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Fifth District CJAN Newsletter

CSOSA's COMMUNITY JUSTICE ADVISORY NETWORK CELEBRATES A DECADE OF ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY

CSOSA's Annual Citywide CJAN Awards Ceremony

On September 30, 2015, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) hosted its 13th Annual Citywide Community Justice Advisory Network (CJAN) Awards Ceremony. The theme was, "Public Safety Solutions Through Workforce Development." This year's forum was held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Center, and our guest speaker was the District of Columbia (D.C.) Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity, Courtney R. Snowden.

Ms. Snowden is a sixth-generation Washingtonian who was raised in the Shepard Park neighborhood of Ward 4, but now resides in the Deanwood neighborhood of Ward 7. She immediately captured the attention of the awards Ceremony attendees by sharing multiple stories about her various positive interactions with justice involved citizens in their many roles of employment in the D.C. Government.

She emphasized the importance of the community and local businesses affording justice involved citizens a real second chance at entering the workforce. In addition, she made it clear that the criminal justice system punished individuals who break the law, and that the community should not further punish those that are justice involved by denying them the opportunity to earn a living and place in society.

Deputy Mayor Snowden encouraged the audience to assist such citizens with a pathway for successful community integration. She also shared with the audience that D.C. has a myriad of partnerships with local and national employers that are willing to provide training and employment opportunities to justice involved citizens. She specifically mentioned how CSOSA has partnered with the Mayor's Office on Returning Citizens and the D.C. Department of

Employment Services Project Empowerment Program to place such citizens as CSOSA clients in an on-the-job training situation/skill building program, which has led many of them an entry into gainful employment and a living wage. The thunderous applause signaled a great presentation, followed by conversations at each table discussing how everyone can involve themselves in the concept of "Public Safety Solutions Through Workforce Development."

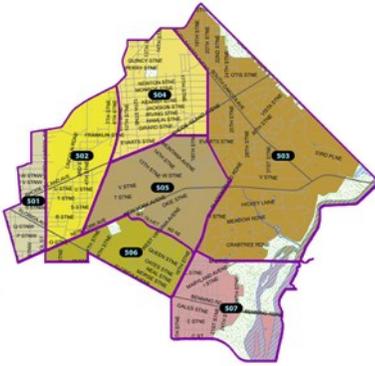


CJAN guest speaker, Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity Courtney Snowden (right) proudly receives an award from CSOSA Director Nancy Ware (center) and CSOSA Associate Director Cedric Hendricks (left).



Community Justice Advisory Network members attended this annual event in large numbers as can be seen in the above photograph, as CSOSA unveils its agenda for the coming year.

WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYMENT FACTS ABOUT CSOSA FIFTH DISTRICT CLIENTS?



As of October 7, 2015...

- CSOSA has 830 Active clients reside in District Five.
 - 275 of those Active clients are employed.
- CSOSA has 32 Active clients residing in District Five that are currently enrolled in school/training.
- CSOSA has 329 offenders residing in District Five who had a VOTEE referral created in SMART up to six months prior to, or during their supervision. Referrals made prior to six months may have been submitted by TIPS/Diagnostic or submitted in a previous supervision period.
- CSOSA has 66 Active offenders residing in District Five that were ever placed in a status of employment via a VOTEE VDS while under CSOSA supervision.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dear Community Partners:

For the past year the U.S. Congress has been focused on criminal justice reform at the national level. Several bi-partisan bills have been introduced thus far in the House and the Senate that touch on sentencing reform, reducing mass incarceration and recidivism. At the local level, the D.C. Council now has two major criminal justice bills pending before the Committee on the Judiciary. The Committee will hold a hearing on these local bills on October 21, 2015, at 1:00 pm. We convened a Community Roundtable to have a conversation with our partners about criminal justice reform and its impact on public safety in the District of Columbia on Thursday, October 15, 2015. This meeting was held at Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's headquarters. It is important that we continue these conversations with each other, and share our thoughts with those that were not able to attend this past round table discussion.

I look forward to future partnership activities.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Fifth District CJAN (Public Safety Solutions Through Workforce Development):** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5th District MPD Station, 1805 Bladensburg Road, N.E. from 6:30PM–8:30PM.
- ♦ **Sixth District CJAN (Domestic Violence Awareness):** Thursday, October 29, 2015, at St. Luke Roman Catholic Church, 4923 East Capitol Street, S.E. from 6:30PM–8:30PM.

A MESSAGE FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT



Neighbors and Residents of the Fifth District:

CSOSA Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs (OLIPA) welcomes its newest Intergovernmental and Community Affairs Specialist (ICAS), *Trina L. Stewart*. She will serve as CSOSA's Fifth District ICAS. ICAS Stewart is not new to the agency or the Fifth District community. Prior to joining the OLIPA team ICAS Stewart worked in CSOSA's Community Supervision Services as a Community Supervision Officer and as Supervisory Community Supervision Officer. She is a native Washingtonian and a product of the Fifth District community. ICAS Stewart is excited to meet and work with CSOSA community partners of the Fifth District in her new capacity. CSOSA's is to increase public safety, prevent crimes, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice. To achieve our mission, this year CSOSA will focus on *Public Safety Solutions Through Workforce Development* to enhance reentrants successful integration to the community.

To submit a community announcement, a scheduled activity or for more information about the Fifth District Community Justice Advisory Network, contact: Trina L. Stewart at (202) 220-5526 .