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MASCA Connection

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference

MASCA wishes you a happy and prosperous new year!!

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is proud to announce we will be hosting our 2016 Annual Conference from June 12, 2016 through June 15, 2016. The conference will be held at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Our theme for this year's conference is "**CREATING CONNECTIONS – BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER.**"

During this year's conference, there will be several events such as speakers and seminars, silent auction, social networking, and other activities. Currently, our Conference Planning Committee is working hard to make this conference an event that everyone will enjoy and remember. There are several important items and dates that we would like to bring to your attention:

Registration:

The conference registration is open. There is an early registration fee of \$250 per person and a general registration fee of \$300 per person. In order to qualify for early registration, the completed registration forms and payment should be received by April 12, 2016. The general registration deadline is May 12, 2016. For more information

or to register for the conference, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/registration.html>.

Hotel Information:

We have a block of rooms reserved at Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel at a special conference rate. You must register by May 12, 2016 and mention that you are attending the MASCA 2016 Conference in order to receive this rate. For more information regarding rates or to make your reservations, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/housing-information.html>.

Exhibitor Registration:

The exhibitor registration is open. There is an early registration fee of \$700 and a general registration fee of \$750 for exhibitors. In order to qualify for early registration, the completed registration forms and payment should be received by April 12, 2016. The general registration deadline is May 12, 2016. To register for the conference as an exhibitor, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/exhibitor-registration.html>.

Call for Presenters:

We are currently requesting proposals for workshops and invite you to submit a Call for Presenters. For proposal criteria or to submit a Call for Presenters, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/call-for-presenters.html>. Proposals are due by **February 15, 2016**.

Award Nominations:

Each year, MASCA confers several prestigious awards at our Annual Conference and Training Event. We are currently accepting nominations for our annual awards. For a description of the awards or to submit an award nomination, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/award-nominations.html>. Award nominations must be received by April 30, 2016.

Scholarship Nominations:

MASCA awards academic scholarships to individuals pursuing a degree beyond secondary education (undergraduate or graduate) in the criminal justice field. During our 2016 annual conference, we will be awarding two scholarships for \$1,000 each. For nomination criteria or to submit a nomination, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/scholarships1.html>. Scholarship nominations must be received by April 30, 2016.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at mas-ca.connection@gmail.com or Dawn Pearson (410-935-8174).

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you in *June, 2016 at the conference!!*

Sincerely,

MASCA 2016 Conference
Planning Committee

GET INVOLVED

Get Involved—MASCA Committees

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is looking for talented members to share their knowledge, skills, and abilities by volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. For more information, please contact the committee chairperson for the committee of interest. The MASCA Committees and

Chairpersons are:

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MASCA Who We Are

MASCA is the leading regional interdisciplinary organization for professionals in the related fields of institutional corrections, community corrections, and juvenile services. We are your regional affiliate for both the American Correctional Association and the American Probation and Parole Association.

Our membership includes professionals at the state, county, and federal levels, primarily in the seven member jurisdictions, but we welcome criminal justice professionals and students from anywhere in North America. We are committed to providing the best training opportuni-

ties in our region and are looking for other ways to serve our membership as well.



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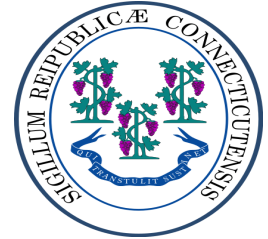


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Connecticut

Gov. Malloy Announces First-of-its-Kind Jobs Training Center at New Haven Correctional Center to Further Lower Crime Rates

Employment Skills Training Program Opens Under Governor's Second Chance Society Initiative

(HARTFORD, CT) - Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that as part of his Second Chance Society initiatives, the Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC) will host an American Job Center early next year within the New Haven Correctional Center. Created in partnership with the Workforce Alliance and the City of New Haven, this job development program will be the first-of-its-kind in the state, and one of only 12 in the country. The initiative aims to reduce recidivism - which has declined dramatically - and to continue lowering Connecticut's crime rate, which is at an almost 50-year low.

"We need to break the cycle of crime and poverty - that's our goal with Second Chance. We must give people the tools available to get a good job and be successful outside prison walls. If we are to be successful in lowering crime, we must ensure that those housed in our correctional facilities don't come back," Governor

Malloy said. "This is a first-of-its-kind jobs center at one of our correctional facilities, and one of only 12 in the country. Correctional facilities should be just that - places that give inmates the ability to be successful on the outside. FBI data indicates that Connecticut's crime rate is at its lowest level in almost 50 years, and by implementing these types of forward-thinking initiatives, we can drive it even lower."

The American Job Center will serve to provide workshops, job search services, and referrals to a goal of 175 prison inmates within six months prior to the end of their sentence. Three staffers will assist with teaching and community outreach on behalf of the inmates. The program will be run by Workforce Alliance, a nonprofit organization that provides workforce opportunity and job training skills to 30 communities throughout the South Central Connecticut region, in conjunction with the Department of Correction. The 18-month project is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration as one of 12 LEAP (Linking to Employment Activities Pre-release) grantees under the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (REXO) initiative.

"A key component to successful reentry for those returning to the community after a period of incarceration is employment," Department of Correction Commissioner Scott Semple said. "That is exactly why collaborative efforts such

as the one we have with Workforce Alliance are so important to our efforts to reduce recidivism."

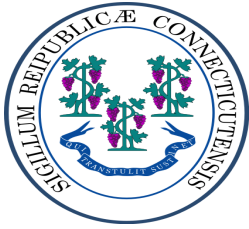
Inmates will be selected to participate in the program and an individual plan will be developed for them to deliver successful outcomes. Inmates will receive training on how to interview for a job, prepare a cover letter and resume, apply for college financial aid, and apply for a job using online applications. They will also receive instruction on basic math, writing, and computer skills needed to make themselves more employable.

An existing classroom is currently being set up at the correctional facility for this program, which will also include a room to conduct practice interviews.

The jobs center is based on the Workforce Alliance's Next Steps Re-Entry program, which the organization has offered to former inmates over the last ten years. This will be the first time this type of program has been offered inside of a correctional facility to current inmates.

Annually, Next Steps places approximately 170 ex-offenders in employment throughout the South Central Connecticut region. The American Jobs Center at the New Haven Correctional Center will provide current inmates with a head start on trainings prior to leaving DOC custody.

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Connecticut

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Ex-offenders make good employees," William Villano, President and CEO of Workforce Alliance, said. "We have done over 1560 job placements for ex-offenders since 2003. More employers every year see the value of programs like ours and now we can begin to work with people much sooner."

"Reintegration of non-violent offenders is a priority in New Haven because it reunites families, rebuilds trust and faith, and restores men and women to contributing, productive members of this community," New Haven Mayor Toni N. Harp said. "Beyond that, we're working to start the reintegration process well before any scheduled release, so job training programs can be arranged as necessary and appropriate, and we're grateful to Governor Malloy and the state for assistance to that end."

Earlier this year, Governor Malloy enacted the Second

Chance Society initiatives through a series of executive actions and adopted legislation. The package of reforms was designed to continue the progress the state has been making in reducing the crime rate, as well as to ensure that nonviolent offenders are being reintegrated into society and are becoming productive members of Connecticut's economy. These included initiatives such as:

- Reducing possession of drugs from a felony with a seven-year minimum sentence to a misdemeanor with a maximum one year in jail.
- Eliminating mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent, no victim offenses.
- Establishing an expedited parole process for nonviolent, no victim offenses.
- Establishing an expedited pardons process for nonviolent ex-offenders, where there is no victim objection.
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- Opening the Cybulski Community Reintegration Center at the Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution in Enfield, designed to concentrate appropriate programs and services to prisoners nearing the end of their sentences.

Last month, Governor Malloy announced the establishment

of a Veterans' Unit at the Cybulski Reintegration Center, specifically providing services to inmates who have served in the United States military that are tailored to their specific needs while addressing barriers to successful reentry.

Today, Connecticut's prison population is at its lowest level since 1997 with 15,695 inmates. The total sentenced population is 11,831, the lowest level since 1994.

(Story from http://portal.ct.gov/Departments_and_Agencies/Office_of_the_Governor/Press_Room/Press_Releases/2015/12-2015/Gov_Malloy_Announces_First-of-its-Kind_Jobs_Training_Center_at_New_Haven_Correctional_Center_to_Further_Lower_Crime_Rates/)

Additional Connecticut News

[Gov. Malloy Launches Conversation on Expanding 'Second Chance Society' Initiatives in Connecticut](#)



Delaware

Del. ACLU says few police reforms in 2015, looks to study racial bias in 2016

By ANNIE ROPEIK

Protestors gathered on the Kent County Courthouse steps in early December, awaiting a verdict in the trial of Dover Police Cpl. Thomas Webster. Jurors acquitted him of felony assault after kicking a black man in the head during an arrest in 2013.

Protesters marched down Wilmington's 4th Street in late October, demanding that officials release more information on the fatal police shooting of Jeremy McDole. *Anne Hoffman/Delaware Public Media*

2015 was a year of rising racial tensions between police and the public, and a focus on criminal justice reform in Delaware and nationwide. But in the eyes of state ACLU executive director Kathleen MacRae, the status quo remains the same.

The First State had its share of headline police brutality allegations between white officers and black men this year -- including a not-guilty verdict in the assault trial of Dover Police Cpl. Thomas Webster, and the fatal shooting of Jeremy McDole, a wheelchair-bound black man, by Wilmington Police.

MacRae says the Webster verdict surprised her, based on the dash cam video in-

volved in the case. Between that, and a lack of state momentum on widely-requested outside investigations into McDole's death, she says she doesn't think much has changed.

"I think that both of these instances demonstrate the need for transparency and accountability," she says. "And I don't think we have that right now with the police."

In coming years, she thinks the creation of a citizen review board for police-involved shootings would help restore the public trust.

And she says there's work to be done to offset the militarization of police in cities like Wilmington.

"It has shifted the way that they interact with the community, in some cases to the point where they see the people on the street as the enemy to be defeated instead of a community to be protected," MacRae says.

For years, she says, that's been driven by the mindset of the war on drugs.

In 2016, she hopes the ACLU can analyze data about arrests in Wilmington to look for evidence of racial bias. She says they're inspired by an ACLU study in New Jersey that looked at crimes unrelated to drugs or violence, like loitering.

"And what the New Jersey study found is that African-

American and Hispanic men were 9, 10, 12 times more likely, depending on the community, to be arrested for those very low-level offenses than were whites," MacRae says.

It's what police call "broken windows theory," where easier arrests can yield higher-level offenses back at the station, like drugs or illegal guns on a suspect's person. Broken windows theory also aims to help clean up the streets.

But MacRae says it's a problem -- both from a corrections and criminal justice reform perspective, and because more arrests means more times police might have to escalate their use of force, or take a life. That was the case in many high-profile police-involved fatalities that started as low-level arrests or traffic stops around the country.

"The decision for a police officer to arrest is the first step in anybody's involvement with the criminal justice system," she says. "So if we're looking at race and the criminal justice system and the disparate impact on people of color, we've got to start at the arrest level."

She says data analysis in Wilmington would be another way to ensure police are being transparent and fair to everyone they serve.

(Story from <http://delawarepublic.org/post/del-aclu-says-few-police-reforms-2015-looks-study-racial-bias-2016#stream/0>)



District of Columbia

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference

The conference, "Redefining Leadership: Engaging Youth, Communities, and Policymakers to Achieve Better Juvenile Justice Outcomes," will focus on the latest research, developments, and challenges in juvenile justice. Sessions will provide attendees a hands-on opportunity to explore the newest methods for preventing delinquency and ensuring fairness through all stages of involvement with the justice

system. Participants will also learn about establishing the best possible outcomes for children and families who do become involved with the juvenile justice system.

Dates:

Wednesday, April 20 - Saturday, April 23, 2016

Conference highlights will include:

- Engaging plenary sessions
- Skill building workshops
- CJJ Hill Day (April 20)
- Council of SAGs Meeting (April 23)
- CJJ Regional and Business Meeting

- JJ Specialist and DMC Coordinator Business Meetings
- Networking opportunities
- And much more!

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Location:

Washington Hilton Hotel
Washington, DC

[For more information](#)

MASCA 2016 Conference—Speakers and Workshops

MASCA's 2016 Plenary Speakers include:

Robert L. Listenbee, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). For more information about our speaker, Mr. Listenbee, visit OJJDP's website at <http://www.ojjdp.gov/about/administrator.html>.

A tentative list of our 2016 Conference Workshops include, but not limited to:

- Caught in the Web of Criminal Thinking: Addressing Thinking Patterns
- Cell Phone Detection Methods and Equipment

- Employment Retention Inventory: Validation Study
- Fear - Less: Managerial Courage/A Key Element in Leadership
- How We Can Improve the Recruitment of Probation & Parole Officers
- I'm In Charge: Now What?
- Letting Go Hurts: Understanding Why We Resist
- Positive Choices for Life
- Reading the Tells - Learning How to Read Body Language
- Recidivism Risk Assessment: Current Controversies and Future Directions
- Re-Entry Programs Reduce Recidivism and Increase Public Safety – CSOSA's DC Experience
- Research Says..... Best Practices in Assessment, Management and Treatment of Impaired Drivers
- The effects of chronic stress on employment retention for veterans with SBE's
- PREA Workshops
- National Institute of Corrections sponsored workshops

If you are interested in presenting a workshop at this year's conference, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/call-for-presenters.html> or <http://form.jotform.us/form/52108821491149>.

Proposals are due by February 15, 2016.

Maryland

Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford Celebrates Expansion of Penn North Kids Safe Zone

January 6, 2016

Governor's Office for Children Contributes \$50K to Safe Haven for Baltimore City Children

BALTIMORE, MD – Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford; Arlene Lee, executive director of the Governor's Office for Children; Steve McAdams, executive director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives; and Maryland Department of Human Resources Secretary Sam Malhotra today joined with Ericka Alston, marketing director at the Penn North Community Resource Center, and representatives from the Family League of Baltimore City and Kaiser Permanente to announce the expansion of the Penn North Kids Safe Zone. A safe haven for recreation and study, as well as counseling and mentorship for children ages 5 to 17 in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of Baltimore City, the Kids Safe Zone will grow from 1,000 square feet to 5,000 square feet with the help of a \$50,000 contribution from the Governor's Office for Children.

The Governor's Office for Children is helping to fund the expansion as well as provide new computers to the Safe Zone through a grant administered by the Family League of Baltimore City, a local agency

that supports area nonprofits like Maryland Community Health Initiatives, Inc. (also known as Penn North), which operates the Kids Safe Zone, among other programs. Additional funding for the expansion came from A+E Television Networks' Outreach Fund and Kaiser Permanente.

"This expansion will more than double the number of children the Safe Zone can serve and will benefit thousands of children in the heart of the community," said Lt. Governor Rutherford. "The Kids Safe Zone has really come a long way in its seven months, and I am so pleased I could be here to celebrate the expansion of a place filled with friendship, fun, learning, and hope for a bright future for Baltimore youth."

"I am proud to work for Governor Hogan, who values local partners like the Family League, which helps to direct state resources to deserving children and teens in Baltimore City," said Arlene Lee, executive director of the Governor's Office for Children.

"A lot of the kids in this area do not get the opportunity to just be children. The Kids Safe Zone is a place where kids can be kids and forget their troubles for a while," said Ericka Alston, who founded the Kids Safe Zone after the Baltimore City unrest last spring. Thanks to community donations, the Penn North Community Resource Center transformed a small, 1,000-square-foot vacant laundromat into the Kids Safe Zone. The

expansion being announced today will add an additional 4,000 square feet to the center.

Since its opening on June 1, just five weeks after the Baltimore unrest, the Safe Zone has provided recreation, computer and board games, arts and crafts, a computer lab, girls' and boys' mentoring programs, peer-led support groups, licensed counseling, field trips, a study lab, and homework assistance to nearly 2,000 children, as well as breakfast, lunch, and snacks. It is open Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, the Maryland Department of Human Resources today provided a \$10,000 grant to support Penn North's Supportive Housing program. The funds will be used to bring a part-time employee up to a full-time position to assist individuals recently released from incarceration fulfill their housing needs. "As our state's primary social service provider, the Maryland Department of Human Resources serves over 1 million people annually," said Secretary Sam Malhotra. "We support hardworking families and individuals, many of whom may be our neighbors and friends, who are struggling and in need of assistance. Grants like the

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Maryland

Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford Celebrates Expansion of Penn North Kids Safe Zone

*Governor's Office for Children
Contributes \$50K to Safe Haven
for Baltimore City Children*

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one presented today to Penn North's Supportive Housing program in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood are one of the many ways our agency supports communities all across the state of Mary-

land."

Last month, Governor Hogan also announced that every child, from infancy to age 5, in Baltimore City will be eligible to enroll, free of charge, in a new reading and book-delivery program—Governor's Young Readers—starting later this month. For more information on all of the Penn North programs, including the Kids Safe Zone and Supportive Housing program, please visit <http://www.penn-north.com/>.

(Story from <http://governor.maryland.gov/ltgovernor/2016/01/06/lt->

[governor-boyd-rutherford-celebrates-expansion-of-penn-north-kids-safe-zone/](#))

More News:

[J. Michael Zeigler appointed deputy secretary of operations](#)

[Law enforcement's new approach to addiction in Baltimore](#)

MASCA—Find Us on Social Media



National News

[Sen. Franken's Bipartisan Measure to Combat Mental Health Crisis in Criminal Justice System Clears Senate, is One Step Closer to Becoming Law](#)

[Prisons Have Become America's New Asylums](#)

[How OJJDP Is Promoting Youth Justice and Safety: 2015 Wrap-Up](#)

[OJJDP FY 2016 Second Chance Act: Implementing Statewide Plans to Improve Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System](#)

New Jersey

NEW JERSEY CONTINUES TO BE A NATIONAL LEADER IN REDUCING CRIME, WHILE ALSO SAFELY LOWERING OFFENDER POPULATION

New Jersey is once again recognized as a national leader in reducing both crime and prison populations, as the Christie Administration continues to advance reform efforts to combat recidivism, enhance law enforcement procedures, and address the disease of drug addiction.

The Garden State has the second highest rate of reducing incarceration in the country, according to an assessment of federal data released two weeks ago by New York University's Brennan Center for Justice. Similar data was released in 2014 by the U.S. Department of Justice's Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The Center concluded that since 2000, the population in New Jersey's prisons has dropped 26 percent, while the overall crime rate went down about 30 percent during the same period. Last year, a Washington D.C. research organization noted New Jersey and New York led the nation by reducing their prison populations by 26 percent between 1999 and 2012, while the nationwide state prison population increased by 10 percent.

"At the same time as the state-sentence offender population declined from more than 30,000 at the turn of the century to approximately 21,000 today, the number of inmates returning to custody within three years of their release date has decreased from 48 percent to 32 percent," said New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) Commissioner Gary M. Lanigan.

Furthermore, the state-sentenced inmate population in county jails, roughly 1,500 before Governor Christie took office, is now below 200, which allows more offenders to begin the NJDOC's highly regarded re-entry programming as soon as possible.

"There will always be a need for strong enforcement and a tough prosecutorial stance with respect to certain crimes and certain offenders, but history has demonstrated that incarceration alone is not the answer to the crime problem," said Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman. "That is why we have worked collaboratively with our law enforcement partners at every level -- as well as the courts, social service providers, community leaders and other stakeholders -- on such efforts as the Trenton Violence Reduction Strategy, our re-entry programs, Fugitive Safe Surrender and other efforts aimed at reducing crime by changing lives."

Commissioner Lanigan cited the leadership and support of Governor Chris Christie and his Administration in areas such as drug addiction treat-

ment, addressing mental health issues and expanding offender re-entry programs. Under Governor Christie, a five-year phase-in of mandatory Drug Courts for non-violent offenders was instituted, giving those struggling with drug addiction the treatment they need to reclaim their lives.

Drug Courts, which have been expanded to all 21 counties across the state, have diverted thousands of individuals from state prison into drug treatment programs designed to break the cycle of addiction. The rate at which drug court graduates are re-arrested for new offenses is 16% and the reconviction rate is 8%. This is compared to re-arrest rates for drug offenders released from prison that stand at 54% with a reconviction rate of 43%.

Governor Christie is a strong proponent of state-funded one-stop centers that connect offenders to a comprehensive array of services. The Commissioner also pointed to legislative initiatives such as mandatory education legislation through which the NJDOC works to ensure that offenders attain at least a 12th-grade reading level, and "ban-the box," a mandate that assists former offenders in finding employment.

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(Story from http://www.nj.gov/corrections/pdf/PressRelease/151026_CrimeReduction.pdf)

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference—Call for Presenters

To submit a Call for Presenters, please visit our website at:

<http://www.masca.us/call-for-presenters.html>

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2016 Annual Conference and Training Event

“Creating Connections ~ Building Bridges Together...”

Call for Presenters

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) will be holding its 2016 Annual Conference and Training Event at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD from June 12, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

MASCA conferences draw public safety professionals working in all correctional disciplines. Conference attendees primarily work in agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as the private sector throughout the Middle Atlantic States.

We are seeking presentations that capture the future state of the field and offer participants a view of “Best Practices” models that address issues and concerns affecting public safety (i.e. institutional corrections, community corrections, juvenile services, and the community at large).

We are currently requesting proposals for workshops and invite you to submit a Call for Presenters.

Proposal Criteria:

- ❖ Workshop title
- ❖ Topic area
- ❖ A 200 word description of topic
- ❖ Three learning objectives for the presentation (mandatory)
- ❖ Presenter(s) name, title, and organization
- ❖ Brief biographies of each of the presenters
- ❖ Length of the presentation will be 1 and 1/2 hours
- ❖ Proposals are due by February 15, 2016

No fees or reimbursement of expenses will be paid by MASCA unless agreed upon otherwise and in advance.

MASCA reserves the right to edit accepted proposals and biographical sketches prior to publication. If your proposal is selected, you will be required to refrain from the direct marketing and promotion of your products and services during your session.

To upload an outline of the presentation, select the [Call for Presenters](#) button below.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at masca.connection@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson
MASCA 2016 Conference Chairperson

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference—Registration Information

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\$250 - Through April 12, 2016

\$275 - April 13, 2016 - May 12, 2016

\$300 - Beginning May 13, 2016

To Register Online, please select the registration link below.

[MASCA 2016 Conference Registration](#)

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Pikesville, MD 21282
Attention: Dawn Pearson

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For information regarding hotel reservations -

Online Reservations: <http://www.masca.us/housing-information.html>

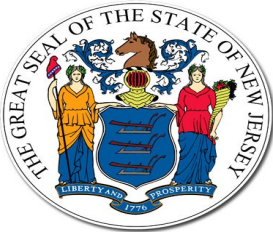
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Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson,
MASCA 2016 Conference Chairperson

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New Jersey

NEW JERSEY CONTINUES TO BE A NATIONAL LEADER IN REDUCING CRIME, WHILE ALSO SAFELY LOWERING OFFENDER POPULATION

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Commissioner Lanigan discussed his department's close working relationships with the State Parole Board

and county jails. As a result, the NJDOC is able to reduce the length of time it takes for a parole-eligible offender to go through the process. Parolee absconders also have decreased 42 percent since Governor Christie took office.

"The improvements enable the NJDOC to operate as efficiently as possible as we fulfill our mission of protecting the public by operating safe, secure and humane facilities," Commissioner Lanigan said.

"By maximizing our efficiency, we are saving money for New Jersey's taxpayers while supporting those who were incarcerated to re-enter productive and healthy lives in our communities."

(Story from http://www.nj.gov/corrections/pdf/PressRelease/151026_CrimeReduction.pdf)

PREA Survey

MASCA has partnered with the PREA Resource Center and The Moss Group to develop PREA-related offerings for the 2016 conference. In order to help us develop sessions that will be helpful to our membership, we ask that you complete this brief survey,

which should only take a few minutes of your time. This information will help us to put together the most relevant information in an engaging way. The survey link is below, please contact Dawn Pearson or Larry Glover at masca.connection@gmail.com

with any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XWWPF2F>

MASCA Connection Schedule

The MASCA Connection is the Newsletter for the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association.

We invite you to share your stories. If you have a story you are interested including in our publication, please forward it to masca.connection@gmail.com.

All submissions should be in word format.

Please see MASCA's schedule for specific dates regarding newsletter submissions.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

masca.connection@gmail.com.

Month of Newsletter	Content Due Date
April	03/01/16
July	06/01/16
October	09/01/16
January	12/01/16



New York

DOCCS' Shock Program Reaches Over 50,000 Graduates

Alternative To Incarceration Program Saves The State \$1.5 Billion Since Inception

ALBANY – The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) announced today that over 50,000 inmates have now graduated from the Shock Incarceration Program, an alternative to conventional incarceration program that rehabilitates offenders and has saved state taxpayers over a billion dollars.

Today, Lakeview Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility, in Chautauqua County, graduated a class of 34 inmates who successfully completed the six month program that prepares drug and other non-violent offenders for early parole release consideration. The alternative to incarceration program was established by enabling legislation in July 1987 and since has graduated 50,193 men and women.

All Shock participants are engaged in comprehensive life skills programs that include academic education, group counseling, intensive alcohol

and substance abuse treatment, physical training, drill instruction and work crews. Shock provides 108 hours of substance abuse treatment and education in each six-month session.

“The Shock Incarceration Program’s success can be attributed to the well-trained and dedicated staff the facilities have to offer, and the support of the forward thinking individuals who created the program 28 years ago. I am grateful for the ongoing commitment made to the program and proud to see such positive results everyday,” said Acting DOCCS Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci.

Since 2009, the Parole Board has approved approximately 80% of the successful Shock graduates. Shock graduates serving determinate sentences are conditionally released without a Parole Board appearance, once they complete the Shock program. Upon graduating most of these participants are supervised in the community by parole officers.

In a recent three year recidivism study that tracked 3,087 shock graduates, 28% returned to DOCCS for either a new felony conviction or violating parole. This is a reduction of one-third from the

overall statewide recidivism rate of 40%.

As of the end of November 2015, there were 728 inmates participating in the Shock Program: 624 men and 104 women. Shock has saved state taxpayers \$1.495 billion since its inception. The savings are a result of keeping the non-violent offenders out of the general population of the state’s 54 prisons with sentence reductions of thirty months or less.

Currently there are two Shock facilities, Moriah (Essex County), and Lakeview Shock (Chautauqua County).

(Story from http://www.doccs.ny.gov/PressRel/2015/50000_Shock_Graduates.pdf)

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Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Corrections Employee to be Recognized by National Association

Harrisburg, PA – Earlier this year, the American Jail Association -- as part of its 35th anniversary celebration -- accepted nominations for young industry leaders. Called "35 under 35," the AJA was looking to highlight the best corrections professionals under the age of 35 who "are making a positive impact on the corrections profession early in their career."

Nominations were due in October, and selections were made in November. Among those set to be recognized in the January/February 2016 issue of *American Jails*, is Pennsylvania's Thomas Greishaw.

Greishaw, 34, is the director of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' Office of County Inspections and Services. The office is responsible for inspecting Pennsylvania county prisons -- which are not under the jurisdiction of the DOC -- to ensure they operate in accordance with Title 37, the commonwealth's minimum operating standards for county prisons and jail.

"Tom truly is the epitome of a corrections professional," said DOC Executive Deputy Secretary Shirley Moore Smeal. "Based on his conscientious determination, unwavering integrity and concern for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations, Tom's recognition as one of the 35 under 35 is well deserved."

Greishaw, who started college work-study with the DOC in 2001 and held an internship in 2003 from Gannon University, began his DOC employment in 2004 working for the Erie Community Corrections Center. He transferred to a Philadelphia CCC serving as a counselor in 2008. Later that same year, he transferred to the Harrisburg CCC. In 2009, he began working as the regional State Intermediate Punishment coordinator for the DOC's Bureau of Community Corrections. For a period of time in 2011, he served as an acting contract facility coordinator. He then served as staff assistant to the DOC's executive deputy secretary from 2011 until 2013, when he was appointed to his current position.

Greishaw, who is a DOC representative on the board of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, has received numerous letters of appreciation from county prison wardens in appreciation for his recommendations, direction and advice.

Nominated by his coworkers for the AJA recognition, Tom's nomination packet highlighted:

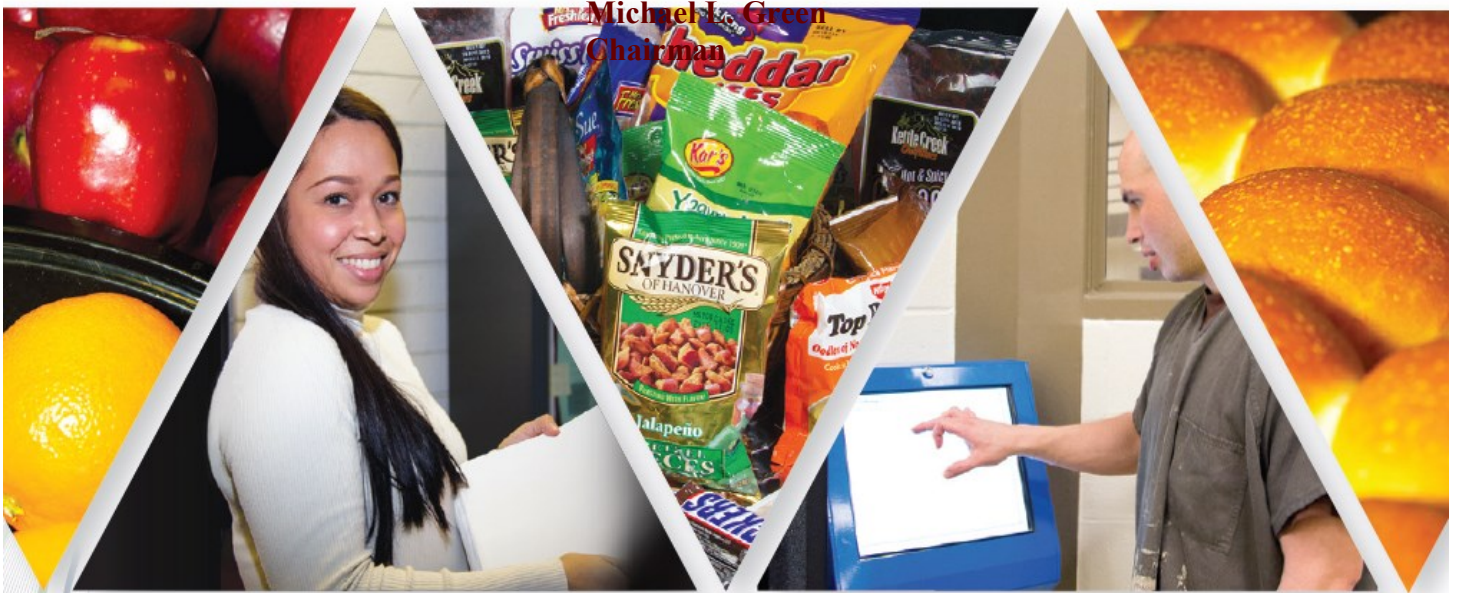
- Notable improvement in the approval ratings of the work and direction of his office.
- Successful and effective ways that Tom has assisted counties to ensure documentation for their inspections, which resulted in time savings for county staff and DOC inspectors.
- Ability to research and provide "best practice" resources for every county jail in Pennsylvania.
- Willingness to reach out to assist Pennsylvania county jails in their implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).
- Recognition for his assistance provided to Northumberland County Prison and the sharing of resources following a fire that completely destroyed their prison and resulted in the relocation of approximately 300 inmates.
- Willingness to assist counties within and outside of Pennsylvania via the Chief Prison Inspector's network.

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