



In honor of **Annual Reentry Reflections month 2014**

The Office on Returning Citizen Affairs is facilitating a **Gender Specific Reentry Conference** with a focus on understanding the differences in reintegration for men and women.

ORCA is committed to providing quality service to help create a seamless transition back into the community. We believe that the experience of incarceration and reentry is different for women than it is for men and therefore the needs of female Returning Citizens are unique and separate from those of their male counterparts. Even though women are the fast growing group of people becoming incarcerated, they are only 10% of the prison population. In an effort to ensure that women who are returning from incarceration are not neglected in the services that the District provides ORCA has launched the Female Reentry Initiative.

One of the goals of this initiative is to inform the public about how crime and incarceration affects women and how the reentry process for women needs to be specifically designed with gender responsive needs in mind.

The **Gender Specific Reentry Conference** will meet the mission of the agencies in our network system by providing theoretical approaches and first hand insight on how to improve and increase the quality and range of support services for women. The Office on Returning Citizen Affairs hopes that you will join us as we explore this meaningful topic and explore strategies to address it.

**When:** February 4, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Where:** Judiciary Square 441 4th St. N.W. – Conference Room 1107

Please **R.S.V.P NO LATER THAN** Friday, January 24, 2014

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