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RESOURCE MATERIAL

The following is a list of sites, documents and videos that may be useful in learning more about prisoner reentry programs and how community organizations are active partners in the reentry process. This information includes other agency efforts and programs, training, and technical assistance opportunities and publications:

Mentoring ExPrisoners: A Guide for Reentry Programs — (PDF) - This manual provides guidelines and recommendations intended to address the challenges and to increase the benefits of mentoring adult ex-prisoners as part of their involvement in reentry programs. **Visit:** <https://www.nationalserviceresources.gov/mentoring-ex-prisoners-guide-prisoner-reentry-programs>

Federal Bonding Program (FBP) - Founded in 1966, the U.S. Department of Labor established The Federal Bonding Program to provide Fidelity Bonds that guarantee honesty for "at-risk", hard-to-place job seekers. The bonds cover the first six months of employment. There is no cost to the job applicant or the employer. In most states the bonds are made available through the state agency responsible for workforce matters. The Federal Bonding Program is a partnership between the U. S. Department of Labor and The McLaughlin Company. To view a list of the state federal bonding program coordinators **visit:** <http://www.bonds4jobs.com/state-coordinators.html>. For other reentry resources **visit:** http://www.doleta.gov/rexo/pdf/prisoner_reentry_resources.pdf

The Affordable Care Act: Implications for the Criminal Justice System - People involved with the criminal justice system experience high rates of communicable and chronic mental health and substance use disorders. To view video visit: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/mental-health/webinars/the-affordable-care-act-implications-for-the-criminal-justice-system/>

Improving Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System - We have learned a tremendous amount in the last decade about how to best serve youth in the juvenile justice system. To view video **visit:** <http://csgjusticecenter.org/youth/posts/improving-outcomes-for-youth-in-the-juvenile-justice-system/>



Wishing Everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Registration Open for National Mentoring Summit

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Harvard School of Public Health, and United Way Worldwide, will host the 2014 National Mentoring Summit on January 30–31, 2014, in Arlington, VA. The event will focus on evidence-based mentoring practices that support academic achievement and positive social behavior for youth; workforce development and employee satisfaction and retention; and community engagement Workshops will highlight innovative program models, emerging research, and professional development. **Visit:** http://www.mentoring.org/2014_national_mentoring_summit/

Federal Committee Releases Report on Trauma-Informed Approaches for Women and Girls

The Federal Partners Committee on Women and Trauma has released "Trauma-Informed Approaches: Federal Activities and Initiatives," developed with support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care. The report documents the scope and impact of violence and abuse on women and girls and highlights gender-responsive, trauma-informed approaches that more than three dozen federal agencies, departments, and offices have implemented. The report encourages other governmental and nongovernmental agencies to adopt a cross-sector, interagency, intersystem recognition of and response to trauma. **Visit:** http://www.nasmhpd.org/Publications/Women_and_Trauma.aspx

Inmates learn tech sector from Silicon Valley pros.



SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — The budding entrepreneurs wear blue sweat pants labeled "prisoner" and huge, flapping blue shirts. Their doors are triple locked, and lunch is a stale peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Complicating matters, participants in this growing Silicon Valley startup incubator are barred from the Internet.

Related StoriesNonetheless, the program, launched by successful tech entrepreneurs for inmates north of San Francisco in the decaying San Quentin State Prison, has expanded, and a new session began this month in the gritty, downtown Los Angeles Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

The reason they're growing is simple: Graduates, now trickling out of the penal system, are landing real jobs at real dot-coms. The rigorous, six-month training teaches carefully selected inmates the ins and outs of designing and launching technology firms, using local experts as volunteer instructors.

"We believe that when incarcerated people are released into the world, they need the tools to function in today's high-tech, wired world," says co-founder Beverly Parenti, who with her husband, Chris Redlitz, has launched thriving companies, including AdAuction, the first online media exchange. The pair were Silicon Valley pioneers in the 1990s, and they tap their many high-level connections to help with the prison program they started the program after Redlitz was invited into San Quentin in 2011 for a guest lecture and was overwhelmed by the inmates' desire to learn.

The Prison Program Teaches Computer Coding. Play video. "The program is still "bootstrapping," as its organizers say, with just 12 graduates in its first two years and now a few dozen in classes in San Quentin and Twin Towers. But the five graduates released so far are working in the tech sector. **Visit:** http://www.cio-today.com/news/Inmates-Learn-from-Industry-Pros/story.xhtml?story_id=00200088LR2C



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