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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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INSIDE CEC



"After a lifetime dedicated to providing quality corrections-based services, I have decided to resign from CEC to continue this mission in different but related areas. CEC has a solid team of focused managers dedicated to the continuance of quality services for our government partners. I feel confident that I am leaving at a time when CEC is strong, healthy and poised for growth."

- John J. Clancy, Chairman and CEO

CEC Growth Under Founder John J. Clancy

AT ITS LARGEST OPERATIONAL CAPACITY, CEC HAD OVER 4,000 EMPLOYEES, HELD 100 SEPARATE CONTRACTS, AND SERVED OVER 30,000 INDIVIDUALS IN 22 STATES.

1996

Established as One Operating Facility; Harbor opens with 35 employees

1999

CEC moves West; Acquires Adult Facilities in CO, SD & WY. Acquires Juvenile Programs in SC, UT, CO & MT

2005

Wyoming & Colorado Facilities Expanded; 18 Facilities Operational; adds 1150 beds

2009

Assumed Operation of Delaware County PA contract, 1883 beds

2012

Acquisition of MinSec. CEC Becomes Largest Provider of Reentry Services in PA

2000

Delaney Hall Opens; 15 Facilities Operational

2008

Bo/Hoffman/Delaney/Tully/Harbor/SD expansions completed; Columbiana, Alabama Opens; 2512 beds added

2011

Immigration Detention Reform Facility at Delaney Hall

1997

Bo Robinson & Tully House Open; adds 548 beds

2007

Acquisition of CiviGenics; Operations in 22 states - serving 20,000 individuals

2010

CEC Opens in Bermuda

1998

Talbot Hall Opens

2001

Coleman, Liberty & Logan Halls Open; adds 946 beds

2014

75 Facilities Operational; Community Corrections, In-Prison and Secure Facilities

"Mr. Clancy's success at CEC cannot simply be measured in facilities, contracts or facts and figures. His legacy here is marked with the thousands of faces that have passed through CEC's halls and realized that a life of crime and addiction was not all there was. For that single hope, we are eternally grateful."

- CEC Alumni Association

CEC Announces the Resignations of John J. Clancy, Dr. Robert Mackey & Maria Carnevale



"As I move forward, I am pleased to be joined by Dr. Mackey and Mrs. Carnevale in our continued effort to expand treatment services to those in need throughout New Jersey. Over the coming months, we will work closely with a CEC team throughout the transition process. During this time, I fully expect CEC's quality operations and customer service to continue at the same high level."

- John J. Clancy, Chairman and CEO

Community Education Centers, Inc. announced that John J. Clancy, Chairman and CEO, Dr. Robert Mackey, Senior Vice President of Reentry Operations, and Maria Carnevale, Assistant to the Chairman, have resigned from the company effective January 2, 2015.

Mr. Clancy said this decision was motivated by a desire to focus on new opportunities to provide services to alumni of our facilities and the general public through the Affordable Care Act as well as the expansion of aftercare and outpatient services to criminal justice and addicted populations.

As Chairman and CEO of CEC, Mr. Clancy was responsible for founding the company in 1996 and developed its mission to provide effective and humane reentry treatment and detention management services. Mr. Clancy led CEC through several strategic acquisitions and oversaw the company's significant growth to become the nation's leading reentry service provider. Mr. Clancy, Dr. Mackey, and Mrs. Carnevale all played key roles in the development of CEC's successful operational model that provided innovative reentry and detention management services in 17 states and Bermuda. ■

Talbot Hall's December Alumni Meeting a Tribute to John J. Clancy and Robert Mackey, PhD



L to R: Arthur Townes, Director of CEC Alumni Association; Keith Hooper, Operations Manager, Talbot Hall and John J. Clancy, Chairman and CEO addresses the crowd at the special event

With the announcement of the resignations of John J. Clancy and Dr. Robert Mackey, Talbot Hall's December Alumni meeting was held as a tribute to both individuals for their lifetime work in the field of reentry treatment. A large crowd attended the special evening that provided an enormous banquet meal cooked on premises by volunteers of staff and residents. Many alumni of the New Jersey facilities attended the meeting to share their experience of recovery from substance abuse that was introduced to them as one element of the reentry

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CEC Announces Two Senior Level Appointments

CEC has named Steve Tomlin as the new Senior Vice President of Reentry Operations. Mr. Tomlin previously served as the Vice President of the Eastern Region and in his new role he will oversee all national reentry treatment services and research efforts. The company also announced that Rodney Brockenbrough, formerly the Deputy Regional Manager of the Eastern Region, will assume Mr. Tomlin's role as Vice President of the Eastern Region.

With over 20 years of experience in the fields of substance abuse, reentry and criminality. Mr. Tomlin is a national leader in reentry treatment services. An experienced

(NAADAC). He also served as a charter Board Member of both PAADAAC and CAMA-PA. He is a PA Board Certified Chemical Addiction Counselor and Certified Clinical Supervisor. Mr. Tomlin holds a Master's degree in Human Services.

Rodney Brockenbrough has more than 30 years' experience as an administrator in the corrections field. Mr. Brockenbrough served as Deputy Commissioner for Operations for the Philadelphia Prison System (PPS) from May 2006 to November 2009. In this position, he was responsible for operational oversight of the six PPS



Steve Tomlin
Senior Vice President
of Reentry Operations

"Both Steve Tomlin and Rodney Brockenbrough are longtime employees of CEC and are well versed in our quality operations. I am fully confident that their leadership and experience will be instrumental in the future growth of CEC."

- John J. Clancy
Chairman and CEO



Rodney Brockenbrough
Vice President of the Eastern Region

authority on clinical and operational oversight, his current regional responsibilities include over 40 sites with a service capacity of 14,000 individuals. A content expert on facility start-up and program design, he has lead activations and transitions of both acquired and merged entities.

In addition, he serves as governmental liaison, working with local and national leaders shaping public policy on issues confronting the criminal justice system. Mr. Tomlin's professional affiliations include ACA, CAMA, APPA, MASCA, PAPPC, DASPOP, and National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

facilities, housing over nine thousand inmates; direct supervision of the six facility Wardens; the administration of a multi-million dollar capital budget; management of the system's emergency preparedness and response protocols; administration of food service, commissary and maintenance contracted services; and supervision of city-operated maintenance services, as well as a number of specialized units to include Transportation, Honor Guard, Emergency Management Unit, K-9 and others. Mr. Brockenbrough holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, having graduated Summa Cum Laude from American Intercontinental University. ■

NCCHC Names Casper Re-Entry Center, Wyoming, Facility of the Year for Medical Services



L to R: Lavina Wright, Deputy Director of Medical Operations; Linda Pansulla, Director of Medical Operations; Melony Woodall, Health Services Administrator at Casper Re-Entry Center; Marlene Riordan, Vice President of Health Care Services; Eileen Chokov, Director of Outcomes Management accepting the NCCHC Award for Facility of the Year Award for Medical Services

"We are very grateful to the NCCHC for being awarded the R. Scott Chavez Facility of the Year Award for 2014. The medical staff at the Casper Re-Entry Center (CRC) have demonstrated exemplary professionalism which resulted in this esteemed award. I am proud of our medical staff at CRC as well as all our facilities that work very hard on a consistent basis to provide the best in health care services to our residents."

**- Marlene Riordan
Vice President of Health Care Services**

The prestigious honor of the R. Scott Chavez Facility of the Year 2014 has been awarded to the Casper Re-Entry Center (CRC) in Casper, Wyoming by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). CRC was selected as the winner from over 500 jails, prisons and juvenile confinement facilities that participate in the NCCHC nationwide accreditation program.

In keeping with CRC's tradition of creating innovative programs designed to meet the individual needs for individuals in the rehabilitative treatment program, the medical group at the facility initiated a unique Wellness Program. Developed by Melony Woodall, Health Services Administrator (HSA) at CRC, and with the support of Director Rick Catron, the Wellness Program helps residents learn techniques for healthy living and stresses the importance of maintaining physical health in addition to cognitive restructuring programming offered at the facility.

The dedicated staff at CRC's medical program include Melony Woodall, HSA; Corrin Conticello, LPN; Will Zimmer, RN; and Amber Loughlin, RN, as well as dental, medical and psychiatric professionals.

The Wellness Program consists of behavior modification, preventative medicine and lifestyle modification. Residents attend a daily seminar and participate in workout programs, yoga, Presidential Physical Fitness and evening meditation. Upon intake residents are

given the "Breaking Free" booklet authored by Ms. Woodall with helpful tips for healthy living. A health profile is determined and progress is monitored.

"It is an honor to be recognized for our dedication to improving the health of the population we serve that has been found to have a higher prevalence of preventable chronic diseases and conditions," said Melony Woodall, HSA. *"I felt it was imperative that we create an environment that encourages residents to accept responsibility for their health and to teach them how to take a more proactive role in preventing and treating chronic health conditions through lifestyle and behavior modifications that they can take with them upon their release back into our communities."*

The NCCHC auditor was very impressed with the cohesiveness of the security and medical staff, as well as the specific treatment designed for Native Americans that is in place at the facility.

The Casper Re-Entry Center provides extensive medical services to approximately 150 males from the Wyoming Department of Corrections and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The facility has a capacity of 400 males and females.

Read the full story on the web at:
www.cecintl.com



CEC Awarded STOP Program For Los Angeles County, CA

CEC is extremely proud to announce the award of the STOP Program (Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming) for Los Angeles County from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The STOP program is a system of six Program Areas (of which Program Area 5 – Los Angeles County, has the largest participant population) throughout the State to facilitate and coordinate placement of parolees into transitional services post incarceration.

STOP has been developed by the CDCR’s Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) and highlights the agency’s rehabilitative mission of prisoner reentry by focusing on assessed risk and need targeted educational and vocational training, substance abuse treatment and pre-employment transitional services, thereby supporting each offender’s successful reentry to the community.

CEC will operate a Placement Office that will assign and coordinate inmates transitioning from institutional care to community care in Los Angeles County. Individuals that have been released from prison and are under active parole supervision will be eligible for services, with priority given to those that are in their first year of release and have demonstrated a moderate to high risk to offend, as identified by the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) reentry assessment tool. Additionally, other parolees who encounter difficulty during their period of supervision may also be referred to CEC services in Los Angeles County by their Agent of Record.

The Placement Office will use evidence-based

assessment tools which will determine evaluation and referral for community programming in the Los Angeles region. The subcontracted community-based referral facilities will be responsible for providing a wide variety of reentry programming services that include: individual assessments, case planning, case management, substance use disorder treatment, cognitive behavioral therapy, life skills, community and family reunification services, employment readiness and connections to transitional and full-time employment. CEC will be charged with providing oversight, training and case management support for all Los Angeles County community-based subcontractors providing services to the STOP population.

“CEC staff are well prepared to serve the CDCR and Los Angeles County for all treatment and referral needs, in a joint effort to protect communities and help those reentering society,” said Dan Lane, California State Director.

The STOP Placement office will be located in Long Beach, in a building immediately adjacent to CEC’s current Long Beach Community Correctional Re-Entry Center. The STOP Offices will be staffed by twenty-two experienced professionals who will provide administrative, clinical, fiscal, quality assurance, evidence-based programming fidelity and training in the delivery of all STOP community-based services in Los Angeles County. ■

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8 out of 8 facilities Awarded ACA Accreditation with 100% Scores



Casper Re-Entry Center, Casper, WY



Penn Pavilion, New Brighton, PA



Alle Kiski Pavilion, Arnold, PA



Walker Hall, Philadelphia, PA



Community Alternatives of El Paso Colorado Springs, CO



Tooley Hall Denver, CO



Arapahoe County Residential Center Littleton, CO



Oxford Philadelphia, PA

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“I want to thank all the staff at each facility for their efforts that resulted in these outstanding scores for ACA accreditation. The work of our staff is greatly appreciated and their efforts provide those we care for with a second chance to live new and meaningful lives.”

**– Dr. Robert Mackey
Senior Vice President of
Reentry Operations**



CEC Facilities Pass PREA Audits

Two Facilities Exceed Standards

CEC is pleased to announce that the first seven facilities to undergo a PREA audit (Prison Rape Elimination Act) have successfully passed, with two facilities having received the distinction of passing the audit by exceeding PREA standards. The audits took place over the summer and fall of 2014. The audits have examined several populations including Community Corrections, Secure Division and Juvenile facilities.

All facilities examined were found to be PREA Compliant:

- Cheyenne Mountain Re-Entry Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Casper Re-Entry Center, Casper, Wyoming
- Camp Aspen, Columbia, South Carolina
- Talbot Hall, Kearny, New Jersey
- Albert M. "Bo" Robinson Assessment & Treatment Center, Trenton, New Jersey
- Columbiana County Jail, Lisbon, Ohio
- Ector County Correctional Center, Odessa, Texas

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 by Congress. The purpose of the act was to "provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and

to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape".

CEC has developed a system that is in effect at each facility designed to increase awareness on reporting an incident and offer support in the event an incident occurs. Staff have been trained on PREA requirements and CEC has created a poster & pamphlet campaign to spread awareness and provide phone numbers for reporting. Pamphlets are distributed to each offender on intake that include phone numbers to report an incident and phone numbers for local resource centers that have an understanding to provide confidential emotional support to the victim.

The audits were conducted by a certified Department of Justice PREA auditor at each facility who in turn made recommendations to the Department of Justice regarding PREA compliance.

Two New Jersey facilities, Talbot Hall in Kearny, and the Albert M. "Bo" Robinson Assessment & Treatment Center in Trenton have the distinction of exceeding the PREA standards determined by the Department of Justice.

CEC is very proud that all seven facilities audited thus far have been found to be compliant with PREA standards, and wishes to congratulate the staff at all facilities who worked hard to produce these outstanding results. ■

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treatment programming they were provided with at CEC facilities. The Alumni Association is comprised of former residents of CEC facilities that underwent treatment programming which includes assessments, substance abuse treatment, counseling, educational and vocational training and support from other alumni members in the association that serves as the aftercare component in CEC's continuum of care.

Mr. Clancy and Dr. Mackey were presented with plaques of appreciation from Arthur Townes, Director of Alumni and Keith Hooper, Supervisor of Operations at Talbot Hall. Each alumni took their turn at the microphone to share a deep gratitude for the care and support given to them by Mr. Clancy, Dr. Mackey and the staffs at the facilities. The night was complete with laughter and tears as countless stories were relayed that were testament to lives capable of change, dreams realized, and families reunited through the CEC treatment mission. ■

EASTERN NEWS

NEW JERSEY Read the full story on the web at: www.cecintl.com

Tyrone Wheeler, aka Oswu Bennu, graduates from Essex County Community College with honors and a 3.92 GPA, after attaining his GED while being a resident at Tully House in Newark. He is currently attending Seton Hall University on a full scholarship, majoring in Business Administration with a 4.0 GPA.



Tully House Director Darryl Hooper, Deputy Director Ron Morrison, Manager of Special Services Leighton Newlin and Manager of Education Ms. Debra Wilson-Saunders, encouraged and assisted Mr. Wheeler to continue his education. The residential reentry facility offers substance abuse treatment, counseling, family services, educational and alumni programming.



Talbot Hall enjoyed a day of music and readings that highlighted the contributions, history and talent of Hispanic Americans in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Readings, music and regional cuisines were shared from several different countries.



Talbot Hall in Kearny held a successful family night at Thanksgiving time. Families expressed gratitude for an opportunity to be together and strengthen family bonds. Emphasis on positive activities through craft making and healthful interaction contributed to an enjoyable evening for all families in attendance.



Alumni of New Jersey distributed Thanksgiving turkeys and food to the needy throughout the northern New Jersey area. In addition, members got together to feed the homeless at Trinity UAME Methodist Church in Newark.

A celebration of creative energy and talent thrived at Talbot Hall's "Creative Day". Residents participated in an outstanding performance that served as a platform for personal expression through rap, music, dance, song, recreation and cuisine.

"Participation in activities such as Creative Day helps on an educational, social and physical level to encourage healthy thinking and promote positive behavior. We are pleased to provide this opportunity that allows individuals to experience creative thinking and pro-social activity."

- Sheila Leonardo, Director, Talbot Hall



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Hoffman Hall Hosts Clinical "Retreat Day"

As part of CEC's commitment to deliver the best clinical care possible for the transitioning offender, a committee was formed that aims to disseminate information to staff and act as a resource for the treatment team. The committee is comprised of CEC clinical treatment personnel under the leadership of Dr. Robert Mackey, Senior Vice President of Reentry Operations, who developed the idea of "Clinical Retreat" days as a way for the staff to exchange ideas and learn about new topics in the reentry treatment industry.

"We developed the idea of a 'Clinical Retreat Day' as a way to distribute knowledge that is current in the industry, and allow staff an opportunity to exchange methods of handling situations and challenges they encounter in the clinical setting," said Dr. Mackey.

A group of CEC's Eastern Regional clinical staff recently attended a day of learning and fellowship at "Clinical Training & Retreat Day," held at Hoffman Hall in Philadelphia. Clinical staff from Pennsylvania's Coleman & Hoffman Halls, ADAPPT, Chester, Veteran's Safe Haven, Broad Street, Oxford and Walker Halls gathered in the large lecture hall at Hoffman Hall to hear industry experts address topics in the field of correctional treatment. ■

CEC Joins PRO-ACT Recovery Walks!



September is National Recovery Month and CEC celebrated by participating in the annual PRO-ACT Recovery Walks! (Pennsylvania Recovery Organization-Achieving Community Together) event in Philadelphia, the largest Recovery Walk in the country. Staff, residents and alumni joined the walk with thousands of others on a beautiful September 20th day that began early at Penn's Landing.

"To see so many gathered in support of recovery was a great experience. It is empowering to share the journey of recovery and walk united for this great cause."

- Arthur Townes, Director, CEC Alumni Association

ADAPPT Welcomes New Day Reporting Center



ADAPPT in Reading, Pennsylvania has expanded its many varied service areas with the addition of a Day Reporting Center (DRC) that has been in operation since late June. Located one block from ADAPPT, it shares a location with the Outpatient Treatment Center and maintains a roster of fifteen to twenty participants on a daily basis. Participants are referred from Parole and the Bureau of Community Corrections (BCC).

"The ADAPPT DRC will focus on employment or under-employment for the participant and working with community resources responsive to assessed risk and needs. We are pleased to provide CEC's traditional services in this alternative treatment venue at the new center."

**- Steve Tomlin
Vice President of the Eastern Region**

Three mandatory programs are in effect at the new center and additional trainings are available as well. The focus at the center is on gaining employment. Headed by Aaron Gilmer, Counselor, participants are required to be involved with three programs: Networking and Barriers, Employment Skills, and Community Involvement and Interaction. ■



Residents of ADAPPT (Alcohol & Drug Addiction Parole & Probation Treatment), a residential reentry facility in Pennsylvania help out the City of Reading in a park cleanup this fall. ADAPPT provides comprehensive treatment services to approximately 180 men and women that are recommended from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. ADAPPT also provides outpatient treatment and Day Reporting in a complex of buildings in the town of Reading.

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Philly Staff Volunteer at Philabundance

In a demonstration of CEC's commitment to community service, a group of over thirty staff employees from three Philadelphia facilities arrived ready to work for Philabundance, a local organization that feeds the hungry through the Delaware County area. Staff from Philadelphia reentry centers Coleman Hall, Hoffman Hall and Oxford spent the day sorting and packing food to be distributed to the many food cupboards, emergency kitchens and shelters that Philabundance supports from their Hunger Relief Center in South Philadelphia.

"We are very proud of the staff at Coleman, Hoffman and Oxford for volunteering at Philabundance," said Steve Tomlin, Vice President of the Eastern Region. *"We have great staff at our Philadelphia facilities who consistently volunteer their time to bring service to local community organizations, upholding CEC's commitment to giving back to the community."*

Included in this first annual volunteer effort were Dr. Bertee Thomas Jr., Campus Administrator, Coleman & Hoffman Halls; Al Stuhl, Philadelphia Community



Staff from Coleman & Hoffman Halls, and Oxford volunteered their time with Philabundance to help feed the hungry

Relations Manager; Agnes Brown, CEC Oxford Director; and Fred Shapiro, Coleman Hall Director. A special thanks goes to Coleman Hall Administrative Assistant Ms. Miller for her tireless efforts in coordinating participation for the event. ■



CEC Chester Introduces Mental Health Treatment Program

CEC's Chester, Pennsylvania location is proud to introduce a new Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) program for mental health treatment into the roster of services provided at the residential reentry center. The FACT program was implemented in April of 2014 and is contracted to accommodate nine individuals from Delaware County and ten individuals from the Department of Corrections. Residents for both contracts are referred out for their mental health services, which are administered by certified licensed counselors.

"We are very pleased to work in conjunction with the Department of Corrections and Delaware County to deliver the FACT program to residents at our facility," said Janeen Crews, Director of Chester. *"We have residents that will benefit from mental health treatment. It is a great support to the reentry programming we provide at the facility, which is designed to help residents transition into the community with a positive start."*

The program is an altered clinical model that is adapted from an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) approach

designed for treating individuals with severe mental illness. The FACT program in effect at Chester uses the ACT model with alterations for addressing the needs of those involved in the criminal justice system. It uses small participant to staff ratios and includes a combination of disciplines that incorporate psychiatry, nursing, addiction counseling and vocational rehabilitation.

An October 2013 report published by SAMHSA by Joseph P. Morrissey, PhD, claims studies done on the ACT program have shown positive results in its effectiveness to limiting days spent in the psychiatric hospital and in promoting housing stability. Attention is recently focused on the need for mental health treatment that specifically addresses the needs of the criminal justice population. The Chester facility is proud to be working in conjunction with Delaware County and the Department of Corrections in this much needed area of treatment and is so far experiencing good results with the residents. The average stay for residents in both populations is six to nine months. ■

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Tommy Newell, Housekeeping Supervisor at Veteran's Safe Haven, helped a woman on the street outside the facility as she was attacked in the Philadelphia neighborhood. Mr. Newell came to the woman's defense until the police came, and the attacker fled.



Veteran's Safe Haven Thanksgiving Party

Staff of Safe Haven prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal to the resident Veterans at the Philadelphia facility. Safe Haven is a specialized program operating in conjunction with the Veterans Administration and Safe Haven. The program aims to provide homeless veterans with a place to stay and provide services unique to veterans needs.



ALABAMA

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ATEF Female Residents Plan Holiday Toy Donation for Less Fortunate Children



Female residents of ATEF made outstanding rocking toys in their vocational training program at the facility. The toys will be donated as holiday gifts to children's organizations and a children's hospital.

"This collaborative effort has been a win-win for all involved. We are very grateful to be in partnership with others in the provision of viable skills and treatment that are designed to transition offenders back to society as productive citizens."

**- Gary Hetzel
Director of ATEF**

The female residents at the Alabama Therapeutic Education Facility (ATEF) are sharing the spotlight for the success of the carpentry project that created the outstanding rocking toys which were recently donated to the Birmingham Children's Hospital and Adullam House for Children.

On July 28, 2014 in partnership with J.F. Ingram State Technical College (ISTC), ATEF expanded their programming to include vocational training for its female residents. The women have been offered the unique opportunity to obtain vocational job skills in areas such as carpentry, plumbing, welding, upholstery and HVAC. In addition, the women may also test to become certified forklift drivers.

"Who says the men are the only ones who can do handy work? I'm going to start my own plumbing company!" stated one resident.

ATEF is a joint effort between the Alabama Department

of Corrections, Alabama Postsecondary Education and CEC. Specialized training is provided by instructors of ISTC.

The vocational training has had a tremendous impact on the women as a whole. For some it has sparked a light of positive self-esteem, and for others it has been an eye-opening experience to undiscovered talents.

ATEF is a residential reentry facility that provides specialized programming for male and female residents. The female residents are provided with gender-specific programming, substance abuse treatment, family services, educational and vocational training and alumni services.

To all of the children of both The University of Alabama Birmingham Children's Hospital and Adullum House the women of ATEF would like to say enjoy the labors of love and Happy Holidays!



SECURE FACILITIES

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George W. Hill Correctional Facility Participates in Annual Community Safety Day



George W. Hill Correctional Facility CERT team and K9 Officer team at Community Safety Day

Staff from the George W. Hill Correctional Facility (GWHCF) in Thornton, Pennsylvania were proud to be invited to the annual Community Safety Day that took place October 4 in Upper Chichester Township. Members of the GWHCF's Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the K9 units gave a demonstration of the specialized training they have received to the community in attendance.

"We are honored to return to the Community Safety Day event and show the public we are ready to provide safety and protection," said Richard Leach, Chief of Security for GWHCF. *"It is our pleasure to take this opportunity to show gratitude for allowing us to serve and protect."*

CERT Officers undergo special training to protect the community in potentially threatening situations and basic disaster response skills. GWHCF is a regional training center for the K9 Units of local law enforcement agencies to train for U.S. Police Canine Association certification. The K9 Units are a popular part of the Community Safety Day event, as the K9 officer demonstrations are a real crowd pleaser.

GWHCF accommodates 1883 inmates from Delaware County and provides an array of transitional services including substance abuse treatment, educational and vocational training, health care services, parenting and anger management classes. ■

O H I O

Columbiana County Jail Support Vets Appreciation Picnic

CEC and the staff of the Columbiana County Jail were proud to support the Veterans Appreciation Picnic that took place in August at the VA Clinic in East Liverpool, Ohio. The local event drew over 700 attendees from near and far and was a great opportunity to show appreciation to veterans for their service. Crowds were on board with enthusiasm for the good cause and the weather couldn't have been better.



"We are honored to support the annual Veterans Picnic as a way to say 'Thank You' and show our appreciation for those that served our country." CEC and the staff at the Columbiana County Jail are proud to be a part of this event and acknowledge our veterans on a local level, as well as throughout the country for their selfless service."

**- Gary Grimm
Warden of the Columbiana County Jail**

Several staff members from the Columbiana County Jail attended the picnic, including Warden Grimm and Correctional Officer Gene St. John, whose dad is a veteran of the Korean War, who looks forward to the picnic every year. Donations are secured from local organizations and businesses to hold the annual picnic so veterans can be treated to a day of enjoying ample food, music and a chance to reacquaint. The Committee for the Veterans Appreciation Picnic hosts the event that is an open invite to veterans and their families and friends.

The Columbiana County Jail is proud to participate in many community events. It maintains involvement in local endeavors offering support to law enforcement and doing maintenance at community properties. The Jail accommodates 192 males and females from the county, offering substance abuse treatment, education counseling and medical and dental services. ■

T E X A S

Kinney County Detention Center Honors Veteran's Day



Staff and veteran staff pictured L to R: Raquel Earwood, HR Dept.; Sgt. Yessica Carrillo, A card Shift Supervisor; Nurse James Drinan, veteran U.S. Army medic in Iraq Desert Storm; Warden John Bealefeld (in back), retired U.S. Army military policeman in Iraq Desert Storm; Intake Assistant Officer Violeta Gaona, veteran quartermaster U.S. Army twice in Iraq 2004 and 2006; Intake/Transport Sgt. Laura Juarez and Front Receptionist Jessica Garza.

Staff at the Kinney County Detention Center in Brackettville, Texas celebrated Veteran's Day by acknowledging those that served our country. The facility is fortunate to have several staff members that are veterans. Sgt. Juarez baked a cake and a pie for the veterans to enjoy as a way of saying thanks for their service. All were very proud of their veteran colleagues and grateful for the acknowledgment.

Staff participates in 9/11 tributes

Several members of the staff attended the 9/11 memorial ceremony at the Brackettville, Texas, Courthouse in an effort to gather with others to acknowledge the impact of 9/11, reflect and remember lives lost as well as those that worked tirelessly in rescue capacities.

"We will never forget; by this commemoration we keep the day's events and tears in our minds and memory," said Warden John Bealefeld. "It was one of America's worst days but we were unified as a country, reminding us of what we stand for. In honoring the memory of those killed on 9/11 and their families left behind, today here in Brackettville we remain true to our commitment to freedom and democracy."

Kinney County is located in southern Texas. The Detention Center accommodates 384 inmates from the U.S. Marshal's Service. ■

WESTERN NEWS

COLORADO

CAE Renewal Awarded

CEC is pleased to announce the re-award of the contract for the provision of services at the Community Alternatives of El Paso in Colorado Springs (CAE), Colorado. CEC provides



Community Alternatives of El Paso, Colorado Springs, CO

community corrections services to a capacity of 225 male and female residents from the Colorado Department of Corrections and the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice. The contract began July 1 and will be in effect for one year. ■

Heroes of CMRC Assist in Saving a Life



L to R: LPN Kris Turner, Director Steve Hartley, and Operations Counselor Jayson Tanner of Cheyenne Mountain Re-Entry Center in Colorado Springs. LPN Turner and OC Tanner came to the aid of a resident in cardiac arrest, and quickly administered CPR and used an A.E.D. An ambulance was called and the resident was transported to a hospital where the resident is recovering.

ACRC, Colorado, Marks 12 Years Walking Race for the Cure®



Staff, residents and alumni of the Arapahoe County Residential Center helped spread awareness of breast cancer by joining the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®

Staff, residents, sponsors and alumni of the Arapahoe County Residential Center (ACRC) in Littleton, Colorado, gathered for the twelfth consecutive year to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®. The ACRC group successfully completed the entire 5K walk that is intended to help raise awareness of Breast Cancer and support for research. The annual event takes place in Denver and draws a crowd of thousands for the worthy cause.

"We are extremely proud of the staff and residents at ACRC who recognize the importance of community involvement and supporting local organizations, especially those that involve women's issues," said Emily Bottoms, Deputy Director of the Western Region. *"For many of our residents, walking in the Race for the Cure® is the first time they have actively participated in a cause that directly affects them."*

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W Y O M I N G



James Piro, Deputy Director of Treatment at the Casper Re-Entry Center in Casper Wyoming, holds a check for \$370 that was a result of a pizza fundraiser at the facility. The funds were donated to a local food pantry for Thanksgiving meals for the homeless. The facility engages a Therapeutic Community approach to treatment, emphasizing the value of giving back to the community through positive behaviors.

I L L I N O I S



L to R: Stormy Harrison, Substance Abuse Counselor; Brittany Baugher, Program Director; Hannah Herrin, Substance Abuse Counselor; Brett Baird, Substance Abuse Counselor; and Amanda Bedokis, Substance Abuse Counselor at IYC-Harrisburg educated youth on the effects of Domestic Violence during the month of October. As part of Domestic Violence Awareness month the youth partook in a mile long awareness march to honor the victims of domestic violence. The young men also had the option of taking a pledge against domestic violence and signing the pledge document.

C A L I F O R N I A



The Family Services program at the Long Beach Community Correctional Re-Entry Center in California held a very successful family style Halloween party, complete with costumes, decorations, and candy. Families enjoyed having the special occasion designed to support reunification.

SWICC holds first Annual CEC Picnic



The Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center held their first CEC Annual Staff picnic in October at Pleasant Ridge Park in O'Fallon, Illinois. Approximately 50 staff and their families attended for a great day of food and fellowship.

I N D I A N A

Staff and residents of Liberty Hall in Indianapolis tended an abundant garden this year, growing and donating vegetables to Second Helpings Food pantry. The garden began as an Eagle Scout project by Eric Dyer, son of Business Manager Tom Dyer. A garden committee of volunteers did the work led by Program Specialist Jennifer Evans.



N E W M E X I C O



A group of residents from the New Mexico Men's Recovery Academy in Los Lunas participated in a community cleanup project. They swept streets, picked up trash and repainted curbs. It was remarked the volunteers had "wonderful attitudes" and many expressed a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community.

Read the full stories on the web at: www.cecintl.com

EMPLOYEE UPDATES



David Byrne, Warden

George W. Hill Correctional Facility, Thornton, PA

Mr. Byrne was promoted to Warden of GWHCF and is responsible for the overall operation of the facility. He worked his way through the ranks over a 23 year period. Starting at the facility in 1991 as a Correctional Officer, he was promoted to Lieutenant, Fire & Safety Director, Chief of Security, Deputy Warden of Support Operations, and became Warden in October 2014.



John Clancy Jr., Corporate PREA Coordinator

Corporate Office, West Caldwell, NJ

Mr. Clancy is responsible for ensuring that all CEC facilities are compliant with PREA by developing and implementing companywide policies, and ensuring State and Federal standards are being followed. Reporting to Tina Price, Director of Quality Management, Mr. Clancy will be coordinating external audits and providing internal reviews and support as needed to the facility PREA compliance managers. He was selected by the Department of Justice to attend training to become a Certified PREA Auditor and has coordinated a number of internal and external PREA audits for CEC. Mr. Clancy received a Bachelor's degree in Business from Fordham University and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration from Rutgers University.



Tara Huff, Senior Proposal/Project Manager

Corporate Office, West Caldwell, NJ

Reporting to Rachel Bickar, Vice President of Business Development, Ms. Huff will be responsible for managing proposal development for all assigned proposal responses to include New Jersey, the Medical Division and others as a result of resource allocation. She will manage special projects and serve as a key point of contact for any proposal related questions in the Corporate Office. Prior to joining CEC, Ms. Huff was the Director of Business and Proposal Operations at D&S Consultants, Inc. (DSCI), a large government contractor whose primary customer was the Department of Defense.



Steve Hartley, Director

Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center (CMRC), Colorado Springs, CO

Mr. Hartley began as the Director of CMRC in June of 2014 and brings 26 years of experience to CEC after retiring from the Colorado Department of Corrections. Reporting to Kevin Duckworth, Vice President of the Western Region, Mr. Hartley is responsible for leading the staff and all operations at CMRC. He began his career as a corrections officer and spent the past seven years as a Warden at various Colorado DOC high custody and treatment facilities. Mr. Hartley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado. He has received numerous certifications and awards through comprehensive training at the Colorado Department of Corrections.



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Independent Study Proves Halfway Houses in NJ Have Impact on Reduced Recidivism

An independent study completed by Washington State University's Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology professors Zachary K. Hamilton and Christopher M. Campbell has produced positive results for Residential Community Release programs in New Jersey. The study entitled "*Uncommonly Observed: The Impact of New Jersey's Halfway House System.*" (Criminal Justice and Behavior; November, 2014) is an important and unique study, which demonstrates the positive contributions of Halfway Houses (HWH) to reduced recidivism in the state.

The researchers followed 6,599 participants across 18 HWH in New Jersey over a postrelease period of three

based programming is administered by highly trained personnel and includes comprehensive assessments, substance abuse treatment, individual and group counseling, employment and vocational training, life skills, community service and aftercare.

"*Uncommonly Observed: The Impact of New Jersey's Halfway House System.*" study is unique in its focus regarding HWH effectiveness, having answered the question of "Does it work?" Previous studies investigated cost effectiveness or operational efficiencies in HWH, amongst other topics. This study directly answered the "what works" question in New Jersey. In addition, the study highlighted the necessity of relying on evidence-

"We are extremely pleased to hear the encouraging results of this important study on the impact of New Jersey Halfway Houses on recidivism. It confirms that the provision of reentry services we provide at CEC do make a difference in changing lives, creating safer communities, and being cost effective for the state."

**- Dr. Robert Mackey
Senior Vice President of Reentry Operations**

years. Participants were matched and compared to a control group of inmates released to the community with no HWH experience. The primary objective of the research was to ascertain the impact of HWH program participation on postrelease recidivism.

The HWH participants experienced lesser proportions of revocations and returns to incarceration of any kind compared to the matched control group. Additionally, results indicate HWH participants who re-offended had a longer time in the community before returning to incarceration than the matched control group.

Community release programs at the privately owned Halfway Houses in New Jersey provide various services that are designed to prepare the resident for successful reentry into the community. The study's findings that the HWH system is having a successful impact towards reduced recidivism is consistent with a recent PEW report that found New Jersey second in the country in terms of reducing the prison population while lowering crime rates. In CEC facilities, evidence-

based research as a means to guiding policy rather than reliance on anecdotal reports.

The HWH method of reentry treatment or continuum of care model as compared to incarceration without reentry programming is proving to be a viable method as states search for a solution to budget constraints and prison overcrowding, while keeping communities safe and rehabilitating individuals to become productive citizens after they are released from custody. ■

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