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MASCA Connection

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) held its 2016 Annual Conference from June 12, 2016 through June 15, 2016. The event was held at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

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Conference Workshop



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John Meekins, FL-DOC



2016 Award Recipients



Brendan King, Presenter



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Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you at our 2017 conference!!

Sincerely,

MASCA 2016 Conference
Planning Committee

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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

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Publications & Communications

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 opportunities in our region and are

looking for other ways to serve our membership as well.



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Connecticut

Gov. Malloy: Number of People in Jail for Drug Possession has Reduced 39 Percent Over the Year

Thursday, July 21, 2016

(HARTFORD, CT) - Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that, following the [adoption](#) of his Second Chance Society bill last year, the number of people incarcerated in Connecticut jails for drug possession has been reduced by 39 percent.

The bill, which took effect on October 1, 2015, was designed to continue the progress being made in further reducing the state's dropping crime rate, as well as ensuring that nonviolent offenders successfully reintegrate into society and become productive workers in Connecticut's economy. Among other things, it reduced the penalty for possession of drugs from a felony with a seven-year maximum sentence to a misdemeanor with a maximum of one year in jail.

"We can truly be tough on crime by being smart on crime, and that includes creating a system that focuses on permanent reform, not permanent punishment," Governor Malloy said. "Across the nation,

both Republicans and Democrats are changing their approach to crime reduction towards strategies that are showing successful outcomes. We must do away with the failed policies of the past that plague so many of our communities and move towards reforms that end the cycle of poverty, crime, and prison."

On the day of the bill's effective date, there were 510 people in Connecticut prisons for simple drug possession. Today, that number stands at 311.

In addition, the number of people incarcerated in Connecticut prisons is approaching a 19-year low. Today, the state's total prison population is 15,195, down from 16,084 around this same time last year - a reduction of more than five percent.

"The Connecticut NAACP is pleased with the initial results of the Second Chance legislation and will continue to support Governor Malloy in his comprehensive review and reform of the criminal justice system. Fewer drug related arrests and fewer nonviolent, low-level convictions have resulted in a significant drop in incarceration rates," NAACP Connecticut President Scot X. Esdaile said. "The Connecticut NAACP will continue to call for smart reforms that will ensure reasonable and fair enforcement of laws with the expectation that savings realized will be reinvested in employment and re-entry programs."

"The cruel and unjust drug policies of the past disproportionately tore apart minority and low-income families and communities. Today, because of the Second Chance Society's reforms, Connecticut has decreased racial disparities in our prisons and is closer to righting the wrongs of the past," American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut Interim Executive Director David McGuire said. "This new data shows that Connecticut is on its way toward creating a 21st century justice system. We hope that this drop in the state's prison population will serve as inspiration and encouragement for policymakers to keep moving forward with compassionate, commonsense justice reforms."

(Story from: http://portal.ct.gov/Departments_and_Agencies/Office_of_the_Governor/Press_Room/Press_Releases/2016/07-2016/Gov_Malloy_Number_of_People_in_Jail_for_Drug_Possession_has_Reduced_39_Percent_Over_the_Year)





Delaware

Delaware Department Of Justice Announces Availability Of \$2 Million In Re-Entry Grants

Date Posted: Thursday, July 21st, 2016

*Funds Represent Largest
New State Investment In
Community-Based Re-Entry
Programs In At Least a
Decade*

Attorney General Matt Denn announced Thursday that workshops will be held in early August to explain to non-profit groups how they can apply for grants from \$2 million that has been set aside to support community-based efforts to reduce recidivism among adults and juveniles released from Delaware correctional facilities.

The \$2 million in grant funds were allocated to the state's Criminal Justice Council for this purpose by the Department of Justice, with the agreement of the General Assembly's Joint Finance Committee, from settlements with national banks for alleged misconduct in national financial markets. The workshops will be hosted by the Criminal Justice Council on Wednesday, August 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dover Police Department, 400 S. Queen St., in Dover, and on Thursday, Au-

gust 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Goodwill Center, 300 E. Lea Blvd., in Wilmington. Video of the workshops will also be posted on the websites of both the Delaware Department of Justice and the Delaware Criminal Justice Council for interested non-profit groups that cannot attend.

Grant decisions will be made by the Criminal Justice Council, and the Criminal Justice Council will also monitor recipients' use of the grant funds. Grants will be available in amounts up to \$150,000, and for periods of up to two years, and the grant guidelines employed by the Criminal Justice Council will be designed to ensure that funds are available both to larger organizations with a history of receiving and spending grant monies, and smaller qualified organizations that may not have an extensive history of receiving grants.

"Re-entry programs are a critical part of our state's broader effort to reduce violent crime," Attorney General Denn said. "This is by far the largest new state investment in community-based re-entry programs in at least a decade. It will allow us to keep good established programs afloat, provide an opportunity to expand newer programs, and create an even more clear record that these programs work so that the state can assume funding for them when the settlement funds run out. We are grateful to have the Criminal Justice Council's expert as-

sistance in overseeing the awarding and spending of these funds."

Currently, approximately two-thirds of adult inmates released from Delaware correctional facilities commit new crimes within three years of release that are serious enough to result in their re-incarceration, and an even higher percentage of juveniles are re-incarcerated after being released.

(Story from: http://news.delaware.gov/2016/07/21/reentry_grants)

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District of Columbia

Dr. Stephanie Covington Discusses Gender Bias in Juvenile Justice Models

Monday, July 18, 2016

DYRS Recognizes the Importance of Programming Tailored for Girls and Keeping Them Closer to Home



(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – International expert in gender-responsive and trauma-informed services, Dr. Stephanie S. Covington, visited the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) on July 18, 2016 to facilitate the start of a week-long training for staff on programming that supports the agency's upcoming, monumental launch of "Journey."

"Journey" is a gender-responsive 10-bed unit at New Beginnings Youth Development Center (NBYDC) that will meet the treatment needs of girls committed to the agency while keeping them closer to the District.

"In the United States today, you have more guns than you have people. In our work

today, we're going to be discussing the tremendous impact this violence has on girls, and other issues specific to girls," said Dr. Covington. "Girls overall experiences are vastly different than boys. The wisdom of the moment is that girls should be close to home, and close to their families. When someone is out of state, it makes transition and re-entry that much more difficult."

The opening of "Journey" is momentous for the District in improving local placement options and services for young women committed to DYRS. Historically, the District of Columbia disproportionately sent girls to out-of-state residential facilities due to a lack of local placements.

"DYRS realized the importance of providing girls with programming that is tailored to their specific needs. "Journey" focuses on the psycho-social development and individualized needs of adolescent girls all within a restorative justice framework," said DYRS Director Clinton Lacey. "We are thrilled that Dr. Covington and her team are working with our staff to ensure a successful implementation of her therapeutic model."

The Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement (TIER) model implemented by Dr. Covington incorporates relationship building, Trauma Systems Therapy, self-esteem and self-awareness building, balanced and restorative justice principles,

focus groups, substance abuse treatment education, and participation in vocational programming. The "Voices" program within the TIER model is the therapeutic intervention that promotes girls developing their own identities and not losing their voices during the struggles of adolescence. Along with the incorporation of staff dialogue and feedback, the comprehensive result is a unique, empowering and motivational model exclusive to the needs of girls in the District of Columbia.

The opening of "Journey" reinforces DYRS' mission to keep youth committed to the agency close to home and their families, while also allowing the agency to continue becoming national leaders in gender-specific juvenile justice programming.

(Story from: <http://dyrs.dc.gov/release/dr-stephanie-covington-discusses-gender-bias-juvenile-justice-models>)



MASCA 2016 Annual Conference—Opening Session



Maryland

MASCA ANNUAL AWARDS

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association presented four (04) prestigious awards at its 78th Annual Conference and Training Event in Ocean City, Maryland on June 14, 2016. The awards and names of the 2016 recipients:

Harold Miller Community Service Award is named in honor of Harold Miller of Pennsylvania, MASCA's first President Emeritus, whose career included a strong personal commitment to give back to his community. The Harold Miller Community Service Award honors a criminal justice professional who exemplifies the spirit and example of Harold Miller by making a significant contribution to the betterment of the community at large.

This year's recipient is:

Tya Courtney
Agent
Maryland Division of Parole and Probation - Central Region

Founder's Award is presented to a professional who has demonstrated exceptional efforts to promote professionalism in probation, parole, juvenile justice and/or corrections. MASCA's Founder's Award honors the legacy of commitment of the founding members of MASCA, who organized a regional professional organization in 1938.

This year's recipient is:

Robert Green
Director
Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation

Carl Robinson Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and made significant contributions in the field of corrections. It is named for Warden Carl Robinson of the State of Connecticut who served on the MASCA Board of Trustees and was the posthumous recipient of the E.R. Cass Award, the highest professional honor bestowed by the American Correctional

Association.

This year's recipient is:

Major Craig Rowe, CJM,
Warden
Washington County Sheriff's Office

Sal Russoniello Service

Award is presented to a professional who has demonstrated extraordinary devotion to advancing the educational mission of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association. MASCA's Sal Russoniello Service Award is named for Sal Russoniello, a parole professional from the State of New Jersey, who was the only person to serve two terms as MASCA President.

This year's recipient is:

Captain Michael R. Merican,
Commander
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division



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Health Care Reform The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

National News

Health Care Reform Booklet Available for All Types of Corrections Agencies

Henry Alexander, President Emeritus

The Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA) and American Correctional Association (ACA) have published a booklet entitled Health Care Reform The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The subtitle actually tells the story: A Practical Guide for Corrections and Criminal Justice Professionals. The booklet is divided into four sections.

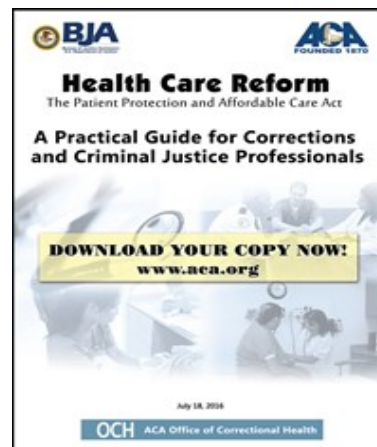
The first section explains many aspects of the Affordable Care Act. It discusses Medicaid and Medicaid expansion (all MASCA states expanded Medicaid), eligibility for state plans, and enrolment strategies for offenders in your institutions or caseloads. There are discussions about how to manage benefits for inmates and budget implications related to the act. There is also a description of how to establish a plan to evaluate your agency's success in implementing a program utilizing the act to help inmates and offenders obtain healthcare.

The second section describes implementation plans. It discusses how to identify stakeholders, information collection and sharing, and describes intercept points where information about offenders' health care can be collected. There are numerous examples taken from different states in this section.

The third section discusses challenges for the future.

Section four contains numerous attachments. One useful attachment is a list of resources for agencies and institutions to use as they work their way through planning and implementation of their program. Another is a set of four agency specific checklists for implementation directed toward the Courts, Probation and Parole agencies, Jails, and Departments of Correction.

The booklet is available free from the ACA website (see the [image](#) below). MASCA is a regional affiliate of ACA.



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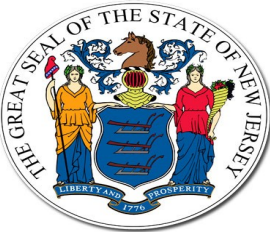
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Additional News NJ
[N.J. is a leader on criminal justice reform. So why this racial disparity?](#)

A new study from the Sentencing Project found New Jersey has the highest racial disparity in the nation among black and white prisoners.

Select this [link](#) for more on this story.

Select this [link](#) for The Sentencing Project website.

New Jersey

Lt. Governor Guadagno Congratulates State Correction Officers Class 237 at Graduation Ceremony

Ceremony Honors 177 Department of Corrections Graduates

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Trenton, NJ – Joining Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner Gary Lanigan today, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno addressed the 177 graduating members of State Corrections Officers, Class 237, at the War Memorial in Trenton. Lt. Governor Guadagno spoke to New Jersey's Department of Corrections graduating class and has shared her sense of dedi-

cation and respect for law enforcement fourteen times at the NJDOC's graduation since taking office in 2010.

"These graduates have made the noble decision to embark on a career path that will transform them into becoming some of the unsung heroes of our state. Not only will their work ensure public safety, but the example they set on a daily basis will play a crucial role in changing each inmates' future for the better," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "I offer my gratitude and congratulations to the Officer Recruits as they embrace their chosen career with pride, courage and character."

Taking the oath of office today symbolizes the successful completion of their training; this graduating class consists of 21 trainees who are veterans, 33 trainees from second or third generation law enforcement families and 59 trainees with degrees of higher education.

Including today's graduating class, New Jersey has welcomed 2,388 new DOC graduates since the beginning of the Christie Administration. Following their graduation, the Correction Officer Recruits will begin their assignments throughout the state.

"The Office of Training provides Corrections personnel with the skills necessary to successfully complete their tasks and to provide for the care, treatment and social reintegration of adult offenders committed to our facilities," said Commissioner Lanigan, who administered the oath of office to the graduates. "I applaud the work of the instructors, and I congratulate our graduates and wish them long, satisfying career."

(Story from: <http://nj.gov/governor/news/news/552016/approved/20160628b.html>)

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 mas-ca.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:

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Month of Newsletter	Content Due Date
October	09/01/16
January	12/01/16
April	03/01/17
July	06/01/17

New York

NYCLU: City Council Must Act Now to Make Police Encounters Safer

July 12, 2016 — The New York Civil Liberties Union [submitted testimony](#) to the New York City Council today offering qualified support for three bills that would require public reporting on the use of force and misconduct by NYPD officers. Although the three bills (539-A, 606-B and 824-A) would increase transparency, the City Council must take more decisive action to change the behavior of NYPD officers and make police encounters safer by passing the Right to Know Act. Under the Right to Know Act, officers would be required to identify themselves at the beginning of a stop and explain a person's right to refuse consent to a search if there is no legal justification for it.

The following statement is attributable to NYCLU Advocacy Director, Johanna Miller:

"The issue of law enforcement violence and abuse directed at communities of color is one of the most painful, fraught and urgent of our time."

"The transparency bills before the council would shed light on the use of force and misconduct by NYPD officers. Although they are important, they lack sufficient mechanisms to bring about changes in police behavior, and could be strengthened by requiring reporting on demographic data to reveal law enforcement's disparate impact on marginalized groups."

"This critical moment demands immediate, real change – not incremental steps. The Right to Know Act is the real change we need. With provisions recommended by President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, the act enjoys majority support in the council. By passing the Right to Know Act, New York City has the opportunity to become a national leader in the movement to change the culture of policing, and to begin to rebuild trust between police and communities."

(Story from: <http://www.nyclu.org/news/nyclu-city-council-must-act-now-make-police-encounters-safer>)

Additional News NY

[Mayor's plan would move teenagers out of New York's Rikers jail](#)

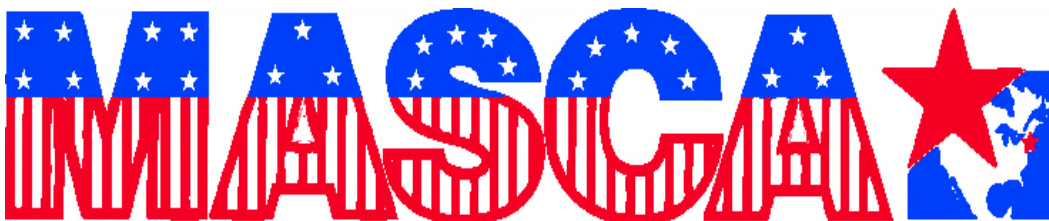
[NYCLU: After National Spate of Killings, We Must Rebuild Trust Between People and Police](#)

[Police Accountability and Criminal Justice Reform Campaigns](#)

[What To Do If You Are Stopped By The Police](#)



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Pennsylvania

2016 Human Trafficking Symposium: Addressing Victims of Sex Trafficking in Pennsylvania

When: September 28, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Days Inn
State College, Pennsylvania

What: The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency will be hosting a one-day symposium on Human Trafficking. The specific focus of the conference will be on child and adult sex trafficking and how federal, state and local authorities and non-profit organizations in Pennsylvania are collaborating to address this important issue in their communities.

Who Should Attend?

We encourage prosecutors, victim service providers, law enforcement, human trafficking task force members, multidisciplinary investigative team members, and other organizations or individuals interested in learning more about child and adult sex trafficking to attend.

Deadline for registration is: September 22, 2016.

[Registration Form](#)

[Human Trafficking Agenda \(Tentative\)](#) (PDF)

A limited number of overnight rooms are available now through August 31, 2016 at the discounted rate of \$79/night for the night of September 27th. Please call the Days Inn at (814) 238-8454 to reserve your room and use Group Code CGRIMD.

Additional PA Training Opportunities

[33RD Annual Crime Prevention Symposium](#)

[2016 Reentry Workshop](#)

[2016 Regional Law Enforcement Technology Forums](#)

Additional PA News

[New Chairman Appointed to PA Board of Probation and Parole](#)

[Senate Confirms Four New State Parole Board Members](#)



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