



Sixth District CJAN Newsletter

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On September 30th, 2011, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) hosted its 9th Annual Citywide Community Justice Advisory Network (CJAN) forum. Our theme was, "Successful Offender Reintegration Through Active Systems of Support." This year's forum was held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Center, and our guest speaker was none other than the Honorable Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Chief Judge Eric Washington was born and raised in New Jersey, and he graduated from Tufts University receiving his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law in 1979.

Chief Judge Washington relocated to Washington DC in 1983 and began serving in a multitude of judicial positions culminating in his current re-appointment as Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Although he presides over the highest appellate court for the District of Columbia, he has not lost his sensitivity towards the people that he serves. His sensitivity and common sense approach was echoed throughout his presentation at the CJAN forum. Chief Judge Washington spoke on the necessity to continue to provide fatherhood training opportunities for returning offenders, to set high examples for their children, and our community.

CSOSA Associate Director Jasper Ormond further clarified the theme for the approximately 250 people in attendance by listing the systems of support that must be accessible to the returning offenders for successful reintegration in the community. The systems of support referenced by Associate Director Ormond were: 1) family/social support; 2) housing; 3) employment/union support/work-force

development; 4) supportive civic leadership; 5) access to cultural and recreational activities, and; 6) basic access to healthcare services. The audience demonstrated their total agreement to all that was said through a thunderous round of applause. The evening ended with great food, networking opportunities, and many personal commitments to do their part to make a difference in someone's life.



CJAN keynote speaker, Chief Judge Eric Washington proudly receives an award from Associate Deputy Director of CJP for his commitment in making a difference in the lives of DC residents via his support of CSOSA.



2011 Citywide CJAN Award recipient and Sixth District Matriarch Margaret Labat is honored and appreciative as she receives her award from CSOSA Associate Directors Thomas Williams and Jasper Ormond.

CJAN PHOTO GALLERY



2011 Citywide CJAN Award recipients ANC Willette Seaward is poised as she receives her award from CSOSA Associate Directors Jasper Ormond and Thomas Williams.



2011 Citywide CJAN Award recipient and long time CSOSA supporter Mary Jackson smiles as she receives her award from Associate Director of CSOSA Thomas Williams and Jasper Ormond.



Community Justice Advisory Network members and supporters from every quadrant of the city attended the CJAN reception as a sign of their support for the Agency.



First time CSOSA/CJAN reception attendees were amazed at the multitude of information that they received during the Citywide Forum.

Announcements:

- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting 100-42nd Street, NE (Oct. 25, 2011) 6:30PM-8:30PM
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting 100-42nd Street, NE (Nov. TBA 2011)
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting 100-42nd Street, NE (Dec. TBA)

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." This year, CSOSA's Community Justice Programs will focus on identifying and collaborating with active systems of support in the community to enhance offender successful reintegration.

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