

MEDIA RELEASE

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia

Nancy M. Ware
Director

(202) 220-5300
www.CSOSA.gov

James Berry
Deputy Director

Contact: Leonard Sipes, 240-882-8274 (cell)

Men and Women Returning From Prison Focus of Upcoming *Reentry Reflection* Events

First Event Today—January 17th

Each year, CSOSA and our partners in the D.C. faith community convene *Reentry Reflection*--a period of observance intended to raise public awareness about the challenges facing men and women returning home from prison and those on probation.

See <http://www.csosa.gov> (What's New) for details and updates regarding all events.

A television show hosted by CSOSA Director Nancy Ware documenting "Successful Reentry From Prison" is available at <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/video/2014/12/successful-reentry-prison-dc-public-safety-television/>.

Event Highlights:

Justice Sunday: We will join with the National Alliance of Faith and Justice in sponsoring *Justice Sunday* as the kick-off to *Reentry Reflection*.

Justice Sunday takes place today, January 17, 2016, and will be hosted by the Peace Baptist Church, 712 18th. St., NE, Washington, D.C., 20002. The service is at 10:00 a.m.

CSOSA will join with the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) with a volunteer recruiting effort with a special presentation to be held during the worship service.

We have a number of additional reentry related events planned during *Reentry Reflection 2016*:

Women's Symposium: On Saturday, February 13, 2016, CSOSA will host a Women's Reentry Symposium entitled "*Lifetime Makeover*." It will take place at Temple of Praise, 700 Southern Avenue, SE, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Symposium will include workshops and speakers geared toward enlightening, empowering and motivating women involved in the criminal justice system.

Citywide Reentry Assembly-Mentors and Mentees We will host our Citywide Reentry Assembly on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave, NE, Washington, D.C., 20002 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Some of our mentors and mentees will be there sharing their stories about challenges confronted and overcome. Some of them will be recognized as our Mentors and Mentees of the Year.

Background

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (a federal executive branch agency) provides probation and post-incarceration supervision to 12,000 offenders each day in FY 2015, and a total of 18,500 unique offenders over the course of the fiscal year.

CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety oriented programming and treatment services combining accountability with meaningful opportunity.

Each year, approximately 1,600 men and women return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia. 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.

###