

# 2012 Regional Reentry Conference

## **“Agents of Change” July 18 – July 19, 2012 Call for Proposals**

Explosive growth in the number of people on probation or parole has propelled the population of the American corrections system to more than 7.1 million. The Department of Justice reports that one of every 15 people in this country will serve a prison term during their lifetime and one in 33 individuals is currently in prison, on probation or parole. Of those released, about a third will be rearrested within three years. Having a meaningful job with a livable wage and reducing the barriers to employment has proven to reduce the likelihood of re-offending.

The theme of this year’s conference is Agents of Change, which refers to people or thought processes that cause change from the traditional way of handling or dealing with a problem. We as change agents need to initiate and refine best practices for supporting those in transition as reentry is a process sustained through collaborative partnerships, meaningful contacts, and dedicated individuals.

The planning committee, including representatives from the Snohomish County Reentry Coalition, Edmonds Community College, and the Community Partnership of Transition Services invite submissions from individuals or agencies interested in presenting at the 2012 Regional Reentry Conference.

### **Conference Workshop**

90-minute traditional format. Workshops can include panel discussions or a sole presenter. Audience participation/interaction is strongly encouraged.

### **Conference Audience**

Attendees include federal, state, and local corrections staff and administrators, workforce development specialists, directors and staff of federal agencies involved in reentry, faith-based community organizations, educational institutions and staff, and other organizations involved in transition services.

### **Conference Topic Areas**

All submissions should highlight the conference theme, address the unique issues of those working with individuals in transition, and introduce tools and resources needed for success. Key topic areas have been identified for this conference as follows:

1. Partnership Development/Collaboration Efforts;
2. Direct Services (housing, basic needs, education and training, family re-integration)
3. Targeting Skill Needs (assessments; apprenticeships; programs; special populations) and Addressing Barriers (internal; external; personal; legal)
4. Labor/Industry Demands; Jobs and Employers; Employment Retention

## **Submission Information**

Submission Instructions: Be clear and concise. Proposals must be electronically submitted in PDF or Microsoft Word format to Analiese\_Johnson@wawp.uscourts.gov. If you do not receive a confirmation email following your submission please contact Ana Johnson at Analiese\_Johnson@wawp.uscourts.gov.

Deadline for Submission: **Friday, June 1, 2012**

Program Selection Process: The Conference Committee will review all proposals. Final decisions will be based on quality, level of expertise, and relation to the conference theme. The presenter(s) will be notified of acceptance or rejection of the proposal no later than Friday, June 15, 2012. If you do not receive an email notification of your acceptance or decline by this date, please contact Ana Johnson at Analiese\_Johnson@wawp.uscourts.gov.

Conference Registration: **Registration is required of all presenters attending the Conference.** The registration deadline is Friday, July 6, 2012. Failure to register by the deadline may result in cancellation of your workshop. You must be available to present at any time scheduled during the conference (July 18 – July 19). *Requests for specific days and times cannot be honored.*

Handouts: Presenters are responsible for providing handouts per session. We suggest you provide 25 to 30 copies of your presentation. Please prepare handouts in advance of the conference. On-site photocopying will not be available.

Questions: Please direct all questions to Ana Johnson via email, Analiese\_Johnson @wawp.uscourts.gov or phone 206.370.8972.

## **Presentation Proposal Requirements**

1. Title of Presentation (100 characters or less)
2. Program Description
  - a. Abstract (50-word summary to appear in the conference program)
  - b. Summary of information, program, service, resource, technique, or research to be presented
3. Chair Contact Information
  - a. Name, title, institution/organization
  - b. Phone, email
4. Presenter Listing
  - a. Name, title, institution/organization of ALL presenters including chair
  - b. One-paragraph bio including e-mail address of EACH presenter (limit 140 words)
5. A/V Equipment  
List all A/V equipment. Projectors and lap tops will be available. Please bring your presentation on a thumb drive.