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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

OJJDP Announces Funding Opportunity for Multi-State Mentoring Initiative

OJJDP has announced the fiscal year 2014 Multi-State Mentoring Initiative funding opportunity. This solicitation will support organizations as they both improve the access to and impact of mentoring services they provide and/or expand their existing mentoring activities for at-risk and underserved youth populations.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 27, 2014

Visit: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2014/MultiStateMentoring.pdf>

Two New Reports Available on Youth Deincarceration

The National Council on Crime & Delinquency (NCCD) has released the first two reports in a series developed from a nationwide study on youth deincarceration. Despite a 41-percent drop in the rate of youth in confinement between 2001 and 2011, youth of color continue to be held in formal supervision and state facilities at much higher rates than white youth. The two reports summarize stakeholder views on reducing youth incarceration and identify ways to budget for reform. Subsequent reports, to be released this month, will focus on supervision, placement, oversight, transfer to adult court, family involvement, and more. Visit: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/14juvjust/140415.html>

Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice To Hold Webinar Meeting

On April 28, 2014, from 2 to 5 p.m. ET, the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) will convene via Webinar. The agenda will include discussion of the 2013 FACJJ Report and Report Dissemination Plan, future activities of the FACJJ, and a plan for the fall 2014 in-person meeting. 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 OJJDP Administrator on the work of OJJDP. Register for the Webinar by 10 a.m. on April 28, 2014. Visit: <http://www.facjj.org/>

Applications Being Accepted for Juvenile Diversion Certificate Program

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, the Juvenile Law Center, and the National League of Cities are accepting applications for the 2014 Juvenile Diversion Certificate Program, to be held September 8–10, 2014, in Washington, DC. This program presents an opportunity for prosecutors, probation officers, law enforcement, and other juvenile justice leaders to get in-depth training on juvenile diversion policies, practices, and programs. After completion, participants will develop an action plan related to juvenile diversion. The program is supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Apply by May 30, 2014. Visit: <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certprogs/diversion/diversion.html>

Breaking Barriers: From Incarceration to Employment

Individuals with a criminal history face significant barriers to employment. Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and experience from two nationally recognized experts in working with the formerly incarcerated population to sharpen your skills and improve your outcomes.

Dates, Times and Topics for each session:

June 2 at 2:00pm ET—**Preparing Formerly Incarcerated Individuals for the Job Search**

June 9 at 2:00pm ET: **Writing a Resume**

June 16 at 2:00pm ET: **Applications & Interviewing**

June 23 at 2:00pm ET : **Finding the Right Employers**

June 30 at 2:00pm ET: **Employer Engagement**

Visit: http://www.nawdp.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Did_You_Know1&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5335&utm_source=Braking+Barriers%3A+From+Incarceration+to+Employment&utm_campaign=webinars&utm_medium=email

Faith-Based Beneficiary Choice: Helping Ex-Offenders Develop Job Skills

Many individuals released from correctional facilities have little or no connection to the workforce, making it difficult for them to find and maintain employment. These ex-offenders may struggle to obtain the skills necessary to compete in the workforce as well as the training needed to build those skills—hampering their ability to lead self-sufficient lives in the community.

To ease the transition of ex-offenders from prison to the community and the workforce, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) started the Faith-Based Beneficiary Choice Contracting Program in June 2007. ETA funded five grantees—in Phoenix, Denver, Chicago, Indianapolis, and Des Moines—to provide job-related support to young ex-offenders between the ages of 18 and 29 years. The three key components that distinguish the innovative Beneficiary Choice model are (1) an emphasis on customer choice, (2) the expansion of local service delivery networks, and (3) the use of performance-based contracts. The cornerstone of the program is that it allows participants to choose the local specialized service provider (SSP) that best meets their needs. Each SSP must offer three core services, namely work readiness training, career counseling, and six months of follow-up services. They are also expected to offer a unique combination of supplemental and supportive services.

In developing their provider networks, grantees were encouraged by DOL to engage a wide range of organizations, including faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) that offer both a range of secular and faith-infused services. DOL also required that each grantee partner with at least one local provider with which it had not previously worked. In this way, the demonstration could draw on the unique qualifications of FBCOs that may not typically partner with the government. Finally, grantees were required to engage in performance-based contracts with at least five SSPs that offer services to participants. Providers receive benchmark payments as they document their success in helping participants achieve key outcomes, such as completing services, obtaining a job, and retaining employment for six months. Visit: <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/labor/beneficiarychoice.asp>



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