission to Serve”

Speakers, Exhibits, Workshops, Returning Citizen's Panel, Music, Lunch and much more!!!!

8:30a.m.—3:00p.m.

Kellogg Center—Gallaudet College

By Sondra Hunt, Special Assistant



This event is an annual conference designed to call the faith-community together in a forum of dialogue and action. Through workshops, speakers, action planning, stimulating presentations and reflections, we will strategically plan for the next phase of our work with and for re-entrants. Come join us and share your concerns, ideas, and creativity. All faith-based institutions are invited and re-entrants/mentees are strongly encouraged to attend.

“COME CELEBRATE”

MASS ACCOMPLISHMENT/GRADUATION— By Chris Keels, Faith-Based Team Leader

On July, 20, 2010, join us at Balm In Gilead Ministry , at 4025 9th Street SE, Washington, DC 20032 for a celebration of mentees who have successfully completed the **SE Parenting Class, Family Reunification, Celebrating New Life – Men's Relapse Prevention Group, Healing From Within—Grief Counseling Group and Order My Steps—Women's Relapse Prevention Group**. Come and help us celebrating the accomplishments of our mentees and the reward of mentoring.

July 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Balm in Gilead Ministry



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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! Have a Safe and Fun Summer



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FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 9

Pro-Social is the Way to Go!

New People, Places and Things



By Christine D. Keels, Supervisory Program Analyst

Occasionally, everyone needs to re-organize our time, people, places and things. In our society, it is called spring cleaning when it deals with your home. Well, the FBI is expanding the concept of change throughout the summer. Forget about house cleaning, we can do that during the next snow storm. But let's get out and have some fun mentors and mentees.



In the next column, you see a listing of exciting pro-social events. Mr. Thomas H. Williams, Associate Director for Community Supervision Services and the Faith-Based Initiative invites you to get out into the community and meet some new people, experience some new places and learn something new. Each event is designed for public enjoyment and they are FREE. The District is such a rich mecca of beauty, culture and graceful living. These family activities are here for you and plus CSOSA will give each re-entrant a contact credit (one less time a re-entrant has to report to CSOSA that month) if approved by the Community Supervision Officer. The re-entrant must sign in at the event with the CSOSA representative. Check with Hallem.williams@csosa.gov or 202-220-5306 for more information. Have fun in the sun and in the cool this summer.



Women's Event—Re-Entry Reflections 2010

By: Ta'Kia Jackson,
Program Support Specialist

On May 1, 2010, CSOSA sponsored the 2010 Women's Re-Entry Event at Temple of Praise Church in SE. The gathering was one to remember. The day started with the arrival of women from the Fairview Halfway House, an opening plenary, and workshops. The women were encouraged to bring their children and play and learn together.

The day had various workshops including how to apply makeup,



exercising, hair care, a luncheon, and motivational speaker.

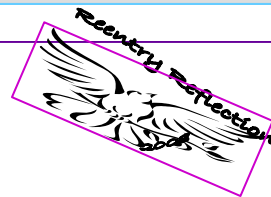
After demonstration, the participants joined in and helped to apply make-up, demonstrate exercises, and styled hair. Some of the activities were led by persons on supervision with CSOSA, so this was great peer sharing.

Summer Calendar of Pro-Social Events for Mentors & Mentees:

- Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc.'s **Job Fair**—Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 10am –12pm at 3939 Benning Road NE202-396-1201
- **Free Gospel Yoga Classes**—Saturdays, June 12-July 31, 2010, 9:30am—10:30am at Covenant Baptist Church 3845 S. Capitol St. SW202-562-5576
- **Free Summer Movie**—North Capitol Collaborative Family Support Center , July 9th, July 23rd, August 6th and August 20, 2010, 2:00pm-4p.m. at 113 Q St. NW.....202-299-0031
- **Free—An Evening of Music and Verse**—July 18th, 2010, 6pm at Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Free ticket must be picked up in advance of the event. www.kennedy-center.org/millennium
- **Free—An Evening of Classical Works and Popular Songs**, featuring Smokey Robinson—July 20, 2010, 6pm at Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Free ticket must be picked up in advance of the event. www.kennedy-center.org/millennium



Mark Your Calendar



Ms. Amy Barnes' speech shared her struggles with domestic violence and her road to self-employment and self-esteem.

The women who attended the program developed covenants that were laminated with their pictures and words to give to their loved ones. The covenant outlined what promises they would keep with their families and specifically their children. What a great way to prepare for Mother's Day and re-entering the community.



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

PURPOSE Graduation



-By Mignone Gray-Willis, Program Facilitator

The Women's P.U.R.P.O.S.E. Empowerment Group held its first graduation Monday, May 3, 2010 at Covenant Baptist Church, located in South West Washington, DC. The group was created to empower women to take the necessary life changing steps to develop self-assessment, self-acceptance, the openness to change, and the faith to speak their goals, dreams and ambitions into reality. Each of the eight graduates took to the stage and spoke on the impact P.U.R.P.O.S.E. has made in their lives thus far. One graduate, Tonya Mackey, said "The purpose of the group to me means being able to share our experiences and help other women to open up and share".

Mackey, like the rest of this first graduating class, completed the seventeen week P.U.R.P.O.S.E. workshop designed to support women as they embark on a journey of transformation into their purpose. The program focuses on removing barriers, life planning, building self-esteem, learning how to live, understanding emotions, easing pain without medication and removing the "buts" in participant's lives.

The next group session began meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010 and already has grown by one-third of its original size. This is a true indication of the existing need for additional women's support programs.



As the founder and facilitator of the Women's P.U.R.P.O.S.E. Empowerment Group, I am deeply committed to making a sustainable impact in the lives of women who face a variety of barriers to reunification with themselves, their families, and ultimately society. If there is a woman in your network who you feel would benefit from participating in the group or you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Mignonne Willis-Gray

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Putting the Pieces Back Together Again—Relationship Restoration Group's Graduation by—Denise Sadler, Program Coordinator

Balm In Gilead Ministry (BIGM) and CSOSA graduated their second class from the Relationship Restoration Program on Tuesday April 27, 2010.

In October 2009, BIGM formed a partnership with CSOSA. The purpose of this partnership was to provide relationship restoration development assistance for offenders returning to the community .

- The program seeks to begin the process of making relationships whole and developing new relationships. The program provides relationship re-entry services: classes, workshops, restoration planning, and service of reunification.
- The program meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The program consist of 5 classes and a graduation ceremony.
- Each student receives a certificate of completion from BIGM and CSOSA after completing the 5 classes.



Pictured above from left to right is Pastor Walter J. Sadler, Zachary Hughes, Michael Alston, Timothy Howard, Milton Robinson, and Kenneth Perkins.

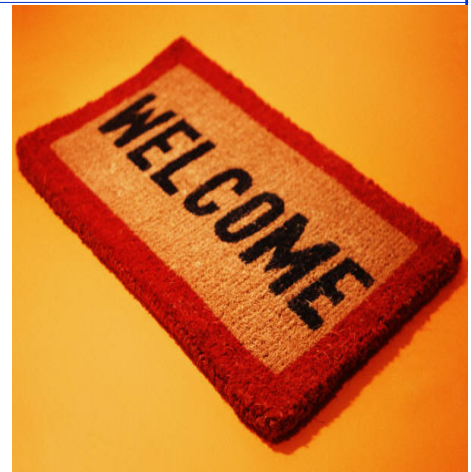
New City-Wide Outreach Coordinator

by: Sondra Hunt, COTR



In 2010, we welcomed Mary Douglass as the new City-Wide Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Douglass has recently been appointed the Cluster C Coordinator. Daniel A. Payne Reclamation Program has hired **Ms. Michelle Yvette Rose** to be the new City-Wide Outreach Coordinator.

Ms. Rose, received a certificate of law (Juris Doctorate and Family Law) from Howard University of Law. Ms. Rose comes with clear understanding of the clientele that we work with the and barriers to their re-entry. She has also worked with DC Rape Crisis Center's Hotline. Please join CSOSA and DAPRP in welcoming Ms. Rose.



FBI is Crossing Borders



-By Hallem Williams, Senior Program Analyst

CSOSA is overjoyed by the opportunities that has recently been consummated for the benefit of some of some of its re-entering women. Ft. Foote Baptist Church located in Fort Washington, Maryland has entered into an agreement with CSOSA and the DC-based not-for-profit, Our Place Program to provide a range of services for re-entering women and their families.

Rev. Joseph W. Lyles, the Pastor of Fort Foote Baptist Church, expressed his joy at being able to offer support to these women and their families through volunteer mentors and other outreach ministries offered by his Church and others throughout the county. The program will recruit and train one hundred (100) women of faith to lend a hand and a heart to these DC offenders. It has been noted that the jurisdictional boundaries are somewhat artificial and that the benefits realized in one jurisdiction accrue to all within the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA).

CSOSA, Our Place and the Faith Institutions in Ft. Washington Maryland are optimistic that the range of programs and services to be offered will assist those in need.



-By Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader

FBI is Crossing Borders cont.

On May 20, 2010, FBI responded to an invitation from the Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc to present at a Community Resource Day to offenders that are on supervision with CSOSA, but have been detained on charges in the P. G. County and Maryland offenders who are anticipating inter-state compact transfer to the District.

Staff of the P.G County Detention Center and the inmates were very impressed with the programs and opportunities offered for re-entrants by CSOSA and it's faith-partners. Continually, we heard the call for such a program in Maryland.

Assessment were completed on the needs of offenders that will be supervised by CSOSA and mentoring plans and services are in process. We are proud to say that this will allow CSOSA to maintain contact with monitored cases in another jurisdiction and will allow us to begin services with those returning person .90-120 days before release from custody.

-By Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader

Continuing with the commitment of Fort Foote, Sylvia Stokes, the Program Coordinator has organized efforts with churches in Maryland and Virginia to provide services and mentoring to D.C. offenders. To that end, an organization entitled The Interstate Alliance of Faith-Based Institutions has been formed with the *mission of seeking to empower, unite, and develop supportive programs for incarcerated women and their families that will establish successful re-entry into communities*. The organization is planning the following conference:

Interstate Alliance of Faith-Based Institutions



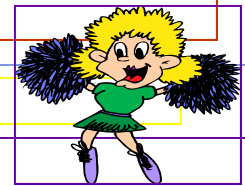
First Annual Conference in 2011

“Ordering Our Steps for Re-Entrants”

Fort Foote Baptist Church

Fort Washington, MD. 20744

Purpose Statement: The Interstate Alliance of Faith-Based Institutions' First Annual Conference is geared toward providing an opportunity for faith-based institutions, service providers, re-entrants and criminal justice officials to come together from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, District of Columbia, and West Virginia to discuss, advocate, plan for re-entry to our communities for and with ex-offenders. *For more information contact [sstokes@fortfootebc.org](mailto:ssstokes@fortfootebc.org)*



-By Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader

Sunday, June 6th was a day of Joy for FBI

Cluster A - I provided a greeting at the Women's Day at Balm in Gilead and Rev. Kelly Wilkins (Cluster A Coordinator), wrote and delivered a wonderful poem.

Cluster B – Rev. Bernard Keels, (mentor) spoke at Ebenzer United Methodist Church as the minister for the morning service where he saluted the church for their involvement in FBI and led a workshop after church on how to expand their ministry. At Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Elder Howard Moore, Cluster B Coordinator introduced, The Amazing Gospel Souls. This singing group was formed at Lorton Correctional Facility in 1980, and some of its members completed CSOSA's mentor training and now serve as mentors under Cluster B, to which the congregation gave a thunderous applause.

Cluster C – I spoke at 13 St Church of Christ and recruited 25 mentors with the assistance of Dr. Lloyd Fennell, (Cluster C Interim Coordinator) and Guy Charity (Metropolitan AME).

Go Faith-Based!!!!, Go Faith-Based!!!!, Go Faith-Based!!!!



Mentor Training Schedule

By *Elmira Gwynn, Training Specialist-FBI*



September 2010

<i>Saturday, September 18, 2010 8:30am –4:00pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and Communication Training Re-Entry & Sanctions Center 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail)</i>
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October 2010

<i>Saturday, October 23, 2010 8:30am – 4:00pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and Communication Training Re-Entry & Sanctions Center 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail)</i>
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September 2010

<i>Thursday, September 9, 2010 6:00p.m.—9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Special Emphasis Training For a Negative Results— Substance Abuse Prevention Re-Entry & Sanctions Center 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail)</i>
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November 2010

<i>Saturday, November 20, 2010 8:30am – 4:00pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and Communication Training Re-Entry & Sanctions Center 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail)</i>
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October 2010

<i>Wednesday, October 6, 2010 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.</i>	<i>Special Emphasis Training “Effective Grief Counseling” Re-Entry & Sanctions Center 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail)</i>
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December 2010

<i>Saturday, December 11, 2010 8:30am – 4:00pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training and Communication Training Re-Entry & Sanctions Center 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail)</i>
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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 May 31, 2010, the following report was filed for the record:

Cluster A – 116

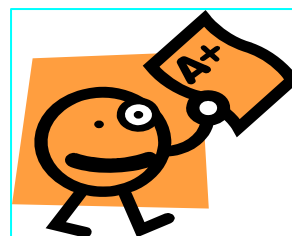
Cluster B—95

Cluster C – 79

TOTAL—290 matches



Congratulations to the Clusters





Cluster Spotlights– B

Rev. Cheryl Mercer, Associate Director of GMCHC Prison Ministry —Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church

By Elder Howard Moore, Cluster B Coordinator

Cluster B has experienced growth each year of the partnership with CSOSA. Not only have the number of Faith partners and Service Providers increased, but the leadership of the Cluster has been recognized and elevated. Evangelist Howard Moore, the Cluster B Coordinator, was elevated to the position of a licensed, ordained Elder of Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church in May 2010. Elder Moore has served as the Executive Director of the Prison Ministry at Greater Mt. Calvary for 2 years. He began working in the Prison Ministry more than 10 years ago, and has witnessed the continued growth of the ministry as a whole, as well as the continued awareness and support of this ministry within the community as a whole. Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, under the Pastor ship of Archbishop Alfred A. Owens and Co-Pastor Susie C. Owens, saw the need for creating this ministry more than 20 years ago and has been at the forefront of working to provide services and resources to help ex-offenders.

Also elevated from Minister to licensed, ordained Elder in 2008 is Rev. Cheryl Mercer, Associate Cluster B Coordinator, and Associate Director of GMCHC Prison Ministry. Rev. Mercer, a retired educator as well as an Urban Ministry Major of Social Justice from Wesley Theological Seminary, joined the Prison Ministry after volunteering to teach Life Skills at one of the Youth Detention Centers that housed an increasing number of her former students who were disappearing from the public school rolls.

Program Coordinator, Minister Anthony Keith, was elevated to the Office of Evangelist in 2008. Evangelist Keith has served as the program coordinator for GMCHC Prison Ministry’s Reintegration Support Group Initiative, which was formed as a prisoner aftercare resource for returning citizens and their families. Under the direction of Evangelist Keith, facilitators teach various curriculum topics needed to assist the clients as they return to their communities.

There was an additional member of the Cluster who was also elevated in May 2010. Mr. Guy Starling, who has worked as a mentor of CSOSA, became Minister Guy Starling. For many years, Minister Starling served as a Deacon at GMCHC.

Cluster B is indeed blessed to have so many well equipped leaders associated with CSOSA’s Faith Based Initiative’s Wards 5 and 6.



An Accounting—The Census

By Elder Howard Moore, Cluster B Coordinator

On March 17 & 18th, the FBI sponsored our Quarterly Reviews for Community Supervision Officers and the Clusters to review matched cases. Our speaker for this event was Ms. Lisa Shaw from the U. S. Census Bureau. Ms. Shaw focused on the importance of everyone being counted. Such a counting, allows for more services and opportunities to enter the District of Columbia to benefit our communities, which includes re-entrants. This is not the first time that there has been an accounting of the citizenry. Records exist to show that Roman-controlled Egypt had begun a census as early as 10 B.C. and it was repeated every 14 years. Indeed, it seems that Caesar Augustus was the type of leader who ordered many censuses in his day. Let us use our leadership skills to ensure that everyone registers for the U.S. Census. Keep in mind in D.C., re-entrants are citizens and should exercise all of their rights as citizen. Contact the U. S. Census Bureau at www.census.dc.gov for more information on how to register.

Operation Community Shield Presentation - MPD

By Elder Howard Moore, Cluster B Coordinator

Branch IV of CSOSA held a call out to offenders to remind them of their responsibilities on supervision. The Metropolitan Police Department was available to talk about accountability tours, hot spots in the city and crime prevention.



CSOSA’s Community Supervision Officers were there to remind the offenders of their releasing orders and to gauge whether there are concerns or questions.

The Faith-Based Initiative was there, represented by Elder Howard Moore, Cluster Coordinator—Cluster B. FBI shared it’s programs and concept as a way of reaching out and providing services.

The offenders were brought into a CSOSA facility on a hot evening to get further aide in their re-entry. It may have been hot on outside, but it was cool in the room!!

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*U.S. Attorney Office USAO_-DC Partners
 with FBI*

On May 6, 2010, CSOSA hosted the U.S. Attorney Office for the District of Columbia in a presentation on the Faith-Based Initiative. Mr. Ronald C. Machen Jr., U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia expressed a commitment to work with CSOSA in addressing the needs of re-entrants. To that end, we will initiate our partnership with the following emphasis:

Mr. Albert Herring, Executive Assistance U. S. Attorney for External Affairs will assist with the facilitation of the Relationship Restoration Group entitled, "Putting the Pieces Back Together Again." Our distinguished keynote speaker for the

City-Wide Mentor Meeting

is Mr. Ronald C. Machen Jr., U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia

Friday, July 23rd at the Re-Entry & Sanctions Center, 1900 Mass. Ave. SE (next to the D. C. Jail) at 6:00 p.m. Light Refreshments Served.

CSOSA will also work with USAO-DC in developing strategies for addressing conflict resolution in our communities and will ensure their presence at future FBI events and program. We are proud of this partnership as we work together to strengthen our communities with faith-based institutions and service providers.



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

This warm and meaningful gift is a lasting gift. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact:

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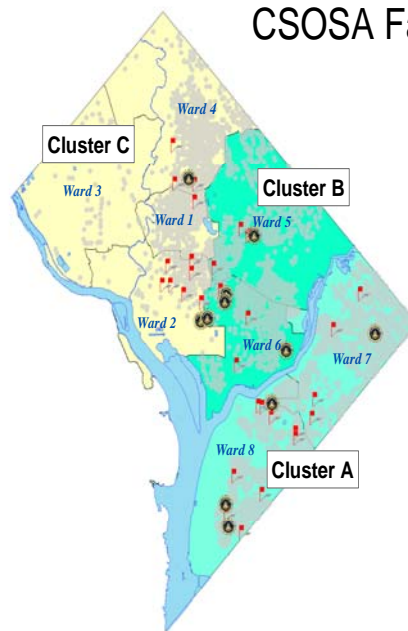
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or

The Cluster Coordinators (see pg 2)

CSOSA Faith Community Partnership:

*Offenders,
 Participating
 Organizations, &
 CSOSA Offices*



Legend

- Offenders
- Participating Organizations
- Cluster C (Wards 1-4)
- Cluster B (Wards 5-6)
- Cluster A (Wards 7-8)
- CSOSA Offices

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