

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Today-Today-Successful Returning Citizens, Faith-Based Mentors and Mentees of the Year

Public Invited-We Seek Volunteer Mentors

Media Interviews Available

Television Show on Mentoring Available at

<http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/video/2012/09/faith-based-initiatives-for-offender-reentry-dc-public-safety-television/>

**WHO:** Successful returning citizens, faith-based mentors and the men and women they assist. We invite all interested in the topic, *ESPECIALLY those interested in becoming mentors.*

**WHAT:** A focus on those returning from prison making successful transitions with the assistance of faith-based mentors.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Kellogg Conference Center, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. Free parking available in nearby garage on the grounds of Gallaudet. Directions at <http://www.kelloggconferencehotel.com/contact/map-and-directions.php>.

**WHY:** Last year, approximately 1,600 men and women return from federal correctional institutions to the supervision of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) in the District of Columbia. Faith-based volunteers provide support, encouragement, fellowship and resources. Many credit mentors for their successful adjustment.

CSOSA supervises and assists approximately 12,000 people on parole, supervised release or probation daily and 18,500 yearly.

Approximately 700,000 offenders return from federal and state prisons throughout the country each year. Many need supervision, services and support to remain drug and crime free.

**Background:** The Faith-Based Mentoring Initiative began in 2002. The program provides mentoring services and programs to people on CSOSA supervision.

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