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## **Faith-Based Support Grows for Offenders Returning From Prison**

**Reentry Activities in DC Highlight Efforts to Assist Offenders Returning From Prison--See [www.csosa.gov](http://www.csosa.gov) (yellow button) for details**

**Celebration of Faith-Based Mentors (many in the choir are former offenders) at St. Luke's in SE DC on Thursday, February 9**

Media note: Coverage can be personalized through interviews with offenders and their mentors, or offenders who are now religious leaders

(Washington, DC)— The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA—a federal executive branch entity) and the faith community of Washington, DC announce a series of events designed to highlight successful partnerships and to encourage others to join in providing support to returning offenders.

Established in 1997, CSOSA provides probation and post-incarceration services to approximately 15,500 criminal offenders in DC. CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety oriented programming and treatment services combining accountability with meaningful opportunity. Each year, approximately 2,000 offenders return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia.

A media fact sheet on CSOSA is available upon request.

### **Events**

**(Check [www.csosa.gov](http://www.csosa.gov) or call 202-220-5616 for times and addresses if not listed)**

- **Friday, January 20**, Muslim Service and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Masjid Ush-Shura, 3109 Martin Luther King Ave, SE, 202-574-8417

- **Saturday, January 21**, Chaplin’s Challenge: Beginning faith-based reentry during incarceration, New Commandant Baptist Church, 8:30 a.m., 625 Park Rd., NW, 202-291-5711
- **Sunday, January 22**, Christian worship services, Upper Room Baptist Church, 60 Burns St., NE. Services at 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., 202-398-1276; Pilgrim Baptist Church, 700 I St., NE, 11:00 a.m., 202-547-8849; New Commandment Baptist Church, 625 Park. Rd, NW, 11:00 a.m., 202-291-5711
- **Monday, January 23**, A gathering of mentors, mentees and Community Supervision Officers, Covenant Baptist Church, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 3845 South Capitol St., SE.
- **Saturday, January 28**, Woman’s Reentry Forum, Ft. Davis Community Center, 1400 41<sup>st</sup> St., SE, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 9**, Citywide Reentry Assembly, St Luke Center, 4923 East Capitol St SE, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 11**, Communication skills training for mentors, CSOSA Headquarters, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 633 Indiana Ave, NW, 6th. Floor.
- **Thursday, February 14**, Rivers (NC) Correctional Institution Reentry Video Conference—Community Resource Day (presentation of rules and resources for approximately 200 returning offenders). CSOSA headquarters at 633 Indiana Ave, NW.

**Volunteers are needed to mentor to former inmates. Contacts for mentoring opportunities:**

Cluster A (Wards 7 and 8), Kyra Mitchell, [kmitchell@ercpcp.org](mailto:kmitchell@ercpcp.org), 202-561-1284

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Cluster C (Wards 1,2,3 and 4), Marie Brown, [mariebrown@att.net](mailto:mariebrown@att.net), 202-726-7400

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