

# The MASCA CONNECTION

President's Corner

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President Henry Alexander

Welcome to another edition of the MASCA Connection. During the last three months, MASCA has been busy! In January, the MASCA Blue Gills plunged into the Chesapeake Bay to raise money for the Special Olympics. Our team raised \$340.00 and MASCA contributed another \$300.00, making our total contribution to this worthy cause \$640.00!

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In February, MASCA co-sponsored a Reentry Conference in Delaware. The one-day event was attended by about 100 correctional professionals, treatment providers, non-profits, and others associated with offender reentry. The information was timely and pertinent and the persons in attendance gained additional knowledge and tools to use that will help them protect the public as they return offenders to the community successfully.

MASCA and PAPPC are putting the finishing touches on the program for the 2012 annual conference in Hershey, June 17 through 20, 2012. I hope you have made plans to attend as this will be another excellent conference. More details are found in this newsletter and on the MASCA web site.

Finally, don't forget that National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 22–28, 2012. The Office for Victims of Crime describes this week as follows: "For three decades, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has successfully promoted awareness of victims' rights and services and honored countless crime victims and survivors. This year's theme—Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim— calls on us to expand the vision that inspired the movement and celebrate the progress achieved to date. It captures the spirit and resolve needed to realize our common goal of reaching each victim in need of hope and help, one victim at a time." Please remember the victims in your community and get involved in a local activity during this important week.

I'll write more in the next issue, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Hershey!

Happy Reading,

Henry

Henry Alexander, President  
Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association

## Get Involved—MASCA Committees

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is looking for talented members to come out and share their knowledge and skills by volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. For more information, contact a committee chair via e-mail.

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## Connecticut

### Connecticut Releases Sex Offender Recidivism Study by William Burrell

The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management issued its annual report on recidivism. This year's report focuses on recidivism among sex offenders, both those offenders whose most recent term of incarceration is for a sex offense, as well as those originally charged with a sex offense but convicted of some other offense. As Mike Lawlor, the Undersecretary for Criminal Justice Policy and Planning noted in his introduction to the report, "We believe that this will provide policy makers and practitioners with the data and analysis they need to identify sex offenders with a high risk of committing a sex offense upon release from prison." (p. 1)

The study examines the 14,398 offenders released from Connecticut's prisons in 2005, following them for a full five years. There were 746 offenders who had served time for a sex offense and were released in 2005, representing just over 5% of the total. As the report notes, "the sexual recidivism rates for the 746 sex offenders released in 2005 were much lower than what many in the public have

been led to expect or believe." (p. 4) Of the 746 sex offenders, 3.6% were arrested and charged with a new sex offense, 2.7% were convicted of a new sex

offense and 1.7% were sentenced to prison for a new sex offense within the five year follow-up period.

The report shows that many sex offenders engage in other criminal activities. Of those sex offenders released in 2005, 29.2% have committed burglaries and 13.3% have committed robberies. The overall five year recidivism rate (for all crimes) for sex offenders (76%) was comparable to that of the non-sex offenders (78.8%) in the study. So while the sex offenders as a group pose a relatively low risk of future sex offending, they are by no means risk free. It is important to also take note that 25% of the new convictions of sex offenders were for failure to comply with the registration requirements of the Connecticut Sex Offender Registry, and not a new sex offense.

The report also attempt to categorize sex offenders into three overall groups and a number of subgroups. This is an implicit recognition that the law prescribes a variety of behaviors as "sex offenses" and the nature of the crimes can vary significantly. The three categories are child molesters,

rapists and non-contact offenders. While it was not possible to apply this typology to the present study, it suggests that future research should explore differentiating offenders along these or similar lines to help improve the ability to accurately

assess risk. As the report notes, "The real challenge is for public agencies to determine the specific level of risk that the specific offender poses to the public." (p. 10)

This research is notable for a number of reasons. The report:

- includes offenders whose sentence was not for a sex offense but whose underlying crime may have been sexual in nature,
- utilizes a very long follow-up period (five years), and
- introduces a sex offending typology that can help improve understanding of risk of sexual reoffending.

The full report is available on the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management website: [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/recidivismstudy/sex\\_offender\\_recidivism\\_2012\\_final.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/recidivismstudy/sex_offender_recidivism_2012_final.pdf)



# MASCA Word Search

## MASCA Annual Conference

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| Hershey Lodge | Together     |
| Institute     | Training     |
| June          | Working      |

## Delaware



### MASCA Co-sponsors Delaware Reentry Conference by Henry Alexander

As part of its efforts to support the corrections community in its member states, the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association co-sponsored "Doing What Works: Tested Strategies for Reducing Recidivism," a conference held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, DE on February 24, 2012. MASCA was joined in sponsorship of the conference by the Wilmington HOPE Commission, the Delaware Center for Justice and the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware.

More than 100 high-level officials and policy-makers attended, including judges from the United States District Court for Delaware and the Delaware state courts, elected officials, corrections executives, probation and parole staff, service providers and academics.

The conference began with presentations by Christopher Lowenkamp, Ph.D. and William D. Burrell, who were introduced by MASCA President Henry Alexander. Dr. Lowenkamp, of the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services at the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, has been a leader in the implementation of evidence-based practices in the federal probation and pretrial system. His presentation was entitled "The Journey Toward Evidence-Based Practices: Where are We Now?" Mr. Burrell, a MASCA Board member, retired chief of adult probation for the NJ state courts and currently a corrections management consultant, spoke on "Rethinking Reentry: A New Model of Supervision". Following the presentations, the audience and presenters engaged in a lively session of questions and discussion.

Charles Madden, executive director of the Wilmington HOPE Commission, made a presentation on the Wilmington One Stop Reentry Center. This full service program will serve male offenders being released from prison

and returning to Wilmington. The Center is expected to open later in 2012.

The attendees then enjoyed lunch and discussed what they had heard. The MASCA Board of Trustees joined the group for lunch, having held their monthly Board meeting at the Chase Center in the morning. Following lunch, Drewry Fennell, executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Council, facilitated a discussion about next steps. The conference planning committee is currently developing follow-up plans.

The conference generated a good deal of excitement and optimism for the reentry process. The timing of the event was propitious, as Delaware is in the midst of its Justice Reinvestment process, examining ways to make the correctional process more efficient and effective. MASCA is proud to have co-sponsored the event and looks forward to participating further in the Delaware reentry initiatives.

**Plan now to attend MASCA's 2012 Annual Conference**

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## District of Columbia



### DYRS Implements New Initiative to Hold Community Youth More Accountable for Their Behavior

In February 2012, the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services implemented a new tool to hold youth in the community more accountable for their behavior and to provide them with incentives to do well.

(Washington, DC)—In February 2012, the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services implemented a new tool to hold youth in the community more accountable for their behavior and to provide them with incentives to do well. The DYRS Graduated Responses system provides agency case managers with guidelines and tools for (1) applying swift, certain, and immediate sanctions to youth who violate the terms of their community release, and (2) providing incentives and rewards to encourage youth to go to school, stay drug-free, abide by the law, and contribute to the community.

DYRS developed the Graduated Responses system in consultation with the Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP), a public interest law and policy organization based in Washington, D.C. CCLP conducted national research on the most effective methods for guiding the behavior of court-involved youth, and found that using graduated sanctions and incentives together best promotes compliance with rules and progress toward individual goals. The research shows that in order for the responses to be effective, they must be certain, immediate, of the appropriate intensity, fair, and tailored to individual youth.

The Graduated Responses system includes a Sanctions Matrix, which provides ranges of options to respond to youth violations of the terms of community release, and a Positive Behaviors Table, which lists the types of productive youth conduct the agency seeks to encourage. A young person who does not attend school or misses curfew, for example, may be subject to sanctions such as being placed on electronic monitoring or house arrest. On the other hand, a youth who exhibits positive conduct, such as regularly attending work or performing community service, may be rewarded with an iTunes gift card or recognized at an award ceremony. The Graduated Responses system is another DYRS initiative geared towards rehabilitating youth while protecting public safety.

This story can be found at: <http://dyrs.dc.gov/DC/DYRS/About+DYRS/News+Room/Press+Releases/DYRS+Implements+New+Initiative+to+Hold+Community+Youth+More+Accountable+for+Their+Behavior>

### Nancy Ware Sworn in as Director of CSOSA

<http://legaltimes.typepad.com/blt/2012/01/nancy-ware-sworn-in-as-offender-supervision-agency-director.html>

### DYRS Releases First-Ever Comprehensive Annual Report

<http://dyrs.dc.gov/DC/DYRS/About+DYRS/News+Room/Press+Releases/DYRS+Releases+First-Ever+Comprehensive+Annual+Report>

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# Maryland



## Salisbury Safe Streets Program to Aid Ex-Inmates

**QUANTICO** – A multiagency effort supported by funding from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention will soon yield a pilot program aimed at providing job readiness training to ex-inmates.

In early April, 10 outgoing inmates from the Eastern Correctional Institution will be chosen to participate in a trial run of the Offender Re-Entry Program through the Poplar Hill Pre-Release Unit.

Roughly \$35,000 has been reallocated from Salisbury's fiscal year 2011 Safe Streets Grant to fund the program.

ECI warden Kathleen Green said the program's intention is to prepare inmates so they can successfully integrate back into society and not become repeat offenders.

"They become tax-paying, law-abiding citizens and there are less inmates in our correctional facilities and booking centers, and less work for our law enforcement agencies," Green said.

According to Mayor Jim Ireton, the inmates must be Salisbury residents and must be eligible for

work release.

They will complete a four-week employment class conducted by the state Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Inmates will then attend classes at the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation's training center for pre-apprenticeship training in building maintenance, including drywall installation and painting.

Upon completion of these classes, inmates will enter a work preparedness course offered by Goodwill.

Inmates will then be placed into work or apprenticeship opportunities at local businesses and organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity and the Salisbury Ministerial Alliance. Released inmates will be monitored to ensure they are gainfully employed and their employment is within their training area. They will be asked to attend monthly meetings to discuss their job status, serve on an orientation panel for ex-offenders entering the program and serve as mentors to other inmates after they're released.

Ireton said the program is part of the community's effort to become more proactive, rather than reactive.

"We need to do this especially for our African-American male population, so they don't have to approach their mayor and ask for help finding a job," he said. "The first thing they will tell you is (they're unemployed) because

they had to mark off on their job application that they have committed a crime."

Police Chief Barbara Duncan said her department will actively participate in the program, which she believes will "go a long way" in the community.

"This is a natural fit for law enforcement," Duncan said. "The SPD comes in contact with former prisoners on a daily basis."

The city is in its third year as the pilot site for Gov. Martin O'Malley's Safe Streets program, which supports violent crime reduction through multiagency collaboration and information sharing.

Virginia Geckler, chief of policy, research and training for GOCCP, said Salisbury has become a model Safe Streets community for other municipalities throughout the state.

"I see the (Offender Re-Entry Program) as a microcosm of what Safe Streets is already doing -- bringing people to the table, in this case to transform lives," Geckler said.

[http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news\\_stories/in\\_the\\_news/20120202a.shtml](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news_stories/in_the_news/20120202a.shtml)

### Jobs To Prevent Ex-Cons From Falling Back Into Crime

[http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news\\_stories/in\\_the\\_news/20120201a.shtml](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news_stories/in_the_news/20120201a.shtml)

### Correcting Corrections Worldwide: Best Practices Reforming Prisons

[http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news\\_stories/in\\_the\\_news/20120202b.shtml](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news_stories/in_the_news/20120202b.shtml)

# Reentry Service Resources

## Connecticut

- [New Haven Reentry Resource Guide](#)
- Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders [Resources for Prisoners and Ex-Offenders in New England](#)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans in Connecticut](#)

## Delaware

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans in Delaware](#)

## District of Columbia

- [Public Defender Service Directory of Resources](#)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans in the District of Columbia](#)

## Maryland

- Baltimore Citywide Re-entry and Re-integration Steering Committee, [Baltimore Ex-offender Resource Guide](#)
- Maryland Public Television, [Navigating the Road to Reentry: A Community Approach](#)
- Maryland's Peoples Law Library, [Changing Your Criminal Record](#)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans in Maryland](#)

## New Jersey

- Camden County 2-1-1 / Union Organization For Social Service, [The Camden County Smart Book: A Resource Guide for Going Home](#)
- Legal Services New Jersey, [Clearing Your Record: A six-step guide to expunging criminal records in New Jersey](#)
- Mercer County Ex-Offender Re-entry Partnership, [The Mercer County Smart Book: A Resource Guide for Going Home](#)
- New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, [The Essex County Smart Book: A Resource Guide for Going Home](#)
- [New Jersey Resources for People Leaving Prison](#)
- Passaic County Workforce Investment Board / Office of Transitional Services, [The Passaic County Smart Book: A Resource Guide for Going Home](#)
- Union County Department of Human Services and the Office of Transitional Services, [The Union County Smart Book: A Resource Guide for Going Home](#)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans in New Jersey](#)

Information can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/>  
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# 2012 MASCA Conference Update

by

Henry Alexander, MASCA President

Remember to mark your calendars for our 74th Annual Conference. MASCA is partnering with PAPPC to present another excellent conference. The dates are June 17 through 20, 2012 and the location is the Hershey Lodge, in the sweetest place on earth, Hershey, PA. Some of the confirmed training topics are: PTSD, Gang Awareness, Designer Drugs, Polygraph, Veterans Issues, and Justice Reinvestment. One of the confirmed speakers include Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Secretary John E. Wetzel. There will be tours of Milton Hershey School offered as well as a silent auction to benefit the Hershey Ronald McDonald House, several social events and networking opportunities. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, feel free to register by clicking this [LINK](#) for the Registration form.

In addition to the speakers and workshops, the full conference registration fee will also include 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches, as well as a complimentary reception on Sunday evening to kick off the conference! Check the conference pages on the MASCA and PAPPC websites for more information as it becomes available. The Conference registration forms will be posted soon.

## MASCA Awards

Each year MASCA presents three awards to deserving individuals in the field of corrections, the Founders Award, the Carl Robinson Award, and the Sal Russoniello Award. The Founders Award recognizes exceptional efforts to promote professionalism in the fields of probation, parole, juvenile justice and/or corrections. The Carl Robinson Award recognizes extraordinary leadership and made significant contributions to the field of corrections. The Sal Russoniello Award recognizes outstanding contributions to MASCA's training and educational mission.



## 16th Annual Maryland State Police – Polar Bear Plunge

The 16th Annual Maryland State Police—Polar Bear Plunge was held at Sandy Point State Park on Saturday, January 28, 2012. The MASCA Blue Gills, four member plunge team, raised a total of \$640.00. Will you consider taking the plunge with the MASCA Blue Gills in 2013?



# New Jersey



## New Jersey Pursues Drug Court Expansion by William Burrell

Following up on an initiative announced in his reentry plan and State of the State address, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has provided details of his plan to more effectively deal with drug offenders. The plan is based on a significant expansion of the state's drug courts.

New Jersey began drug courts as federally funded pilot projects in Camden and Essex counties in 1996. By 2000, drug courts were designated a "best practice" by the Judiciary. In 2001, state funding was provided to expand the drug courts to cover all 21 counties. By 2004, all counties had operational drug courts. The state's drug courts currently supervise 4,194 offenders and have proven very successful in reducing drug use and recidivism by addicted offenders.

Governor Christie's plan calls for expanding the drug courts by changing the rules for admission. Currently, offenders have to agree to enroll in drug court, making their participation "voluntary". The Governor's plan would authorize judges to mandate participation for offenders who are addicted and otherwise meet the drug court criteria. The expansion of drug court would accommodate between 1,000 and 1,500 "low level" drug offenders.

While most individuals involved with substance abuse treatment and policy have expressed their pleasure at the Governor's plan and the shift in emphasis for drug control policy, sev-

eral questions have been raised.

Is there sufficient treatment capacity to handle this expansion?

New Jersey's drug courts are premised on providing high-quality residential drug treatment for the addicted offender. Increasing the drug court caseload by more than a third would require significant expansion in treatment capacity. Expansion of this scope would likely entail physical expansion of facilities, which is costly and takes time. Would the state's addiction treatment providers be able to expand and still maintain quality?

Will offenders who are mandated to participate be as successful?

Participation in drug court in New Jersey (and most other jurisdictions) is voluntary. This is believed to increase the motivation of the participants, enhance their commitment to sobriety and improve the likelihood of success. While for some in the drug court movement, this "voluntariness" amounts to an article of faith, there is substantial research on "coerced" substance abuse treatment in criminal justice that suggests that mandated participants do as well in treatment as those who enter of their own will. In fact, many will argue that drug courts, particularly those in New Jersey, are just as coercive as they involve participation as an alternative to incarceration in state prison.

Where will the Funding Come From?

Governor Christie is seeding this initiative with \$2.5 million of new money, and acknowledges that

there may need to be additional funding. He said that he would be willing to approach the Legislature for additional funds. The Governor has already enlisted four legislative sponsors, a Republican and a Democrat in both the State Senate and the State Assembly.

He also indicated that savings realized by the Department of Corrections (DOC) from having to house fewer drug offenders would also be directed at this effort. The Governor's plan identifies incarcerated drug offenders as the target for this plan, suggested that the DOC savings would be available. For substantial savings to be realized by the DOC, significant numbers of inmate must be released. Give then treatment capacity concerns, one has to wonder of sufficient numbers can be redirected from DOC to drug courts to realize significant savings.

Targeting offenders already in prison is a departure from the normal path to drug court, which is through the sentencing process. While the NJ Judiciary's Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) has mechanism to "resentence" prisoners to community supervision, that process would have to be adapted for drug courts.

As noted above, professional involved with substance abuse policy and practice have welcomed this shift in the state's position on drug policy. There are some issues to be resolved, but a strong commitment from the Governor is a positive sign that change has come.

## New York



### Buffalo Marks Anniversary of First Veterans Treatment Court

The Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court, the first in the nation, recently celebrated its fourth anniversary. To honor the anniversary, and provide an update on the growth of these critical programs, Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator Jack O'Conner has written the following essay. Jack is a U.S. Army combat veteran of the Vietnam War.

#### Leave No Veteran Behind

With Combat Operations over in Iraq and a drawdown underway in Afghanistan, the fog of war is receding, revealing with startling clarity the troubles many of our veterans are facing at home. While most veterans return to their communities strengthened by their military service, there are far too many who struggle to reengage, with difficulties exacerbated by traumatic brain injury, PTSD, and substance abuse. The facts speak for themselves: since 2004, the number of veterans being treated for mental illness and substance-use disorders has increased 38%. It is estimated that out of the 2.2 million veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, 550,000 have a substance abuse problem. Our veterans had no prior criminal history before they served our country, yet increasing numbers of veterans are appearing before the courts to face charges stemming from substance abuse and mental illness. Rather than put them in jail, at great expense and with little hope for recovery, communities throughout the country must look to Veterans Treatment Courts.

In Buffalo, New York, we recently celebrated the founding of the nation's first Veterans Treatment Court, a program started four years ago by County Court Judge Robert Russell and his Vietnam Veteran Court Coordinator Hank Pirowski. I am honored to serve in the Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court as coordinator for over forty of my fellow veteran mentors. Each week we volunteer to provide support, motivation and guidance to help veterans successfully complete the program.

For me and many of my fellow Vietnam veterans, the transition home from war was jarring. Too many of us turned to drugs and alcohol to cope with our experiences, and although there were some resources available the warrior's mentality often prevented us from asking for help. Today I see our young veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq suffering the same fate. Since the launch of the Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court we have been inundated with calls from jurisdictions seeking to implement a Veterans Treatment Court in response to growing numbers of veterans appearing on court dockets to face charges stemming from substance abuse and mental illness.

In Veterans Treatment Courts, veterans are given the right blend of structure and accountability to help them reconnect with values learned while in the military. Surrounded by their peers, participants are linked to the benefits and services they have earned, with VA representatives and the volunteer mentors helping them access a variety of programs operated at the federal, state and local level. The transformation that takes place in these programs is overwhelming. Walk into any Veterans Treatment Court in the country and you will find veteran defendants who entered the criminal justice system as shells of the proud service-members they once were, standing before the judge at parade rest with their heads held high.

I am humbled to say the Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court has had sixty-five veterans complete the program, and not one of them has been rearrested. Today there are over 80 Veterans Treatment Courts operating in the United States and hundreds more being planned. Veterans who were once on the brink of a debilitating life of substance abuse, mental health disorder, and crime are going back to school, returning them to the workforce, and most importantly, remaining united with their families. For us Veteran Mentors, this court offers the opportunity to come to the aid of our fellow warriors and live our time-honored credo: leave no soldier behind.

George Washington once said, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of early wars were treated and appreciated by our nation." The Vietnam era taught us much about the damage substance abuse and the mental disorders associated with combat can inflict on service men and women. In Veterans Treatment Courts we have the opportunity to ensure that those who volunteer to serve this nation are given the treatment and restoration they have earned. Now is the time to put a Veterans Treatment Court within reach of every veteran in need.

This article can be found on the web at: <http://www.nadcp.org/node/812>

## Pennsylvania



### Governor Corbett Nominates Gary Tennis to Lead Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

Harrisburg – Governor Tom Corbett today nominated Gary Tennis of Philadelphia to serve as secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, which is being created as a result of a 2010 state law.

Tennis is retired from his previous position as chief of the legislation unit in the Philadelphia's District Attorney's Office, where he represented the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association working with the General Assembly.

"Gary Tennis has been a passionate advocate for effective drug and alcohol treatment both within and outside the judicial system," Corbett said. "I am confident his experience will help guide the delivery of quality, effective drug and alcohol services for Pennsylvanians."

In addition to more than 25 years of legislative experience, Tennis served as executive director of the President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws in 1993. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa in 1975 and was a Rhodes Scholarship nominee. He is also a graduate of The University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Tennis's first order of business will be to analyze the provision of drug and alcohol services, which are currently provided through several agencies including the state departments of Health and Public Welfare. The goal is to ensure the highest and most effective care for Pennsylvania citizens struggling with addiction.

Tennis has been charged with taking a common-sense approach to streamlining and eliminating duplication of state drug and alcohol treatment and prevention efforts in Pennsylvania.

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs was created under Act 50 of 2010. It will establish a plan for the management and allocation of state and federal funds used to oversee alcohol and drug prevention, intervention and treatment services. The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs is currently located in the Health and Welfare building. The Pennsylvania Department of Health is assisting in the agency's formation.

[http://www.governor.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/news\\_and\\_media/2999/news\\_releases](http://www.governor.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/news_and_media/2999/news_releases)

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**IN MEMORIAM:**

**JAMES Q. Wilson**  
**Criminologist,**  
**Scholar & Visionary**  
**1931-2012**

Submitted by Anthony J. Czarnecki

Dr. James Q. Wilson, prominent American criminologist and political scientist, died in February 2012 at the age of 80. He taught at Harvard, UCLA, and Pepperdine University in California. Dr. Wilson authored many books, including *Thinking About Crime* (1975), a highly influential volume which theorized that incapacitation was the most likely explanation for decreasing crime rates. He served by appointment of President Lyndon B. Johnson on the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice and was a past president of the American Political Science Association.

Dr. Wilson, along with co-author George Kelling, formulated the famous "broken windows" theory of crime and policing, which revolutionized law enforcement and led to the creation of community policing. The metaphor in this theory suggests that when a window is broken and someone fixes it, it is a sign that disorder will not be tolerated. The window that remains broken signals a tolerance for disorder and crime. This approach led police to pay attention to "quality of life" crimes and public perceptions about community safety.

In 1999, the Reinventing Probation Council, made up of leaders of the American Probation and Parole Association and the National Association Probation Executives embraced Dr. Wilson's theory in their report entitled "Broken Windows Probation: The Next Step in Fighting Crime" published by the Manhattan Institute. It promoted the re-engineering of probation services – emphasizing pro-active, problem-solving partnerships with community organizations, law enforcement, victim groups, and the faith-based community. The model also promoted accountability and performance measurement in dealing with probation recidivism. "Broken windows" probation embraced the public safety mission of probation agencies.

Dr. Wilson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush in 2003. He was once described by U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as "the smartest man in the United States". Dr. Wilson was a graduate of Redlands University in California and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science at the University of Chicago. His legacy and impact on the criminal justice field has been far-reaching, widely acknowledged, and profound.

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## National News

### OJJDP Bulletin Summarizes Juvenile Arrests

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released, "Juvenile Arrests, 2009."

Part of the Juvenile Offenders and Victims National Report Series, this bulletin summarizes 2009 juvenile crimes and arrest data reported by law enforcement agencies across the country and cited in the FBI report, Crime in the United States 2009. Juvenile arrests for violent offenses declined 10% between 2008 and 2009, and overall juvenile arrests fell 9% during that same period. Between 1994—when the Violent Crime Index arrest rates for juveniles hit a historic high—and 2009, the rate fell nearly 50% to its lowest level since at least 1980. Arrest rates for nearly every offense category for both male and female and white and minority youth were down in 2009. However, during 2000–2009, juvenile arrests for robbery rose 15%, and arrest rates for murder were unchanged, so juvenile crime and violence continue to plague many communities.

Resources:

"Juvenile Arrests, 2009" (NCJ 236477) is available online at [www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/236477.pdf](http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/236477.pdf).

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/justinfo/Mar0112.html>

The full report can be found at: <http://static.nicic.gov/Library/025348.pdf>

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### CrimeSolutions.gov Named 1 of 10 Most Significant Criminal Justice Stories of 2011

The Office of Justice Programs is pleased to announce that the June 2011 launch of the CrimeSolutions.gov Web site has been recognized by The Crime Report as one of the "Ten Most Significant Criminal Justice Stories of 2011." CrimeSolutions.gov uses research to provide practitioners information on what programs work in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and victim services. Replicating programs that have a proven track record saves time, money and resources. CrimeSolutions.gov currently has 163 rated programs, with additional programs being evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Resources:

Visit [www.crimesolutions.gov](http://www.crimesolutions.gov).

Read the CrimeSolutions.gov Update Newsletter.

([https://www.ncjrs.gov/eblast/announcement/annc\\_12feb02\\_wb.htm](https://www.ncjrs.gov/eblast/announcement/annc_12feb02_wb.htm))

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## Upcoming Events

**MASCA & PAPPA Conference**  
Hershey, PA  
June 17-20, 2012

**2012 ACA Congress of Correction**  
Denver, CO  
July 20-25, 2012

**APPA Annual Training Institute**  
Indianapolis, IN  
August 12-15, 2012

**ICCA 20TH Annual Research Conference on What Works**  
Orlando, FL  
September 7-13, 2012

**AWEC 2012 Professional Development**  
Little Rock, AR  
September 14-16, 2012

**Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice**  
Little Rock, AR  
September 16-19, 2012

## Grant Opportunity

[OJJDP FY 2012 Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Reentry Program for Demonstration Projects](http://www.ojdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2012/SecondChanceActDemo.pdf)

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## Reentry Service Resources (continued from page 7)

### New York

- [Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Connections: A Guide to Transitional Services in Erie County](#)
- [Center for Law and Justice, Inc., On Your Own: Information and Resources for Persons Formerly Incarcerated, and their Families, in the Capital District](#)
- [Crown Heights Community Mediation Center, Reentry Resource Directory 2008-2009](#)
- [Dutchess County Criminal Justice Commission, Community Re-Entry Book](#)
- [Monroe County Library System, Making Moves: A Handbook for Ex-Offenders Returning to the Rochester, NY and Monroe County Are](#)
- [National H.I.R.E. Network, How To Get and Clean Up Your New York State Rap Sheet](#)
- [National H.I.R.E. Network, Know Your Rights: Understanding Juvenile & Criminal Records and Their Impact on Employment in New York State](#)
- Safer Monroe Area Reentry Team [Services & Resources](#)
- [New York State Department of Labor, The Prime Objective: A Guide to Preparing the Job Seeking Ex-Offender](#)
- [Reentry Net/NY](#)
- [Reentry Net/The Bronx Defenders, The Consequences of Criminal Charges: A People's Guide](#)
- [Re-thinking Reentry](#) is the blog of the Upper Manhattan Reentry Task Force, a project of the [Center for Court Innovation](#) and New York City Mayor's Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator. The blog provides updates on the Task Force's work and links to other relevant news and resources.
- [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Catskills, Coming Back to Ulster County](#)
- [Upper Manhattan Reentry Task Force, Welcome Home: A Resource Guide for Reentrants and Their Families](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans](#)
- [Westchester Council on Crime and Delinquency, Westchester Connections](#)

### Pennsylvania

- [Pennsylvania Statewide Community Resource Directory](#)
- [Pennsylvania County Community Resource Directory Supplement](#)
- [National H.I.R.E. Network, How to Get and Clean Up Your Pennsylvania Rap Sheet](#)
- [Philadelphia Mayor's Office for Reentry of Ex-Offenders](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans in Pennsylvania](#)

Information taken from internet at: <http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/>

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