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The Daniel A. Payne Reclamation Program – Awarded Cluster C and Subcontracting of Cluster A & B

As a result of a competitive bidding process, CSOSA awarded the Daniel A. Payne Reclamation Center (DAPRP), a contract to provide services in Cluster C Faith Based Initiative Program. This program operates, under the leadership of Rev. Ronald R. Braxton, Senior Pastor, at Metropolitan African Episcopal Methodist Church. DAPRP is a non-profit organization located at 1518 M Street N.W. DAPRP provides services such as, life skills, employment assistance and mentoring to re-entrants. DAPRP program grew out of the church's Men's Day Ministry held in 2005. The program focused on Prison Ministry and a need was seen in the area of ex-offender re-entry and church resources were made available to meet this need.

As the lead Faith Institution in Cluster C, DAPRP is responsible for the recruitment and/or partnering with other Faith Based Institution's and their mentors to assist our reentrants.

Cluster C's strategic plan for the future includes; increased recruitment of FBI and Service Providers, providing incentives for mentors, job coaching for mentee, galvanizing resources, expanding concepts of mentoring and measuring effectiveness.

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You Are Invited!!! CSOSA-FBI CITYWIDE PICNIC

1:00pm—5:00pm

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Guildfield Baptist Church

1023 Otis Street, NE

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Music, Food & Fun

Free To Choose, Free To Change *Women Ex-Offenders Reentry for Renewal*

Denise L. Reed, Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental & Public Affairs

Encouraged by the prospect of a new start and armed with determination, over 100 women ex-offenders participated in CSOSA's Women's Reentry Forum on Saturday, March 23, 2008. Community and faith-based partners such as Our Place D.C., Metropolitan Police Department, DC Public Defender Service, D.C. Office of Ex-Offender Affairs, D.C. Disability, D.C. Department of Health, D.C. Department of Corrections, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Clean Sweep and Behold the Crown shared resources and life-changing information that provided the participants with useful tools for successful and sustained reentry.

Workshops were presented on surviving domestic violence, reconnecting with children after incarceration, reentry legal issues, jewelry making and human service benefits. Additionally, panel discussions and presentations were conducted on offenders reentering the workforce following incarceration, entrepreneurial endeavors and artistic careers.

Previously incarcerated women face many challenges when returning home. They include, but not limited to, caring for children and resisting volatile relationships while seeking employment and housing. Staying focused and self-confident in the face of it all can be difficult. A good support system, including family and a resourceful Community Supervision Officer (CSO) can help.

"We can be the glue that brings together the necessary tools to equip these women for meaningful reentry," said CSOSA Acting Director, Adrienne Poteat. "As we help them, we also help the next generation that depends on them."

Several of the participants were given the opportunity to serve as models in a fashion show with clothing which was donated by "Suited for Change" and jewelry that was crafted during the jewelry-making workshop. Following the reveal of their new look, the women were invited to keep the clothing that they modeled and the other forum participants were offered some of the clothing as well.

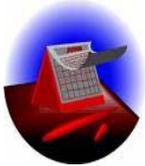
For additional information please log on to www.csosa.gov

Monthly Mentor Meeting (MMM)

If the acronym was M&M's it would be a tasty candy. 3-M is a major corporation, but MMM is an exciting series of Monthly Mentor Meetings that occurred from March to July 2008 in each of the clusters. The meetings were enlightening, educational, pro-active and strategic.

Each meeting focused on CSO, mentor and mentee getting to know each other, announcing the 2008 FBI Special Emphasis, recruitment efforts, transitional planning, a review of the mentor matching report, a presentation of successful mentoring, mentor matching dates, training, applications and interviews of new mentors, development of a series of meetings for 2008, and examination of the role of religion in re-entry.

The March 2008 meeting ended with the excitement of distributing certificates to mentors that volunteered in 2007 and a group picture. The meetings were as satisfying as candy and as major as the work of any corporation.



Mentor Training Schedule

August, 2008

<i>Thursday, August 21, 2008</i> <i>6:00pm – 8:30pm</i>	<i>Program Coordinator Training</i> <i>633 Indiana Avenue, N.W. 6th Fl</i>
<i>Monday, August 25th</i> <i>6:00pm – 8:30 pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training, Part I</i> <i>Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church</i> <i>910 Rhode Island Ave., NE</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 27th</i> <i>6:00pm – 8:30 pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training, Part II</i> <i>Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church</i> <i>610 Rhode Island Avenue, NE</i>
<i>Thursday, August 28th</i> <i>6:00pm – 8:30 pm</i>	<i>Communication Skills Training</i> <i>Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church</i> <i>910 Rhode Island Avenue, NE</i>

September, 2008

<i>Saturday, September 6th</i> <i>8:30 am – 12:00noon</i>	<i>Working with Gangs, Crews & Cliques</i> <i>Covenant Baptist Church</i> <i>3845 S. Capitol Street SE</i>
<i>Saturday, September 13th</i> <i>8:30am – 3:30 pm</i>	<i>Mentor Orientation Training</i> <i>Reentry & Sanction Center (RSC)</i> <i>1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 16th</i> <i>6:00pm – 8:30pm</i>	<i>Communication Skills Training</i> <i>Reentry & Sanction Center (RSC)</i> <i>1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE</i>

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In the interim, DAPRP, was also awarded a subcontract agreement to maintain services in Clusters A & B. Subsequently, agreements have been signed with Covenant Baptist Church for Cluster A and Greater Mt. Calvary Church for Cluster B. The current Cluster Coordinators are:

Rev. Kelly Wilkins, Cluster A
Covenant Baptist Church
3845 South Capitol Street, SW
Washington, DC 20032

Evan. Howard Moore, Cluster B
Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church
610 Rhode Island Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20018

Dr. Lloyd Fennell, Cluster C
Metropolitan AME Church
1518 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Rev. Braxton, states, "In the Old Testament, the question is raised, "Am I my brother's keeper?" My response is no, I am not my brother's keeper. Rather, I am my brother's brother and with a loving heart, am therefore called upon to help aid and assist my brother in every way that I can. Jesus offered his culture a new paradigm. Love thy neighbor as thy self....Visit those who are in prison...Lord, when did we see you in prison..." The ministry of reclaiming the lives of those who have paid their debt to society and helping, aiding and assisting them in their effort to live a new life is a new paradigm consistent with both the Old and New Testament emphasis of brotherly love.

Family Reunification Program

-Chris Keels, FBI Team Leader

On February 26, 2008, CSOSA launched its Family Reunification Program at 910 Rhode Island Avenue NE.

The purpose of the Family Reunification Program is to provide an opportunity for offender's whose children have been placed in foster care or with a guardian to begin the process of reunifying with their children. The program is offered to assist offenders in a process of understanding the court's orders, the foster care system, the importance of family preservation, legal rights and parenting skills. The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, Children's Choice Foster Care and Adoption Services, the Office of the Public Defender, Community Relations Office/Brookland Manor, D. C. Child Support Services and McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church provide direct services to the offender/parent through adult basic education classes, parenting classes, foster care birth/parent services, housing assistance and life coaching (mentoring). On June 18th, the program graduated eight offenders and began a new class on June 11th with ten participants.



F.B.I. Adult & Family Literacy Consortium

The Faith-Based Initiative in connection with the Vocational Opportunities, Training, Employment and Education (VOTEE) Program is providing parenting classes, family reunification, family counseling and educational services.



Below is a list of the services and locations.

Southeast, DC

Parenting Class: Every Thursday starting July, 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., CSOSA Field Unit, 3850 S. Capitol Street, S.E

Family Counseling Services, Children & Youth Programs: By appointment only
Covenant Baptist Church,
3845 S. Capitol Street, S.E

Northeast, DC

Family Reunification & Parenting Class: Every Wednesday, starting June 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., CSOSA Field Unit, 910 Rhode Island Ave. N.E.

Tutorial Services: Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m., McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church

For additional information contact Ms. Christine Keels on 202-345-4494

The Second Chance Act

On Wednesday, April 9, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Second Chance Act. The United States Senate passed the Second Chance Act of 2007 on March 11, 2008. This Bill was introduced by a bipartisan group of Senators including Joseph Biden (D-DE), Sam Brownback (R-KS), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), and Arlen Specter (R-PA).

The United States House of Representatives passed this Act in November, 2007.

Paul Quander, CSOSA's former Director, has observed that, "This much-needed legislation reinforces CSOSA's contention that Previously Incarcerated men and women deserve an opportunity to change their criminal behavior, pay their debt to society, and be allowed to be successfully integrated into our law abiding society."

As succinctly stated by Senator Arlen Specter, "This legislation will provide an opportunity for realistic rehabilitation through its focus on education, job training, and substance abuse treatment." It includes provision for commu-

nity and faith-based organizations to continue delivering mentoring and other transitional services to reentering offenders and their families.

Halle Williams, Senior Program Analyst



The Mentoring Movement – Get on Board Faith Based Team



At the “Celebrating You” program held in February, 2008, Chris Keels, Mentoring Services Liaison challenged the audience to “get on board” with a movement to provide mentors for all offenders referred to the Faith-Based Initiative Program.

Ms. Keels and the Faith-Based Team, have been traveling throughout the city waving the “Get on Board” banner. The following faith-institutions and organizations have answered the call with the following pledged services:

Faith Institution/Program	Cluster	Commitment
McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church	B	21 Mentors
Metropolitan AME Church	C	20 Mentors
Holy Trinity	A	4 Mentors
Southwest Church of Christ	C	3 Mentors
Israel Baptist Church	B	Pro-Social Skills Development
Greater Mt. Calvary Holiness Church	B	50 Mentors
Children’s Choice Foster Care & Adoption Services	B	Class Facilitation Services & Refreshments
Community Relations Office/Brookland Manor	B	Class Facilitation & Services
Public Defender Service	Citywide	Class Facilitation
D. C. Child Support Services	C	Class Facilitation & Services
Ward AME	A	13 Mentors
Emmanuel Baptist Church	A	13 Mentors & Pro Social Skills Development
Faith Presbyterian Church	A	6 Mentors & Pro Social Skills Development
Union Temple Baptist	A	9 Mentors & Pro Social Skills Development
Pilgrim AME Church	A	4 Mentors & Pro Social Skills Development
First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church	C	6 Mentors

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“Appropriate healthcare, full employment, overcoming domestic issues and self-esteem building are all components for a successful reentry,” said Cedric Hendricks, CSOSA Associate Director. “We believe these women have left here with a renewed sense of succeeding and overcoming any obstacles.”



The Hold This Date

November 15, 2008

4:00 pm

for

CSOSA’s 2008 Call to Action Program

**Theme: Put Your Creator Where He or She Belong
“In Your Life”**

The Faith-Based Initiative will sponsor a dinner-theatre as our 2008 Call to Action. The musical is entitled, “Your Life” is being written by mentors and offenders.

Mentors and offenders who will be training throughout the summer in food preparation and excellence in customer service to prepare for the catering and serving of the food.

The location is to be announced.

Mayor Fenty's Town Hall Meeting— Hallem Williams, Senior Program Analyst

On the evening of April 2, 2008, Mayor Adrian Fenty convened an information-packed Town Hall Meeting at the Ralph Waldo "Petey Green Center", 2907 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE. Its uniqueness rested in its focus and format.

In his opening remarks Mayor Fenty talked about his commitment to ascertain the nature and extent of the obstacles and challenges that exoffenders face as they seek to integrate society. He noted significant steps (legislative, programmatic and fiscal) taken on the local and national levels. He highlighted legislation such as the US Second Chance Act and initiatives related to housing, job training, and employment.

Mayor Fenty talked about partnerships, recognized CSOSA and thanked the agency for its' leadership and professionalism.

As an expression of his commitment, Mayor Fenty reminded those in attendance that he would be looking to the DC Office on Ex-Offender Affairs to keep his administration on track as he continued to make progress in the various areas of need.

The Mayor committed to preparing a record of the recommendations made at the town hall meeting and that a follow up town hall meeting will be convened during the last quarter of 2008, to talk about continuing the city's efforts to welcome its citizens home from prison and to improve the likelihood that they will stay home as productive, law abiding citizens.



Mentoring is Exciting—Rev. Karen Harrison (Mentor) & Shelby Tolson (Mentee)

Rev. Karen Harrison, Pilgrim AME—*For we walk by faith, and not by sight.*

2 Corinthians 5:7



Mentoring is very exciting and rewarding. Whenever one can sew a seed of joy, and give positive feedback through the nurturing of conversation is a blessing. The blessing is demonstrated when you see your mentee desire to change and reach goals that have been set. Shelby is a very quiet but alert individual. Shelby enjoys being in the company of others for this is his way of giving of himself.

When I go to pick Shelby up for an outing, it would be nothing for me to find my car packed with friends. For me this is a demonstration of unselfishness. Shelby has the support of a loving family which made it easy at times for me to keep the communication open. Mentees like Shelby encourages Mentors like myself to keep giving back

Order Our Steps



O rder Our Steps, is the title of a Women's Relapse Prevention Group that began on June 17, 2008. The group meets the FBI's Special Emphasis need for relapse prevention. The women's group meets twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, for thirteen weeks at 1230 Taylor St. NW from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. The Faith Based Initiative has trained mentors to co-facilitate this group. The Faith-Based Initiative is looking for a faith institution in SE or NE to provide similar services to male offenders. If your faith-institution would like to get involved in this re-entry programming, please contact Chris Keels, Mentor Services Liaison at 202-345-4494.

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MENTOR MATCHING IS A WARM & LASTING SPIRIT

From January 1—June 30, 2008 the FBI matched 79 mentees with mentors. This warm and meaningful gift is a lasting gift. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact:

Cluster A

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KWilkins@covenantbaptistdc.org

Cluster B

Evan. Howard Moore, Coordinator
 (301) 641-3763

Minhmoore@verizon.net

Cluster C

Dr. Lloyd Fennell, Coordinator
 (202) 223-0581

Lfennell@caprp.org

Congratulations!



Since January 2008 **Cluster A**, welcomed Holy Trinity Church and Pilgrim AME Church, as new participating faith institutions.

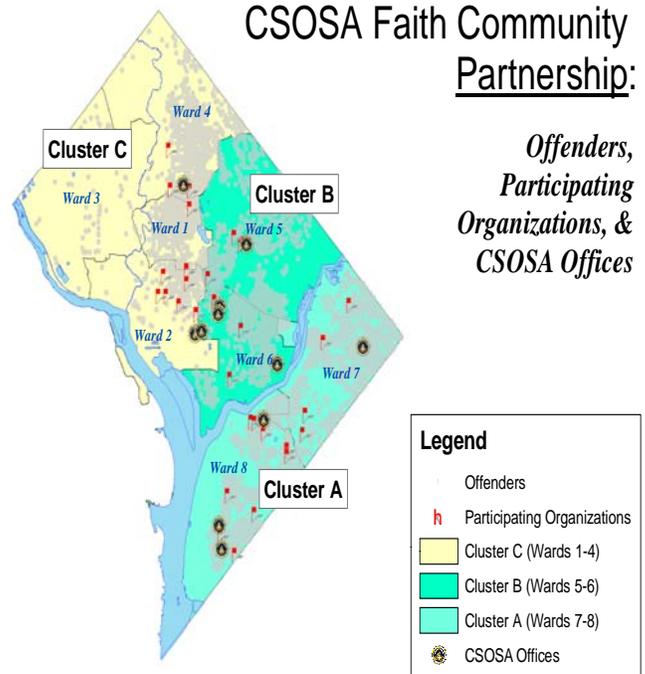
Cluster B celebrated an increased participation of 71 mentors from Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church and McKendree Simms Brookland.

Cluster C has welcomed First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Southwest Church of Christ and Bethel World Outreach Ministries as a new faith institution.



CSOSA Faith Community Partnership:

*Offenders,
 Participating
 Organizations, &
 CSOSA Offices*



Legend

- Offenders
- Participating Organizations
- Cluster C (Wards 1-4)
- Cluster B (Wards 5-6)
- Cluster A (Wards 7-8)
- CSOSA Offices

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