



Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia

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The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), in conjunction with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Assistant Mayor for Public Safety for the District of Columbia held a symposium entitled, "A Young Offender Initiative to Improve Public Safety and Leverage Community Strengths and Resources," on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. The symposium was held at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The symposium brought together stakeholders from the District, Maryland and Virginia. Jasper Ormond, Interim Director of CSOSA said, "The symposium's purpose was to discuss the needs and resources available to ex-offenders and new ways to provide these services so that they can make productive choices as they transition back into society." CSOSA is responsible for supervising District of Columbia defendants and offenders who are on probation, parole and pretrial supervision.

Panelists include Mr. Ormond; Jeremy Travis, Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute; Laurie Ekstrand, Director, Justice Issues, General Accounting Office; and Tim Roche, Deputy Director, Center on Juvenile & Criminal Justice, Justice Policy Institute.

Interim Director Ormond went on to say, "Our hope is that this meeting will be a step toward helping us formulate a clearer vision of what an integrated system of services, housing, employment, and supervision for ex-offenders should look like in the District."