



REENTRY

Best Practices

CONFERENCE | AGENDA

- 8:00-8:45 **Office of Faith Based Initiatives Breakfast** – The breakfast will serve as another opportunity to meet and network with our faith partners, discuss reentry efforts and how to strengthen our partnerships. [Faculty Library – 5th Floor](#)
- 8:00-9:00 **On-Site Registration** – [Atrium Ground/First Floor](#)
- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – [Auditorium – 3rd Floor](#)
- Dean Patrick Hobbs, *Seton Hall Law School*
 - Anne Milgram, *Attorney General*
 - Yolette Ross, *Parole Chairman*
 - George Hayman, *Department of Corrections Commissioner*
- 9:15–10:45 **Overview of the Day and Introduction of Our Plenary Session** –
- Wanda Moore, *Director of Reentry*
- Presentation of “How Do You Spell Murder?”** – A short film that “explores the powerful connection between illiteracy and crime.”
- Panel Discussion - Nothing About Us, Without Us**
This panel will include the voices of the formerly incarcerated and their families as they share their experiences.
- Panelists:
- Tonya Tucker
 - Charles Thomas
 - Michael Jackson
 - James Lee
 - Warren Thompson
- 10:45-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-12:15 **Morning Workshops** – Presentations by panelists and feed back from attendees on how people can help and how we can improve and eliminate gaps in services. [Various Locations – Check workshop descriptions](#)
- 12:15-1:15 **Networking Lunch** – Meet people from around the state who are working to assist probationers, the formerly incarcerated and their families.
[Cafeteria – Ground/First Floor](#)
- 1:30-3:00 **Afternoon Workshops** – Presentations by panelists and feed back from attendees on how people can help, how we can improve and eliminate gaps in services. [Various Locations – Check workshop descriptions](#)
- 3:30 - 5:00 **Reception for Children of Incarcerated Parents** – *(by invitation only)*
This is a small gathering of families, formerly incarcerated persons and their children to encourage and inspire the next generation. [Faculty Library – 5th Floor](#)

Morning Workshops and Speakers – 11:00-12:15

Treating Substance Abuse Effectively – A discussion of the importance of providing substance abuse treatment to formerly incarcerated persons through community efforts like Drug Court. [Faculty Library – 5th Floor \(50 people maximum capacity\)](#)

- Facilitator: • **Dr. Marcia Matthews**, *Division of Addiction Services*
Panelists: • **Carol Venditto**, *Drug Court Manager, Administrative Office of the Courts*
• **James Wojtowicz**, *Director, Office of Drug Programs, Dept. of Corrections*
• **Dave Kerr**, *Bridge to Recovery*
• **Wayne Wirta**, *President and CEO, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-New Jersey*

Youth Outreach and Juvenile Reentry – A discussion of models targeted at engaging at-risk youth and addressing juvenile offenders. This discussion will be led by the Juvenile Justice Commission. [Large Moot Court Room – Ground/First Floor \(60 people max\)](#)

- Facilitator: • **Felix Mickens**, *Deputy Executive Director-Operations, Juvenile Justice Commission*
Panelists: • **Lynn Lucas**, *Reentry Coordinator, Juvenile Justice Commission*
• **Kenneth Karamichael**, *Director, Yes2 Center*
• **Dr. Vincent Mays**, *Director of Alternative Education, Newark Public Schools*
• **Cuqui Rivera**, *S.K.A.R. Program*

Balancing Justice with Mercy – This panel will discuss the role that faith-based organizations play in the lives of ex-offenders. [Small Moot Court Room – Ground/First Floor](#)

- Facilitator: • **Sharon Iphill**, *N.J. Office of Faith Based Initiatives*
Panelists: • **Rev. Victor Lee**, *Chaplaincy Network, Department of Corrections*
• **Dr. Edgar Cahn**, *Founder of Timebanks.org*
• **Reverend Byron Wess**, *Balancing Justice with Mercy*

How are We Doing? – What is data and research telling us about the ex-offender population in New Jersey? A discussion on using data driven evaluation to assess programs and service delivery. [Room 270 – 2nd Floor \(70 people max\)](#)

- Facilitator: • **Dr. Deborah Ward**, *Director, Economic Development Research Group, School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University*
Panelists: • **Bertram Shockley**, *Associate Director, Business Services & Workforce Training, Essex County College*
• **Heather Tubman-Carbone**, *Director of Reentry and Corrections Research, Economic Development Research Group, Rutgers University*
• **Angela Marshall**, *Senior Parole Officer, N.J. State Parole Board*
• **Dr. Rebecca Sanford**, *Assistant Professor, Monmouth University*
• **Dyann Lonesome**, *The Nicholson Foundation*

In Transition: Coordinating Ex-Offenders' First Steps Home – A discussion of Department of Corrections reentry efforts, halfway houses and community providers who work with transitioning inmates. [Auditorium – 3rd Floor](#)

- Facilitator: • **Marcus Hicks**, *Director, Office of Community Programs and Outreach Services, Department of Corrections*
Panelists: • **Darcella Sessomes**, *Director, Office of Transitional Services, Department of Corrections*
• **Pat McKernan**, *Chief Operating Officer, Volunteers of America*
• **Bud Scully**, *Manager, Residential Programs and Placement Team, N.J. State Parole Board*

Afternoon Workshops and Speakers – 1:30-3:00

Standing in the Gap - Overcoming Policy Barriers – This workshop will look at the impact that collateral consequences have on ex-offenders and focus on legislative changes.

[Large Moot Court Room – Ground/First Floor \(60 people max\)](#)

- Facilitator: • **Cornell Brooks**, *Executive Director, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice*
Panelists: • **Rick Greenberg**, *Director, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice*
• **Steve Leder**, *Managing Attorney, The Community Health Law Project*
• **Lynn Siragusa, Esq.**, *The Prisoner Reentry Project, Legal Services of New Jersey*

Health and Behavioral Health – How criminal justice partners can work with FQHC's, corrections and county jails for the delivery of health and mental health and the importance of the continuum of care for individuals returning to the community. [Small Moot Court Room – Ground/First Floor](#)

- Facilitator: • **Steve Fishbein**, *Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health*
Panelists: • **Paul Sheehan**, *Community Oriented Correctional Health Service*
• **Dr. Arthur Brewer**, *UMDNJ/Department of Corrections*
• **Joseph Shields**, *Executive Director, N.J. State Parole Board*

Re-Enter New Jersey – A focus on community-based reentry initiatives occurring statewide.

[Auditorium – 3rd Floor](#)

- Facilitators: • **Lori Scott Pickens**, *Deputy Director, Police Institute, Rutgers University*
Panelists: • **Bertram Shockley**, *Associate Director, Business Services & Workforce Training, Essex County College*
• **Keith Sadler**, *Atlantic County Opportunity Reconnect, Atlantic County Department of Family & Community Development*
• **Cynthia Morgan**, *Program Director, Helping Arms (PRI)*
• **Pastor Pam Jones**, *Essex County Reentry Task Force, Churches in Cooperation*
• **Paul Jurmo, Dean**, *Economic Development and Continuing Education, Union County College*
• **Robert Kantor**, *N.J. State Parole Board*

Look Who's Working – Building Bridges to Safer Communities Through Offender Employment. This workshop will cover the Offender Employment Specialists (OES) training provided by the National Institute on Corrections (NIC) and the Federal Bureau of Prisons and existing job placement and training efforts. [Room 270 – 2nd Floor \(70 people max\)](#)

- Facilitator: • **Richard Liebler**, *New Community Corporation Automotive Technician Training*
Panelists: • **Lenny Ward**, *Director of Community Programs, N.J. State Parole Board*
• **Tom Smith**, *America Works*
• **Kirsten Giardi**, *Vice President, Goodwill Industries of New York and Northern New Jersey*
• **William Sarboukh**, *Employment and Training Specialist, N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development*
• **Lauren Brown**, *Intake Specialist, N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development*
• **Akil Roper, Esq.**, *The Prisoner Reentry Project, Legal Services of NJ*

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