



# Sixth District CJAN Newsletter

## *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 Galaudet 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.

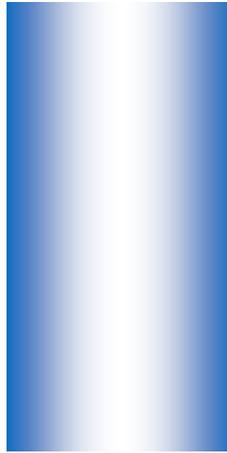


Community Justice Advisory Network members attended this annual event in large numbers, as can be seen in the above photograph.

## CITYWIDE CJAN PHOTO GALLERY



Representatives of Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop Organization is shown receiving a Partnership Award at the Citywide CJAN Forum.



A full table of the loyal Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network members were photographed enjoying the program at the citywide CJAN Forum.

## 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 bipartisan 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) Oct. 27th, 2015 at 5th District MPD Station, 1805 Bladensburg Road, NE. 6:30PM–8:30PM.
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN (Domestic Violence Awareness) Meeting, Oct. 29th , St. Luke, 4923 E. Capital, Street, SE, at 6:30–8:30PM.

## A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT



Neighbors and Residents of the Sixth District:

**"The mission of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia 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.**

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