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## Women's Reentry Forum on Saturday, February 9

Interviews Available-National Research on Women Offenders Available

Recent Radio Show on Women Offenders at

<http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/audio/2013/01/women-offenders-csosa-reentry-reflections-2013-dc-public-safety-radio/>

**Women offenders have higher rates of substance abuse, physical and sexual violence, HIV, mental health and unemployment issues per national research. Approximately 7 in 10 women under correctional supervision have minor children. A national research summary is available.**

**Who:** Current and past women offenders, The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, the US Attorney's Office, the US Parole Commission, Our Place D.C., D.C. Healthy Start Consortium and the Fairview Residential Reentry Center. Kembra Smith ([www.kembasmith.com/bio](http://www.kembasmith.com/bio)) and Lamont Cary are speakers.

**What:** Speakers and Information Sessions

**Where:** Temple of Praise, 700 Southern Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20032

**When:** Saturday, February 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Why:** The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency and allied organizations have implemented a comprehensive plan to increase services to women offenders. The annual Women's Re-entry Forum is part of that plan.

### Sessions: Reclaiming My Life

- **Overcoming Substance Abuse**
- **Building Healthy Relationships**
- **Dress for Success**
- **Mental Health is not a Negative Term**
- **Triumph Over Trauma** ###