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## Applications for Youth in Custody Certificate Program Being Accepted

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy is accepting applications for its Youth in Custody Certificate Program, to be held June 10–14, 2014, in Washington, DC. CJJR's programs promote a multisystem, multidisciplinary approach to policies, programs, and practices that improve outcomes for at-risk and justice system-involved youth. The Youth in Custody Certificate Program, offered in partnership with OJJDP's National Center for Youth in Custody, the Missouri Department of Social Services' Division of Youth Services, and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, will help professionals in juvenile justice and other child-serving fields make systemic changes using best practices to improve outcomes for youth in custody. The application deadline is February 28, 2014.

Visit: <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certprogs/certificates.html>

## National Mentoring Month Resources Available Online

January is National Mentoring Month. Mentoring is based on the premise that predictable, consistent relationships with stable, competent adults can help youth cope with challenges and steer clear of high-risk behaviors. Research shows that mentoring programs can improve behavioral, social, emotional, and academic outcomes for at-risk youth. In recognition of the month-long observance and to serve as a resource throughout the year, the National Criminal Justice Reference Service is offering a Mentoring Resources Special Feature, an online compilation of links to publications, funding, and related resources on mentoring activities

Visit: [http://www.mentoring.org/2014\\_national\\_mentoring\\_summit](http://www.mentoring.org/2014_national_mentoring_summit)

Register to attend the 2014 National Mentoring Summit, cohosted by OJJDP, on January 30–31, 2014, in Arlington, VA.

Visit: <https://www.event.com/events/2014-national-mentoring-summit/registration-1ef26f2350824ce0ab10d24ac2cfl ea7.aspx?p=10>

## Guidelines for the Successful Transition of People with Behavioral Health Disorders from Jail and Prison

Developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation in collaboration with the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the guidelines promote the criminal justice partnerships that are necessary to develop successful approaches for identifying individuals in need of services, determining what services those individuals need, and addressing these needs during transition from incarceration to community-based treatment and supervision.

Visit: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/mental-health/publications/guidelines-for-successful-transition/>

## Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice To Hold Webinar Meeting

On February 7, 2014, from 2 to 5 p.m. ET, the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) will hold a Webinar as a continuation of the FACJJ meeting that commenced on December 9, 2013. The agenda for this online meeting will include remarks from OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee and presentations and discussion on the National Academy of Sciences report "Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach," the Supportive School Discipline Initiative of the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education, and FACJJ's future role and activities. Composed of members of state advisory groups on juvenile justice, the committee advises the President and Congress on matters related to juvenile justice, evaluates the progress and accomplishments of juvenile justice activities and projects, and advises the Administrator on the work of OJJDP. Visit: [https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default\\_template\\_simple/event\\_landing.html?sco-id=1236261431](https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_landing.html?sco-id=1236261431). To register for the webinar Visit: [https://events-a8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default\\_template\\_simple/event\\_registration.html?sco-id=1236261431& charset=utf-8](https://events-a8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=1236261431& charset=utf-8)

## More Inmates Earn GED Just Before the Test Changes

The number of Ohio inmates earning their GED has risen the past three years, according to a new report. But officials fear that progress could be halted by some of the new updates coming to the exam. Data from the Correctional Institution Inspections Committee—the watchdog of Ohio's prisons—shows more than 2,100 inmates earned a GED in 2013. That's a 27 percent increase from 2010 when the achievement rate dropped, the Columbus Dispatch reports. CIIC executive director Joanna Saul says inmates who complete a CED have better outcomes when they leave prison. "Here's something that clearly has an impact on recidivism," she says. "It makes a big psychological impact that might encourage them to finish other goals in the future."

Research from the Rand Corporation backs that up. Inmates who participate in high school or GED education programs have 30 percent lower odds of returning to prison and a 13 percent higher chance of finding a job once they get out compared to their peers. But as the GED test transitions from paper to a computer based format, Saul fears the changes might slow the state's progress.

"Many inmates lack computer skills," Saul says. She adds that other changes coming—the more rigorous content and higher price—could also inhibit inmates from earning the certificate. Visit: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/media-clips/more-inmates-earn-ged-just-before-the-test-changes/>

## Bureau of Justice Assistance Calls for Applicants to the Second Chance Act Technology Career Training Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance recently released the Second Chance Act Technology Career Training grant program solicitation. State and local governments, territories, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible to apply. The funds can be used to establish training programs in technology-based fields for adults and juveniles in the 6-18 months prior to their release.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 17, 2014

To download a PDF of the solicitation: Visit: <https://www.bja.gov/>



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