

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES



BRIDGING CONNECTIONS

## 2013 Regional Reentry Conference July 30-31, 2013 University of Puget Sound Campus

The Community Partnership for Transition Services of Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties in partnership with New Connections and Race & Pedagogy Initiative of University of Puget Sound invite you to take part in the 2013 Regional Reentry Conference. This annual conference offers an opportunity for service providers, educators, faith-based organizations, community organizations to network, share expertise, learn about best practices, and foster sustainable partnership.

The theme of this year's conference is *Engaging Communities, Bridging Connections*. Conference programs are designed to initiate and refine best practices for supporting those in transition and preparing for productive and successful reentry. We recognize that reentry is a process best sustained through collaborative partnerships, meaningful contacts, and dedicated individuals. The annual regional reentry conference will again feature our rich community and human resources and highlight interagency collaborations aimed at bridging connections across systems and communities.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice's 2010 data, 7.1 million adults (1 in every 33) were under correctional supervision which included those supervised in the community, on probation and parole, and those incarcerated in prison or local jails. About 7 in every 10 persons were supervised in the community while 3 in every 10 were incarcerated in local jails, or in state or federal prisons. Of those released, about a third will be rearrested within three years. According to the Center for Effective Public Policy, any offenders enter prison with a host of issues and exit with the same, which—left unaddressed—decrease their chances of successful reentry, and ultimately, compromise public safety. Having a meaningful job with a livable wage and reducing the barriers to employment has proven to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. A more comprehensive reentry strategy is needed given the complexity of the challenges faced by new and returning offenders.

Come share your expertise, network with other community agencies, learn about best practices, and renew/foster sustainable partnership that is responsive to the ever-changing climate for individuals and families of our incarcerated, transition, and reentry population.

Join us for a two-day conference on July 30 and July 31, 2012, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. For more information and registration, visit: [www.nctacoma.org](http://www.nctacoma.org).

