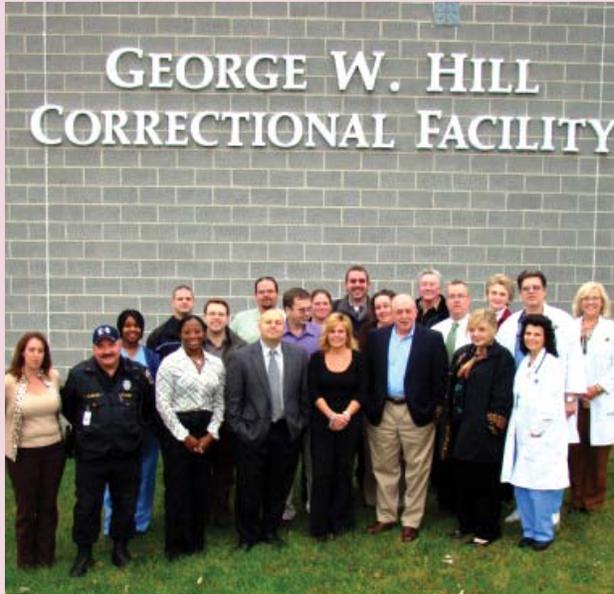


DELAWARE COUNTY (PA) FIRST ANNIVERSARY A SUCCESS

CEC took the helm one year ago in January at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility (GWHCF). In a year that presented many challenges, CEC has made substantial progress and enacted key changes at this 1883-bed facility in Thornton, Pa. Many positive changes that have taken place over the year are now yielding rewarding results in improved conditions for security, atmosphere, medical care, and quality of life for offenders and staff. Warden Frank Green credits the hard work of his staff at GWHCF as well as the cooperation and support of Delaware County officials.



Staff at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility

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CASPER RE-ENTRY CENTER (WY) HOSTS TWO SUCCESSFUL TC GRADUATIONS JUDGE DOWNES SPEAKS FOR SEPTEMBER GRADS, OCTOBER HOSTS FIRST BIA GRADUATION

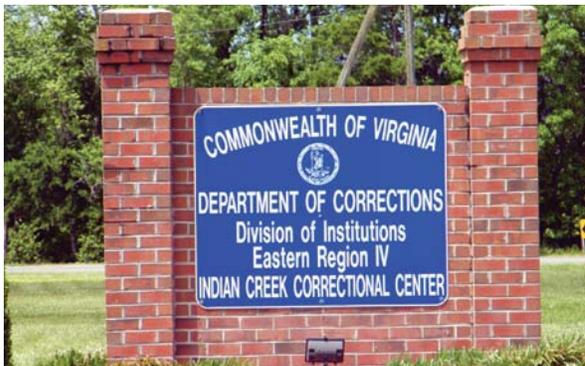
September TC Graduation

Exceptional graduations took place at the Casper Re-Entry Center (CRC) this fall. In September, CRC held a graduation for sixteen residents of the Therapeutic Community (TC) while in October the facility held a unique and celebratory graduation for fourteen residents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the first graduating class to be honored from this unique program.

"CEC takes great pride in the Therapeutic Community services it provides for the Wyoming Department of Corrections. I know the tools learned at the Casper Re-Entry Center have prepared these graduates for successful community reentry," said Dr. Robert Mackey, Senior Vice President at CEC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CEC'S SOUTHEAST REGION ON THE RENEWAL OF SERVICES FOR

INDIAN CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER, CHESAPEAKE (VA)



Indian Creek Correctional Center is a 984-bed facility and one of the largest TC's anywhere in the country. It is viewed by the Virginia Department of Corrections as an "optimal correctional opportunity to impact recidivism," and is open on a non-voluntary basis to any qualifying offender scheduled for release within twelve to twenty-eight months. CEC also operates a 24-bed Intensive Treatment Unit within the program.

**AND ON THE CONTRACT RENEWALS FOR:
STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, CHESTER, PA
CAMP ASPEN, TURBEVILLE, & LEATH, SC,
AND THE PENNCAPP PROGRAM TO COLEMAN HALL, PA**



The guest speaker for the September graduation was United States District Judge William Downes, who inspired the crowd with a message of hope and congratulations. Other dignitaries at the ceremony were State Senator Tony Ross, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; State Representative Bryan Pedersen, Appropriations Member; Steve Lindly, Wyoming Department of Corrections Deputy Director; and Susan Thomas, wife of the late Wyoming Senator Craig Thomas, and head of the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation.

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NORTHEAST NEWS

NJ'S TALBOT HALL WALKS WITH FOOTBALL GREAT FOR 9/11 TRIBUTE

9/11 will forever resonate in the minds of Americans. Images of thousands of New Yorkers racing from the towers as first responders rushed toward the danger; tirelessly searching for persons to rescue and then remains to identify, stay within our hearts.

In an effort to commemorate and raise awareness and funds for these real heroes, New York Giant football great George Martin organized the first annual **A Journey for 9/11** walk. On September 13th, thirteen Talbot Hall staff along with hundreds of others walked thirteen miles across the George Washington Bridge to Giants Stadium.

Throughout the walk, Talbot Hall staff were supported by Mr. Martin's encouragement and determination. Spectators lined the route, waving American flags and shouting their gratitude. For those who participated, the experience was oftentimes emotionally charged.

Lavonia Jackson, Senior Counselor, remembered her fearful uncertainty regarding her sister's safety and whereabouts on 9/11. Tearfully, she spoke about the hours in which it was believed her sister may have perished in the towers. Dawn Gross, GED teacher, dedicated the walk to the memory of her neighbor and friend. She wanted to push herself physically as a token of appreciation for efforts that were put forth on 9/11. During the walk, Molly Martin, Assessment Counselor, poignantly recalled making the same trek across the George Washington Bridge eight years



Staff from NJ's Talbot Hall who joined in A Journey for 9/11 Walk

ago to return home to New Jersey after the towers fell. Mr. Reels, Senior Counselor, felt it was his duty as an American citizen to show his appreciation by walking for those heroes that lost their lives and assisted others. Unit Supervisor Christopher Pasquale stated that he walked to not only remind others, but also himself, of the courage and hope that were inspired by the tragedy. Sheila Leonardo, Director, was inspired to walk because her mother worked at the World Trade Center and lost many friends on the dreadful day.

"We can never forget the heroes who lost their lives on 9/11. They will forever be in our hearts and minds," says Director Leonardo.

Although exhausted by the 13 miles, the Talbot Hall team remained strong in the belief that they had accomplished the goal of raising funds and awareness for those that are still emotionally and physically impacted by the events of 9/11.

"We can never forget the heroes who lost their lives on 9/11. They will forever be in our hearts and minds."

- Sheila Leonardo, Director, Talbot Hall

"SLAM DUNK THE JUNK" ANNUAL NEWARK CLEANUP

A great group effort took place October 1 as residents of two CEC residential reentry centers and Alumni got together to participate in a neighborhood cleanup in Newark, NJ. Arthur Townes, Director of the CEC Alumni Association, Deynia Edwards and Altorice Frazier, CEC Alumni Coordinators, worked diligently with a group of volunteers from CEC's Logan Hall and The Harbor to cleanup empty lots along Clinton Avenue in Newark. The workers used tools supplied by the Newark Recycling Center and within minutes transformed areas scattered with litter to clean-swept lots that produced bags of trash for pickup.

The residents enjoyed the chance to give back to the community. All that attended were proud of the work they did, and Clinton Avenue looked much improved after the CEC team came through as the cleanup crew. The volunteers received a T-shirt with the logo to keep.

"Slam Dunk the Junk" was launched by The New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCC) and is a statewide public education anti-litter campaign. The campaign is aimed at New Jersey residents and visitors, encouraging them to keep New Jersey clean and green through individual and group activities.



Residents of The Harbor and Logan Hall with CEC alumni at the annual Newark Cleanup

NORTHEAST NEWS



CEC REPRESENTED AT NJBIC

"Charting a Course with the Next Generation" was the theme of this year's New Jersey Black Issues Convention, (NJBIC), where CEC Alumni from New Jersey and Pennsylvania proudly participated in the well attended event. Held at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ on October 15-17, the convention encompassed speakers, seminars, workshops, vendor displays, luncheons, a cocktail reception and banquet, and award presentation.

CEC sponsored a workshop on Prisoner Reentry with distinguished speakers combined from the corrections and reentry community. Guest speakers included Darcella Sessomes, Director, Office of Transitional Services, NJ Dept of Corrections; Wanda Moore Esq., Statewide Director of Reentry Programs of the Attorney General's Office of NJ; Ingrid John-

son, Esq., Chair of the Newark Reentry Advisory Board; Cuqui Rivera, Case Manager for the Newark Prisoner Reentry Program, Dr. Elnardo J. Webster, Panel Facilitator and Superintendent of Schools for Roselle Public Schools; and CEC Alumni Director Arthur Townes, Altorice Frazier and Yolanda Epps, CEC Alumni Coordinators; Jermaine Jackson, Unit Supervisor, CEC Talbot Hall; and James Lee, CEC program graduate and Founder of Generation Y Enterprises, Corp.

"I would like to thank all the members of this panel for making this workshop such a success. Their contributions on reentry issues in New Jersey makes our state a trailblazer in successfully providing ex-offenders with the tools and assistance needed to lead productive lives," said Alumni Director Townes.



L to R: Dean Boyer, Director of Activities at CEC's Albert M. "Bo" Robinson Assessment & Treatment Center; Ronnie Grant, Substance Abuse Counselor, also from "Bo" Robinson; Deynia Edwards, CEC Alumni Coordinator; Arthur Townes, CEC Alumni Director

Dr. Ralph Fretz Accepts CSG Award

The Council of State Governments (CSG) honored the NJ State Parole Board's Regional Assessment Centers (RAC) with an Innovations Award in August of this year. CEC is the operator of two RAC's acknowledged in this award, Delaney Hall in Newark, NJ and Albert M. Bo Robinson Assessment and Treatment Center in Trenton, NJ. Dr. Ralph Fretz of CEC accepted the award on behalf of the NJ State Parole Board in California in November.



L to R: Sen. Bart Davis of Idaho, CSG National Chair for 2009; Dr. Ralph Fretz, Director of Assessment and Research for CEC; Joe Manchin, Governor of West Virginia and CSG National President for 2009

DELAWARE COUNTY (PA) SECURES SOFTBALL VICTORY AGAINST CEC CORPORATE



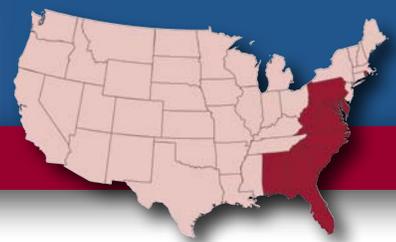
Pete Florio at bat for the Corporate Office

Riding the wave of its best summer softball season ever, CEC Corporate took its lean mean hitting machine on the road to Thornton, Pennsylvania to challenge the George W. Hill Correctional Facility in mid-September. The first meeting between these two squads yielded some amazing softball—gargantuan hits, circus catches, bang bang plays—and an old fashion Jersey/Philly rivalry was born.

Corporate's ace pitcher, Jack "The Fiber Optic" Pingitore, was throwing heat, but a few bad hops and few big bats kept the George Hill team ahead all day. As the sun set on a 16-11 score both teams shook hands and enjoyed a great dinner. Special thanks to Danny Constantino, Payroll Manager at CEC, Mario Colucci, Assistant Warden and Bill Brogan, Payroll Manager/Umpire at GWHCF for organizing a great day.



Bill Brogan in the field for George W. Hill Correctional Facility



DELAWARE COUNTY (PA) TAKES PRIDE IN LIFELONG LEARNER

A life dedicated to study has been the path for Robert Hencinski, a Management of Information Systems (MIS) Manager at CEC's George W. Hill Correctional Facility (GWHCF) in Thornton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hencinski has earned his Bachelor of Science of Nursing in May from the Widener University School, making this the fifth degree he has completed in higher education.

Mr. Hencinski, a father of four, wanted to impress upon his 9-year-old daughter that education doesn't stop at high school, and that learning is a lifelong process.

"I wanted her to know that learning continues, education can continue after graduation," says Bob Hencinski, who encourages all his children to be good students and pursue educational goals.

The 6'7" Hencinski started his career as a volunteer firefighter for Upper Darby Township in PA where he was inspired by his Assistant Fire Chief, the late William Mandery to embark on a medical career. He became an Emergency Medical Technician while serving as a firefighter. Nine years later, he began to study nursing nights and weekends while working during the day at GWHCF. Recently he contacted the widow of Assistant Chief Mandery to notify her of her husband's impact on his life and where it has led.



Bob Hencinski

As the MIS Manager Mr. Hencinski is responsible for maintaining technology at the facility, which includes all computer equipment, faxes, scanners, and other equipment used by CEC staff. He hopes to combine his love of the medical field and his vast experience with technology to pursue a career in Health Informatics, a new field that combines computer science with nursing.

He has previously earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Systems from West Chester University and Associate's degrees with honors in Computer Science, Business Management, and Computer Programming.

As of November 2nd, Mr. Hencinski is officially a registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after successfully passing his board certification tests!

GRADUATION AND ANNIVERSARY MARK 1ST REWARDING YEAR AT NORTHAMPTON (PA)

Northampton County Prison had more than one reason to celebrate this September. In an uplifting celebration, another fifteen graduates of the "Future Foundations" program had a chance to acknowledge the new skills and training they completed in the Therapeutic Community (TC) program provided by CEC. This graduation also marked one year of TC treatment at Northampton and was the fourth graduation ceremony celebrated for the TC participants.

This special day was a well-attended graduation celebration that had many representatives from the community in attendance to show their support of the TC program. In addition to the Prison administration including Director Robert Meyers, Warden Todd Buskirk, Deputy Warden Mike Bateman, the County Executive John Stoffa, President Judge Kimberly McFadden, several other Judges, Court Administrators James Onembo and Jill Cicero, and the Director of Probation and Parole Marie Bartosh attended in a demonstration of support.

"Today is a very special day for the Northampton County Future Foundations TC program. We are excited to mark one successful year of providing quality reentry treatment services for Northampton County by graduating fifteen more offenders from the program. I would like to thank all staff for their dedication and service," said Mary Rose Worthington, Southeast Regional Director for CEC. Director Worthington was the guest speaker for the day and congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments and offered encouragement for continued recovery.

After its first year the TC program has graduated a total of 43 offenders that have completed the program that includes comprehensive assessments, individual and group counseling, substance abuse treatment, educational training, and life skills training.

"Northampton County is especially dedicated and committed to addressing recidivism in the community. We appreciate the support we receive from the County and their confidence in us for providing the treatment program" says Rebecca Duke-Walker, CEC Program Director, at Northampton County Prison.

Another cause for celebration at Northampton County Prison was that seven of the participants in this TC group studied for and successfully passed the official GED test.

"CEC is very proud of the relationship we have with Northampton County's administration and the opportunities for success afforded to our graduating classes past, present and future" stated Steve Tomlin, Director of CEC's Program Accountability and Support Division.

An Alumni program is now started at this institution to be available for graduates to help transition them to life outside. Graduates will obtain support and a network of prior TC graduates will be there to help them face the challenges of reentry.



Alumni and staff get together for Thanksgiving dinner at Talbot Hall, Kearny NJ



INDIAN CREEK (VA) HONORS HATTIE GREEN

Congratulations Hattie Green, CEC HR Specialist & Executive Administrative Assistant for being Employee of the month at Indian Creek Correctional Center, September 2009

Hattie Green has been awarded Employee of the Month, September 2009 by the Indian Creek Correctional Center (ICCC) in Chesapeake, Virginia. CEC operates the Therapeutic Community (TC) unit for substance abusing offenders in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Corrections, (VDOC), one of the largest TC's in the country at 984 beds.

A very grateful Ms. Green received a letter from the Regional Director of the VDOC congratulating her for the special award.

"I am so honored to receive this award, I feel blessed, I am so appreciative," says Ms. Green, an employee at ICCC for five years, starting one month after the TC program began operation.

Ms. Green has a passion for the company, believing deeply in the mission of healing and transformation. When she is not working as an HR Specialist and Executive Administrative Assistant at ICCC, she devotes much of her time to volunteer work. Thrilled to be part of organizations like Homeless Connect



Hattie Green

in Virginia, Jail Ministry, and a senior citizen home where she volunteers to bring holiday activities, Ms. Green is deeply committed to taking actions and being there to demonstrate positive support. She participated in a "Hat & Pearls Day" at the senior center recently, pleased to bring joy to the residents as they wore hats and pearls and had a tea party.

She acknowledges her success as being part of a team effort, and gives special thanks to Mary Rose Worthington, Southeast Regional Director for CEC, Allen Nesbitt, Assistant Southeast Regional Director for CEC, Ken Lintz, Regional Finance Manager for CEC, and her associates at ICCC for unmatched and continued support.

As for Jim Willis, CEC Program Director at ICCC, Ms. Green says, "I am truly thankful and blessed with the assurance of him being my boss," which, she adds, is said with gratitude and much appreciation.

"Hattie Green is a loyal and committed employee who remains dedicated to our mission at ICCC. And just like the old TV show 'MASH' every director needs a 'Radar'. Hattie is my 'Radar'," says Program Director Willis. She also credits the CEC Corporate staff which she interacts with on a regular basis.

"I don't know what I would do without the CEC Corporate Office HR staff - Kate Rucinski, Monica Reed, Artima Reddick, Bernadette Biello, and Charlie Giordano, they make my job fulfilling and rewarding," says Ms. Green.



CAMP ASPEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN TOP THREE FOR GED

Every school year, CEC's Camp Aspen in South Carolina maintains one of the highest GED passing rates in the entire South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice school district, and this past school year is no different. For the 2008-09 school year, while the SC Department of Juvenile Justice reported a 67% GED passing rate for all participating schools, Camp Aspen shines with the highest passing rate, an impressive 81%. Twenty-one students earned their GED while at Camp Aspen during the past school year, and two of those twenty-one earned special honors to score in the top 5% in the entire state of South Carolina.

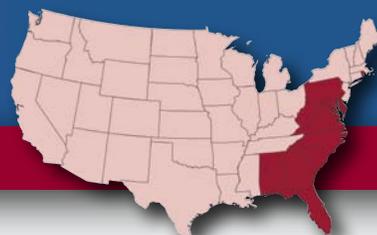
Marc Cohen, Director of Education for Camp Aspen, attributes this tremendous success to the total dedication of the educational department's commitment to success geared towards passing the GED test. He feels that hours of devoted work from his staff of teachers and the

willingness of the students to accomplish definitely contributes to the success they are experiencing to maintain this record. As a result, Camp Aspen has made it to the top three for GED scores for the entire South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice school district consistently for the past several years.

"I am so proud of the educational division here at Camp Aspen, the company, and the students that work so hard. It is a team effort, both students and teachers work very hard to accomplish this goal," says Educational Director Cohen.

The team makes every effort to purchase books, study guides, computer programs, provide tutoring after school, or anything that is required to assist the students to pass, and keep a focused commitment to support passing the test.

Camp Aspen is located in Columbia, South Carolina and accommodates 36 boys.



SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S PROGRAM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF HEALING

It was a day of celebration for a South Carolina program that has given many women a chance at a new life and a new beginning over the last ten years. The Leath Correctional Institution's (CI) Women's Recovery Academy program had a graduation day for the Therapeutic Community (TC) combined with an anniversary celebration to acknowledge ten years of treatment services at the facility.

Edith Childs, Greenwood County Councilwoman was the honored speaker for the day and provided a special message of inspiration and hope for the women of the graduating class. Councilwoman Childs spoke on the topic of **"Recovery is a Journey and Not a Destination."** Thirteen women graduated from the TC program at Leath CI Women's Recovery Academy that day in October, that drew quite a crowd in attendance to show support for ten years of the TC program delivering treatment and training. Attending the ceremony was Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams, Greenwood city officials,

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L to R: Levenia Alexis, Director, Womens Recovery Academy; Catherine Kendall, Warden of SCI Leath; Bonnie Burns, Program Coordinator CJ Grant Program, South Carolina Dept. of Public Safety; Edith Childs, Greenwood County Councilwoman and guest speaker; and Mary Rose Worthington, SE Regional Director for CEC

RHODE ISLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER HOSTS SPECIAL DEDICATION

A very special dedication took place October 29th to acknowledge an extraordinary new detention facility renamed for the late Roosevelt Benton, former Deputy Superintendent of the Rhode Island Training School, located in Cranston, Rhode Island. Newly named the Rhode Island Youth Development Center, it holds the distinction of being the first building in Rhode Island to be named for an African American man.

The dedication ceremony included honored guests, speakers, citation awards, songs and poetry reading by the young residents. Young residents sang "The Impossible Dream," Mr. Benton's favorite song, and read poems they wrote in a moving tribute to him.

Distinguished speakers were Patrick C. Lynch, Rhode Island Attorney General; The Honorable Harold M. Metts, Rhode Island Senator; Patricia Martinez, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF); Clifford Montiero, President of the Providence Rhode Island NAACP; and Kenneth Walker, Chairman of the Rhode Island State Parole Board.

Citations were awarded to the facility by Allan Fung, Mayor of Cranston, Sue Stenhouse,



**Patrick C. Lynch
Attorney General, Rhode Island**

Office of the Governor and John Lombardi, Providence City Council. Kevin Aucoin, the acting Superintendent of the Rhode Island Youth Development Center was the master of ceremonies for the day.

"It was a day of inspiration and remembrance of a dedicated man's legacy, a perfect day to honor Mr. Benton. He believed in the kids and working for the kids. The youth and staff did a beautiful job coordinating the celebration, he would have been so proud," said Bethany McMahon, Director, CEC Straight Ahead program, Rhode Island Youth Development Center.

Mary Rose Worthington, Southeast Director for CEC was also in attendance, and remarked the day was "truly inspirational".

The new building opened its doors in March and serves a juvenile population with residential and non-residential services. CEC provides services for boys and girls in the Straight Ahead program.

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- Bethany McMahon, Director, CEC Straight Ahead program, Rhode Island Youth Development Center



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several members of the clergy, representatives from community services, and other prominent officials, as well as Mary Rose Worthington, Southeast Regional Director for CEC.

"The true spirit of the TC is alive and well at Leath! Many thanks to the staff and residents for a very memorable event!" says Regional Director Worthington.

Also in attendance were Allen Nesbitt, Southeast Regional Assistant Director for CEC, Alumni, and family of the graduates. An exquisite buffet of food was prepared and enjoyed by all.

"We are grateful we can deliver this much-needed assistance to the women here, and very pleased to see families recover, get stronger, and move on with hope," says Levenia Alexis, Program Director at the Women's Recovery Academy at Leath.

Ms. Alexis is grateful to Catherine Kendall, Warden of the Leath Correctional Institute, and Associate Warden Wiggleton for their contin-

ued support of the Women's Recovery Academy program. She feels the input and encouragement of Wardens Kendall and Wiggleton has been instrumental in the success of the program, and is extremely appreciative of the support they receive.

"We have had such a rewarding experience here at Leath CI with our women's program, we see women start life over with a positive outlook, equipped with a foundation provided in their TC program. We are so grateful to see Alumni leading successful lives return to us to

share their new life and experience," says Mamie Greene, HR Specialist and Clinical Records Specialist, who has been at Leath CI for ten years since the program's inception in July of 1999.

The Women's Recovery Academy program at Leath CI is located in Greenwood, South Carolina and is a 6-12 month program that accommodates 96 females providing substance abuse treatment, individual and group counseling, family services, and educational and vocational support training.

"We are grateful we can deliver this much-needed assistance to the women here, and very pleased to see families recover."

*- Levenia Alexis, Program Director,
Womens Recovery Academy at Leath
Leath Correctional Facility, Greenwood, South Carolina*

JOHNSON COUNTY (TX) CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH SHERIFF'S BANQUET AND ICE INSPECTIONS

It has been one very successful year for the Johnson County Correctional Facility (JCCF) in Cleburne, Texas for Warden James Duke and his staff. September 1 marked one year since CEC assumed management of the 776-bed facility and JCCF rose to the occasion with less than one month to prepare for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) audit, which they passed with flying colors.

JCCF was included at a Johnson County awards banquet on September 18 held at the Sheriff's office where approximately 90 people were in attendance. Sheriff Bob Alford of Johnson County hosted the event where great food was served and many were recognized with awards. An annual event that is much anticipated by the community, the CEC staff felt honored to be included. Awards and citations were given out for outstanding performance and notable efforts on the job.

"The CEC team at Johnson County has worked so hard and certainly deserves every honor that they have received. I am very proud of Warden Duke and his staff and their excellence in performance and I am very appreciative of the trust placed in us by Sheriff Bob Alford. He has included us in his team from day one, and this difficult job would not be possible without his support," says Jim Shaw, Director, Secure Facilities Division for CEC.



There is no stopping JCCF when it comes to passing the ICE inspection. During an October ICE inspection they passed all 38 standards. November 5th brought another ICE inspection from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), and Office of Detention Oversight (ODO). The ODO staff reviewed 27 ICE National Detention Standards and conducted 25 interviews of detainees, facility and ICE staff to evaluate the welfare, safety, and living conditions of ICE detainees and to determine compliance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures.

JCCF again passed their inspection and received much praise. It was noted that staff at JCCF was extremely professional and supportive, which the auditors were grateful for. It was also mentioned that it was one of the cleanest jails they had visited.

ACCREDITATIONS

American Correctional Association Standards (ACA) are nationally recognized as a benchmark of excellence for correctional facilities in the United States. Unprecedented throughout the industry, CEC maintains an outstanding accreditation record with our facilities scoring an average of 99.9% ratings on all non-mandatory standards, with 18 out of 19 facilities scoring a perfect 100% rating.

Congratulations to these CEC centers for Perfect Scores for ACA Accreditation!



COLEMAN/HOFFMAN HALLS
100% MANDATORY
100% NON-MANDATORY
PHILADELPHIA, PA



"Today's recommendation for reaccreditation honors the memory of Alan Hoffman—former CEC employee who pioneered CEC's residential reentry treatment facility— as it is testament to Alan's belief that a safe and secure facility and effective reentry treatment services can go hand-in-hand. I would like to thank all Coleman and Hoffman Hall and accreditation staff that worked so hard to achieve this important goal."

- John J. Clancy, Chairman and CEO



ALBERT M. "BO" ROBINSON
ASSESSMENT & TREATMENT CENTER
100% MANDATORY/100% NON-MANDATORY
TRENTON, NJ

"I would like to thank all the staff of Bo Robinson for their hard work and dedication during this audit. ACA accreditation is a measure of a facility's safety and its quality of operations and this perfect score is testament to Bo Robinson's commitment to both."

- Dr. Robert Mackey, Senior Vice President



ADAAPT
100% MANDATORY/
100% NON-MANDATORY
READING, PA

"The outstanding results of this ACA audit are testament to the efforts of the accreditation team and ADAPPT staff. I would like to thank everyone for all of their efforts."

- Tina Price, ACA Accreditation Manager



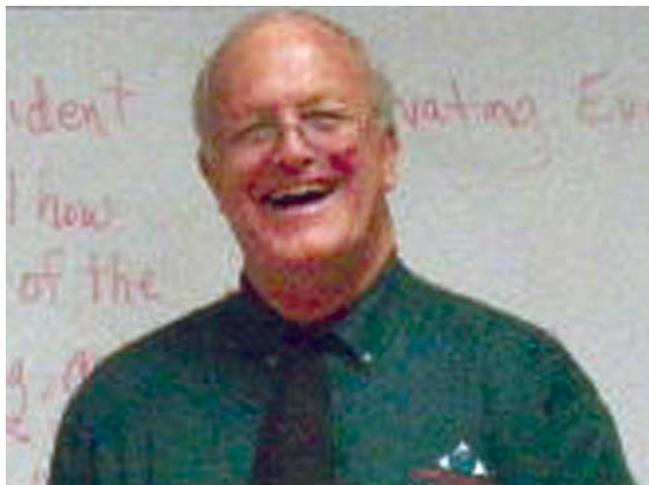
TALBOT HALL
100% MANDATORY/100% NON-MANDATORY
KEARNY, NJ

"We are so pleased to have received 100% compliance by the audit team. It is a testament to the hard work and devotion of our staff and the commitment of the CEC accreditation team. The Chairperson mentioned that this was the nicest facility he has ever visited. This is a proud day for Talbot Hall!"

- Sheila Leonardo, Director, Talbot Hall

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

W.R. SONNY BUCKINGHAM CHAPLAIN, PARKER COUNTY JAIL, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS



W.R. Sonny Buckingham

The choice to highlight W.R. Sonny Buckingham was based on the suggestion of Warden Ron King of the Parker County Jail and Assistant Warden Griffin, and Jim Shaw, Director of the Secure Facilities Division for CEC. A very valued and beloved employee, Sonny has touched the lives of countless individuals over his lengthy and compassionate career.

A life that is completely committed to helping others is the story of W.R. Sonny Buckingham. Sonny has been the well-respected chaplain for the jail and Parker County Sheriff's Office for an impressive 32 years. He is also the Pastor at Rock of Helps Church since 1984. He previously served as Pastor at Lake View Community Church for eight years as well as one year at Gospel Outreach. During his involvement with the jail Sonny has become a certified peace officer and certified jailer. He has served as bailiff for the 43rd District Court and as a reserve Deputy for several years.

Sonny is also the Program Director at the Parker County Jail, and oversees all offender programs including the working offenders (Trustee's), church services, Bible studies, A.A. and N.A., which add up to approximately 30 group events weekly. He has personally recruited and utilizes approximately 20 volunteers for the various groups and services.

"Sonny makes himself available to the offenders and the jail staff and is always willing to go the extra mile. We are proud of him, and feel truly blessed to have him at the Parker County Jail," says Warden Ron King.

His life is a testament to helping others and sharing his strong faith-based life that gives him endless energy to carry his message to those in need of support. The Warden and staff at Parker County claim they have to oftentimes order him to take a break, sit down or go home, and that he does not know the term "slow down".

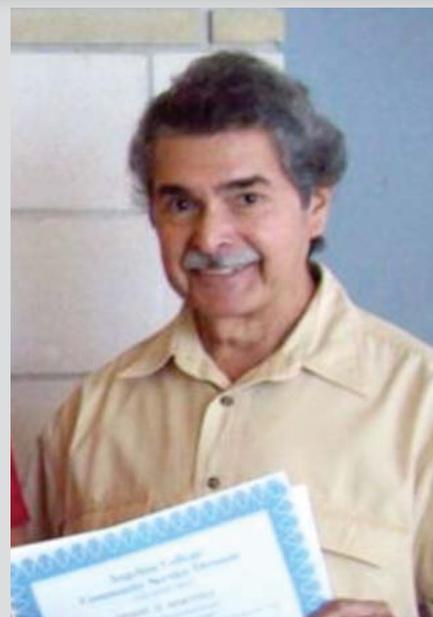
"Sonny Buckingham devotes his life to helping others and is an inspiration not only to the Parker County Jail but our entire community. It is my belief that he is very deserving of being recognized as an outstanding citizen and employee," says Jim Shaw, Director, Secure Facilities Division for CEC.

Warden King relates a telling story, which conveys the beloved reputation that Sonny maintains in the community: "He receives mail addressed simply to: Sonny Buckingham, Weatherford Texas. It is then stamped by the post office: NO ADDRESS REQUIRED, which makes Sonny seem like Santa Claus to us all."

The Parker County Jail is a CEC-managed facility that houses 446 male and female offenders from the County and the U.S. Marshals Service.

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- Warden Ron King, Parker County Jail



ERNESTO MARTINEZ SEPTEMBER 11, 1944 – OCTOBER 19, 2009

Corrections Officer
Kinney County Detention Center
Brackettville, Texas

It is with great sadness that the Kinney County Detention Center announces the loss of Corrections Officer Ernesto Martinez, after a 5-month battle with pancreatic and liver cancer. He had been employed with CEC since February of 2008.

Ernesto Martinez had a lengthy employment history in the education field with a Masters Degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, TX, in 1977, majoring in Counseling & Guidance with a minor in Spanish. After many years in education, he focused his career in corrections, having worked as an educator for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Windham School System at the Dolph Briscoe Unit located in Dilley, Texas. After having retired from teaching, Mr. Martinez found himself going back into the correctional field at the South Texas Detention Complex (Immigration and Customs Enforcement contracted facility) in Pearsall, Texas before coming to be employed with CEC. In May of 2009 he challenged the State Jailer's exam and succeeded in passing, acquiring his TCLEOSE Basic County Jailer's license. It was one of the proudest moments in his life.

National Recovery Month is an annual event that takes place in September to celebrate recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. CEC facilities across the country have participated in activities to acknowledge the journey of recovery and celebrate living a substance-free lifestyle. Many of our facilities designed events that allowed offenders, residents, alumni and families to join together and be grateful for the introduction to a new way of living.



The Honorable Jan R. Jurden, Superior Court Judge of Delaware addresses the crowd at Crest North for Women for National Recovery Month celebration

DELAWARE – Crest North for Women, New Castle, DE

Female offenders and alumni of CEC’s Therapeutic Community (TC) at the Crest North for Women’s Correctional Recovery Program had a joyful celebration on what was deemed “Recovery Day” to honor National Recovery month. The day was an acknowledgment of the efforts made by the TC participants that have brought about changes in the lives of the graduates by applying skills learned in the TC program. The event consisted of graduate alumni speakers who returned to share their success stories of what it’s like living productive lives on the outside. A play, songs, and poems were performed and enabled all to share in a day of hope and gratitude.

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This article was published by the Florida Department of Corrections about Mayo Correctional Institution’s (Mayo C.I.) Modality One unit, where CEC treats 90 males on an In-Prison treatment basis.

FLORIDA - Gainesville Correctional Institution, Gainesville, Florida

Members of the Therapeutic Community (TC) at Gainesville Correctional Institution (GCI) celebrated National Recovery Month by holding a ceremony which was open to the entire compound. Successful alumni from Modality II Substance Abuse Program spoke to inmates about what they gained from achieving personal recovery as a result of what they learned from the program there with the assistance of the CEC staff.



The event opened with a statement from Modality II Substance Abuse Program Director, V. “Larry” Burgess, welcoming the Prison Administrators and attendees, and introduced Senior Counselor, Mark Pitts.

Mr. Pitts expressed his appreciation of the Alumni volunteers for their efforts and presented the remaining staff, Counselors Mervin Jackson, Duane Farr, Susie Banks, and Larry

Faulkner, Administrative Assistant Phyllis Benefield, and Clinical Support Provider, Jim Denny, taking the opportunity to thank each of them for making the Substance Abuse and Voluntary Literacy Programs at GCI successful.

The event itself was hosted by the therapeutic community’s Inmate Senior Coordinator Roger Kennedy, and dorm head Patrick Helms.

The final speaker was Robert Valdez, Alumnus with six years of success in the free world. He shared how his faith, in addition to what he learned during his assignment as an inmate to the Modality II Substance Abuse Program, had enabled his success spiritually, professionally, and personally in achieving and maintaining his own recovery.

FLORIDA – Mayo C.I., Modality One, Share Dreams of Tomorrow

Mayo C. I. Community Education Center’s Modality One presented a program entitled “Dreams of Tomorrow” in honor of National Recovery Month, on September 25, 2009. Participants were current and former Modality clients presently housed at Mayo C. I. The theme addressed ‘plans for tomorrow’ when the men reenter society, while living a clean and sober life. The goal was to offer guidance to the inmates, pointing out that the only way to be productive members of society is to live drug and crime free, and reinforcing that when recovery continues outside the gates of prison, it is then and only then, that these men can become good husbands, good fathers, and good employees.

The program consisted of a variety of recovery songs, recovery readings, and a funny skit with a recovery ending and a criminal ending. The Master of Ceremonies and the Coordinator for the Program was Ms. Jane Finley, BSW, Senior Counselor in Modality. The Clinical Supervisor and Director of Modality One is Ms. Diane Burchfield, M.Ed., CAP.

NJ ALUMNI JOIN RALLY FOR RECOVERY WALK

CEC Alumni joined thousands of others in a rally in downtown Manhattan to celebrate recovery on a cool September day. A sea of people descended on lower Broadway to walk across the Brooklyn Bridge in a joint effort to acknowledge the joy of living a life based on recovery from addiction.

Arthur Townes, Director of CEC Alumni, Yolanda Epps and Deynia Edwards, CEC Alumni Coordinators, and many alumni members joined scores of others to mark their journey in recovery and participate in the rally.

"I would like to thank all the Alumni Association members who joined us for this event. Their participation represents their dedication to leading productive and meaningful lives," said Director Townes.

New York Governor David A. Paterson was the guest speaker and described recent changes to sentencing laws in New York State. Smokey Robinson, American R&B and soul legend, provided the entertainment for the day.



SOUTH CAROLINA – Camp Aspen, Columbia, SC

South Carolina's Camp Aspen, a juvenile facility, devoted an entire day to National Recovery Month with an event that went so well, the facility wants to make it a monthly happening. Organized by kitchen manager Cynthia Felder who was also the emcee for the day, the day included action-packed activities to allow the residents to focus on recovery. The choir consisted of eleven residents, two guest speakers who carried the message of a good life in recovery, a buffet with BBQ, and skits were performed by the young residents with a recovery-based theme.



SOUTH CAROLINA – Turbeville Correctional Institution, Turbeville, SC

CEC Turbeville participated in the Recovery Month celebration in September with special programs put on by staff and residents to stress the importance of how important recovery is to maintain a healthy and successful lifestyle. One of the highlights was a panel discussion with recovering addicts to let the residents hear firsthand the efforts in achieving their personal goals for recovery. In October the staff at Turbeville participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Month with participation in the agencies effort to promote and recognize the importance of awareness in this area.





MOUNTAIN/CENTRAL NEWS

MURAL PORTRAYS JOURNEY OF RECOVERY



These beautiful murals are the work of Alberto Miranda, a resident at CEC's Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center (SWICC) located in East St. Louis, Illinois. Mr. Miranda, a gifted artist, felt the need to express and share his experience from the recovery program by creating these paintings in the hallway at SWICC. He is in the process of completing two large murals that tell a story of healing and emergence of a new life through the treatment process. Mr. Miranda feels that the careful planning and work that go into his painting assist him in his own bridge to recovery and will help create a new life that lies ahead.



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CASPER RE-ENTRY CENTER ON WYOMING PUBLIC RADIO

The Therapeutic Community (TC) program at the Casper Re-Entry Center (CRC) in Casper, Wyoming was the subject of the radio show "Open Spaces," broadcast on Wyoming Public Radio. Jim Piro, Deputy Director of CRC was the honored guest that represented the TC program that is operated in conjunction with CEC and the Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC). Also represented on the show were Bob Lampert, Director of the WDOC; Steve Lindly, Deputy Director of the WDOC and Alumni from the CRC TC program.

WDOC Director Lampert commented that the TC program works well as it is "addicts helping addicts" and the program presents cost benefits to the state.

Mr. Piro did a great job at clarifying how the TC program operates. He explained how each resident writes an autobiography, which is a critical step in learning about oneself to see the good as well as changes that need to be made.

"We teach them how to care about other people, and how to be held accountable. When you keep people accountable, you keep yourself accountable," said Mr. Piro.

Alumni commented that they have experienced change as a result of their participation in the TC program, and how many now are living productive crime-free and drug-free lives. They shared that they are employed, and enjoying a positive lifestyle they never imagined could be possible.

Wyoming Public Radio host Addie Goss reported that Steve Lindly, WDOC Deputy Director believes the TC program gets some of the toughest cases and is confident the program is preventing some people from using drugs again. TC Alumnus John Barnes contributed by acknowledging that he was grateful to be given a chance by the program and that he felt staff and other residents genuinely care about him and his life.

"They have given us a chance to go there and change, and believe in us and help us. It's awesome," says Alumnus Barnes.

"We teach them how to care about other people, and how to be held accountable. When you keep people accountable, you keep yourself accountable."
- Jim Piro, Deputy Director, Casper Re-Entry Center

ILLINOIS DIRECTOR WINS EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Andrew Young, Director of the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center (SWICC) has been awarded an Exemplary Service Award from the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA). The award was bestowed on Director Young in recognition of his leadership, dedication, and commitment to further Probation and Court Services from within the private sector. Specifically he has received the award due to his efforts in the development of new programs such as Drug Courts, fundraising efforts and his work on the IPCSA Substance Abuse Subcommittee, which provides education and training on issues related to substance abuse and recovery.



Andrew Young, SWICC Director, (center), with his Exemplary Service Award from IPCSA along with other recipients



OSP-M, OREGON, TOURED AS MODEL TC

Two groups recently toured Oregon's State Penitentiary Minimum Security (OSP-M) as an example of a model Therapeutic Community (TC) setting. Representatives from the Oregon Youth Authority, an organization that handles youthful offenders, and staff from the Shutter Creek Correctional Facility, a facility housing minimum security offenders, came to look at how the CEC TC program is used at OSP-M. The TC program at OSP-M is known as a forerunner in Oregon TC's and provides services to 48 male offenders consisting of substance abuse treatment and cognitive behavioral programming in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Corrections.

The two groups were able to observe a Peer Awareness Group and meet with staff at OSP-M who were pleased to meet with them and share their valuable experience regarding the TC environment.

"They were very impressed with the operation of our TC, and benefited by gaining valuable information regarding how a TC should be operated"

- Cindi Scott, Program Director for CEC at OSP-M

DEER RIDGE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (OREGON) HONORS CEC EMPLOYEE

CONGRATULATIONS TARA PINEDA ON BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE CONTRACTOR OF THE QUARTER AWARD!

Tara Pineda is the honored recipient of the "Contractor of the Quarter" Award as an employee for CEC at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Madras, Oregon. The award is performance-based and the nomination came from her peers that included clinical staff and supervisors. Tara Pineda is an Administrative Assistant who also performs Human Resources and payroll responsibilities.

"I feel very flattered to have received the award and am very grateful to my co-workers for my nomination. I would like to thank them for this award that means so much to me," says Tara Pineda.

"During her tenure for CEC at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution, Tara Pineda has displayed a tireless work ethic and a strong determination to complete any and all tasks requested of her.

In doing so she has gone beyond her job title to assist and benefit the CEC Phoenix Treatment program here at Deer Ridge. The clinical team and the Program Manager Richard Ortega, feel she is a very important asset. Tara Pineda continues to show motivation, passion and reliability beyond what is expected," says Barbara Hendrix, Clinical Supervisor, CEC Deer Ridge Correctional Institution.

CEC has 18 employees at the Oregon facility where they operate the 106-bed Therapeutic Community (TC) unit for the Oregon Department of Corrections. The program is based on criminogenics and addictions, and provides services in substance abuse treatment, life skills, anger management, family services, and educational and vocational support.



Tara Pineda (L) holding her award, with Richard Ortega, CEC Program Manager, and Barbara Hendrix, Clinical Supervisor

WELCOME NEWTON COUNTY (TX) TO SECURE FACILITIES DIVISION

CEC is proud to welcome the Newton County Correctional Facility (NCCF) in Newton, Texas to the Secure Facilities Division. As of November 3rd, NCCF has become the 18th member of the Division, and the 16th member in the state of Texas.

NCCF is a 924-bed capacity facility that accommodates offenders from Harris and Newton Counties, Texas, and serves local jurisdictions and smaller counties as well.

"Newton County is very important in our overall plan to provide secure housing for Harris County offenders. The facility houses the portion that is designated as ready for Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and that interaction is critical to our plan. We are very fortunate to have Greg Dawson as the Warden because not only is he a local citizen, he is also a very experienced TDCJ retiree," says Jim Shaw, Director of Secure Facilities Division for CEC.

After being open for only 2 ½ weeks there was an unannounced visit from the Texas Jail Commission for an inspection which NCCF passed triumphantly.

"Everything is going very well so far, we're very pleased to have passed our first inspection at this early stage and very encouraged about the progress here at Newton County," says Warden Dawson.

Warden Dawson is a veteran of the criminal justice community, having had a 28-year career with TDCJ, and having served as Warden and Assistant Warden at several Texas jail units in Tyler County, Jasper County and Liberty County. The Newton County Correctional Facility is located in eastern Texas, approximately 10 miles from the Louisiana border.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ROBERT BLACK BONNET, ALUMNUS, CASPER RE-ENTRY CENTER, CASPER, WYOMING



Robert Black Bonnet

Robert Black Bonnet spent 16 months in the Therapeutic Community (TC) at CEC's Casper Re-Entry Center, and is now enjoying a successful and productive lifestyle. He shares his story here about his recovery and the transformation he experienced as a result of the TC program at the Casper Re-Entry Center:

"Including juvenile, I've been in prison 30 years. If I hadn't come to TC, I would have just recycled back through the system. If I had just done my time and got out without TC, I'd have moved right back to selling drugs and hurting people.

But that changed when I went to TC. Before, nothing was my problem. I always blamed someone else. I never took responsibility for my part in a situation. I didn't look at things in terms of right or wrong, just as consequences.

Here, they taught me to challenge my thoughts and how to change my situation. They taught me to take into consideration how my actions affected others, and then to have empathy. To care about it. Before I had none – no empathy, no remorse.

Now, life is 100 percent better. I've held the same job

for two years. I'd never had a job before. I don't have conflict with other people. I pay my bills. It's a lot more peaceful.

Honesty helps. Before I'd lie even if the truth was better. It was just a habit – lying and being dishonest was one of my biggest triggers. Humility, have to have that. For me, it keeps me more balanced. If I have no humility, I have a lot of false pride.

Now I look forward to getting up in the morning, going outside, being in control and having management over my life. Not having to have someone else make decisions for me.

This is a successful program just by the path my life has taken now. I haven't been to jail in two years. The first step is being honest. That's where it has to start."

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***- Robert Black Bonnet, Alumnus,
Casper Re-Entry Center***

SECURE FACILITIES

DELAWARE COUNTY (PA) FIRST ANNIVERSARY A SUCCESS

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"We are making real progress, and we are experiencing a cultural change here. CEC has been instrumental in implementing new policies that are very effective in many areas," says Warden Frank Green.

One of the most important areas showing marked improvement is security, which Warden Green believes has improved 100%. Deputy Warden Colucci has put together a contraband team that has yielded 25 significant finds, leading to three arrests for contraband, and increased searches overall. Thirteen officers have been recognized with letters of commendation, a number that is increasing, and the training academy at GWHCF has produced a high number of graduated corrections officers. Out of 186 individuals who entered the academy class in the last year, GWHCF has graduated 166, a statistic which Deputy Warden Colucci is particularly proud of.

"The facility is being operated efficiently. I appreciate working with Warden Green, as we both know the facility from the inside, from the bottom up. The combination of CEC and the improved attitudes of our staff have created a productive and positive atmosphere," says Deputy Warden Mario Colucci.

Other areas that are experiencing change is the implementation of expanded health care services to the facility. In-house services have increased substantially, with the addition of oral surgery and podiatry, and more services on the horizon to be added.

"We are very proud of the medical staff on-site. Their commitment and loyalty to service at GWHCF is impressive," says Linda Pansulla, Corporate Medical Risk & Compliance Administrator, who adds that the medical staff has embraced the progressive changes brought by CEC.

Tom Savage, Assistant Warden is proud of the many diverse programs provided at GWHCF. He is grateful for the staff he works with, especially the education department. 85 GED's have been awarded over the last year. A mental health program has been initiated

which is working extremely well.

"People make the difference. We have such a dedicated staff here, they never tire and are really devoted to helping others," says Assistant Warden Savage.

Another new development was the introduction of reentry planning. A collaborative effort between County Officials, and Assistant Warden Tom Savage, and reentry counselors are working to decrease recidivism by increasing community contacts and support for inmates prior to discharge.

"The infusion of CEC's Core Values, which began at activation and continues today, has made a marked difference in the attitudes and interactions of staff and inmates. This cultural shift embodies CEC's vision in both our secure and reentry facilities," says Steve Tomlin, Director of Program Accountability and Support (PAS) Division for CEC.



L to R: Tom Savage, Assistant Warden; Frank Green, Warden; Mario Coluccio, Deputy Warden

FAMILY SERVICES



Dr. Lou Barretti
Director of Family
Services Program for CEC

DR. BARRETTI CO-AUTHORS ARTICLE

Dr. Lou Barretti, Director of the Family Services program for CEC, is the co-author of an article that has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Contemporary Family Therapy, which will appear in the Spring of 2010. The article, titled "Creating Internships in Marriage and Family Therapy: A Collaboration between a Training Program and an Offender Reentry Facility," is a joint effort between Dr. Lou Barretti and Dr. Ben Beitin, Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

The article explores a new frontier regarding benefits and challenges experienced by students and programs for marriage and family therapy in the clinical setting. It focuses on the development of marriage and family therapy internships in an offender reentry facility. The process of how students are referred and trained, the rewards and challenges of their work, and the supervision experience are described. The purpose is to inform marriage and family therapy programs about a potential resource for training students.

LONG BEACH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL RE-ENTRY CENTER LONG BEACH, CA

Therapeutic Community participants and their families participated in an interactive group encouraging positive parenting and strengthening family support of the reintegration process. Two key questions were posed by family members and answers developed by the group:

Question: "Can people change?"

Answer: Where there is a desire and commitment to change, with structured support of program and family, participants can successfully reintegrate into the core family and society as a whole.



Question: "How do we know if he is ready?"

Answer: Through the program, he learns a new way of thinking, which results in increased coping skills and behavioral change. Family members will see the change reflected in his growing respect of peers, family members and himself. It was noted that "Change is not a destination – It is a lifelong process."

All we need to learn is HOW TO CHANGE and then GET TO IT.

Cheryl Hopes
Clinical Supervisor

PHOENIX CENTER HENDERSON, CO

The Phoenix Center hosted our first park day at Pioneer Park for the residents to have an opportunity to spend valuable time with their children, family members, and any other support system individuals. Watching the interaction with our female residents and their families was very positive for all involved. I observed one particular resident give her son a hug and he wrapped his little arms around his mother's neck, one could see the love that was there. After the embrace she began to push her son on the swing, they had a ball! She was on cloud nine.

For our residents that don't have a positive support system, we as staff have compassion and understanding. We can be their support system encouraging them to reach for something greater in their lives and stop the cycle of breaking the law.

Melinda McClain
Phoenix Center Coordinator



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FAMILY SERVICES



COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES OF EL PASO (CAE) COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

We held an anti-drug/alcohol rally and picnic at America the Beautiful Park. Members came together in droves so that families could celebrate CAE residents' continuing recovery and also give parents the opportunity to talk to their children about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Children attending the event received teddy bears and bracelets with a "Proud to be Drug Free" message.

During the event, families gathered together to listen while CAE residents stood before the group to share their own stories of addiction & recovery and send preventive messages to the children present: "drugs and alcohol are not cool".

Several residents took advantage of the sharing time to apologize to their families and ask for their forgiveness. It was very powerful to hear each other's stories and report that being with their families motivated them to remain drug free. The event concluded with an impromptu water fight. Everyone became part of the water melee, Resident Manager Sheri Jones was drenched, but her huge smile indicated that she loved every minute of it!

Cecilia Turner
Operations Manager

PRESENTATIONS

DR. ANGELA MIMS PRESENTS AT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE



Dr. Angela Mims

Dr. Angela Mims, Associate Director for CEC's Albert M. "Bo" Robinson Assessment & Treatment Center in Trenton, NJ made a successful presentation for the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, "Letting Our Past Influence Our Future". Dr. Mims presented on Reflections of Women Journeying through Community Reintegration to a well-attended audience at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas.

"One of my main goals is to help others understand the importance of inspiring women to move on into a positive lifestyle, and that individuals can change. It is also important to have someone or something to motivate an individual towards change, these are sub-

stantial elements in the journey of recovery and reintegration into society," says Dr. Mims.

The keynote speaker for the convention was Charles Dutton, actor, who brought a strong message of self-discovery after his incarceration in Maryland's State Penitentiary, and his conversion that led to pursue a life in the arts.

Dr. Mims has an extensive background in the fields of Assessment and Treatment Counseling and has presented at numerous conferences nationally and internationally. She has co-authored an article "Reentry Programming and Female Offenders: The Case for a Gender-Responsive Approach," published in the Journal of Community Corrections.

CEC'S SE REGIONAL DIRECTOR PRESENTS AT MASCA

Mary Rose Worthington, Southeast Regional Director for CEC participated in a presentation for the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) at their Reentry conference in October.

MASCA is the leading regional interdisciplinary organization for professionals in the related fields of probation, parole, juvenile justice, and corrections. They are a regional affiliate for both the American Correctional Association and the American Probation and Parole Association.

Regional Director Worthington delivered a well received workshop on the topic of Reentry, and received a letter of acknowledgement from President Henry Alexander of MASCA to thank her for her valuable contribution.

The conference took place at LaSalle University in Newtown, Pennsylvania on October 23rd.



Mary Rose Worthington

What CEC has done for me

I would like to thank the following people who have contributed to my growth, not only as a person, but as an appreciated employee of CEC. First, Mr. Clancy for having the insight to develop a program for ex-offenders that creates opportunities for the residents and the employees that work for this company. Second, my brother Keith Hooper, whom I love dearly, for giving me a recommendation to work for CEC after I was laid off, (after working for 13 years and didn't know what I was going to do.) Ms. Leslie, Acting Director of Logan Hall, for constantly encouraging me to continue my education while teaching me everything that she knew clinically, so that I can possess the knowledge needed to be an asset to the residents that I serve everyday and the company. Mr. Odom, Chief of Operations, and Mr. Ghant, Chief Supervisor, for teaching me everything that they knew about doing the job at CEC to the best of my ability.

When I first took the job at CEC I had no idea of the opportunity that was being offered to me. I went back to

college and completed 258 hours of training towards my CADC license (which is offered free courtesy of CEC), and got all my medical issues handled due to the excellent insurance that I now have.

And last but not least, this company has given me the opportunity to work at the most rewarding job I have ever had in my entire life. This is the only job that I've had where I look forward to coming to work every single day. I started at Logan Hall as an Operations Counselor, and got promoted to Property Manager then another promotion to Unit Supervisor all in the matter of six blissful years.

This is a letter of appreciation for all that CEC has done for me and my family, and I look forward to continuing my employment for many years. THANK YOU

Sincerely yours,

Ira Hooper

Ira Hooper / Unit Supervisor / Logan Hall

CASPER RE-ENTRY CENTER (WY) HOSTS TWO SUCCESSFUL TC GRADUATIONS JUDGE DOWNES SPEAKS FOR SEPTEMBER GRADS, OCTOBER HOSTS FIRST BIA GRADUATION

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October BIA Graduation

Casper Re-Entry Center was proud to host a special graduation that took place October 21st for fourteen residents of CEC's Residential Treatment Program (RTP) for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). A specialized 64-bed Native American program has been developed by CEC in conjunction with the BIA in an effort to meet the needs specific to Native Americans in reentering society. This was the first graduation ceremony at a CEC center for the BIA and the specialized reentry program.

Jim Piro, Deputy Director of the Casper Re-Entry Center was the honored speaker for the ceremony who communicated a message of support and hope. What also made the day special was six of the graduates received their GED, awarded directly to them from a representative from Casper College.

The Native American program designed by CEC provides services in Meth Matrix, Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy

(REBT), substance abuse treatment, life skills training, All Nations groups (similar to AA/NA), Talking Circles, Red Road to Recovery, Price of Freedom, individual counseling sessions, 12-Step Medicine Wheel, parenting and fatherhood classes, Wellbriety classes, White Bison curriculum, GED classes, Alumni program, and Northern Arapaho Vocational Rehabilitation services.

The residential treatment program includes services for the BIA that includes referrals from the following tribes: Northern Cheyenne, Northern Cheyenne, Montana, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony,

Reno-Sparks, Nevada, Standing Rock Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, North Dakota, Spokane, Spokane, Washington, Pyramid Lake Paiute, Pyramid Lake Paiute, Nevada, Navajo, Pyramid Lake Paiute, Nevada, Washoe, Washoe, Nevada, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Washoe, Nevada, Chippewa Cree, Chippewa Cree, Montana, Blackfeet, Blackfeet, Montana, Spirit Lake Sioux, Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota, Pyramid Lake Paiute, Reno-Sparks, Nevada, Navajo, Northern, Cheyenne, Montana, Lummi, Lummi, Washington.



First graduating class for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) residents at Casper Re-Entry Center

Rodney Brockenbrough Director

The Albert M. Bo Robinson Assessment & Treatment Center



Rodney Brockenbrough is a twenty-five year veteran of the Philadelphia Prison System. He began his career as a correctional officer in 1984 and rose with unusual haste to attain his final position with that agency as Deputy Commissioner for Operations, the second highest position within the department. An avid student of correctional theories and philosophies, Rodney has been able to apply his accrued knowledge and appreciation of sound correctional practices to the benefit of a number of operational components throughout his career.

In addition to being a member of the prestigious National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, this well-rounded veteran of the Corrections industry is also a member of the Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association,

and served on the executive board as the Representative of the Eastern Region. He also holds memberships with the American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents, Academy of Correctional Health Professionals, and the National Major Gang Task Force. He has also served on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for Katherine Gibbs College.

In his new role as Director of the Bo Robinson Treatment and Assessment Center, Rodney will be venturing to meld his extensive correctional background with CEC's holistic approach to affecting recidivism and reentry, and otherwise promoting the company's mission in the best manner possible.

CEC has been the grateful recipient of the award of four facilities from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) that began in July 2009. With this award CEC operates three Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFPF) Facilities: Glossbrenner, Halbert, and Sayle, and one In-Prison Therapeutic

Community: Kyle. Eligible TDCJ offenders are provided a primary course of Therapeutic Community (TC) treatment in a 24/7 social learning environment that is supplemented and reinforced through staff-facilitated treatment and skills training.



Robert Wiley Associate State Director, Texas Program Accountability and Support (PAS) Division

Prior to joining CEC, Robert (Bob) Wiley worked for Gateway Foundation Inc. He was the Area Director for the Texas, Virginia, Kansas and Arizona in-prison

Therapeutic Community Programs. Mr. Wiley began his career in Substance Abuse Treatment at Omega I, Methadone Maintenance Program in Joliet, Illinois and has worked in hospital settings as well as community-based treatment. Mr. Wiley has advanced his career from Substance Abuse Counselor to Clinical Supervisor to Director and into management.

Mr. Wiley is recognized throughout the country for his experience in implementing and managing Therapeu-

tic Community Treatment Programs. He has served as a consultant with Cosmos Corporation and as a Drug Court Evaluator for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) in Washington D.C. as well as local Social Service Agencies.

Mr. Wiley earned his B.A. degree in Substance Abuse Treatment/Administration from Northeastern Illinois University. He is recognized as a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor (CSADC) in Illinois and an internationally Certified Clinical Supervisor with International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium. He is also a certified trainer for the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services specializing in training Foster Parents on "The Effects of Substance Abuse on Children and Families".

Cristi M. Payne

Of CEC
is the
newly appointed
Texas State Director

Maggie Johnson Vice President, Human Resources

Maggie Johnson has more than 20 years of experience in leading, developing, managing and directing all facets of human resources and talent management for multiple site and nationwide organizations.

Prior to joining CEC, Ms. Johnson's experience includes being the Senior Vice President for Human Resources at Greater Community Bancorp in New Jersey (since acquired by Valley National Bank) and Senior Director, Human Resources at RSM McGladrey in New York. Previously, Ms. Johnson worked in California where she

was Vice President of Human Resources for Heald Colleges, a multi-state, regionally accredited, educational institution based in San Francisco; and Vice President, Human Resources for SSR Realty Advisors, a nationwide, institutional investment advisor and property management company, also headquartered in San Francisco. She also worked on both the East and West Coasts as a Workforce Integration Consultant to CB Richard Ellis, a leading, international real estate company, following their acquisition of Insignia, a large, national, property manager, based in New York. Ms. Johnson holds a law degree from the University of London and has SPHR designation. She is also a certified coach with specialties in career, executive and goal-based coaching.



S AND POSITIONS

Corey Weber
Center Director, Kyle Correctional Center
Kyle, Texas



Prior to joining CEC, Corey Weber worked for the Gateway Foundation as the Center Director of Kyle Correctional Center beginning in January 2008. Mr. Weber has worked within the Criminal Justice Industry for more than 16 years, entering the field as a Substance Abuse Counselor at the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services in Davenport, Iowa, where he was a residential counselor. He was involved in many aspects of treatment during his 8-year tenure with C.A.D.S. working with juvenile diversion programs, drug court programming, halfway house programming, detoxification center assistance and contracted Continuing Care groups the agency provided.

Pamela A. Canty
Program Director, Ellen Halbert SAFPF
Burnet, Texas



Prior to her employment with CEC, Ms. Canty held the position as Assistant Director at the Ellen Halbert SAFPF, working for the Gateway Foundation, Inc. She began her career as a licensed chemical dependency counselor at the Ellen Halbert SAFPF, starting as a practicum student. Ms. Canty held the position of Clinical Supervisor and then became Assistant Director.

Kemberlee Henderson
Program Director, Walker Sayle SAFPF
Breckenridge, Texas



Kemberlee Henderson joined CEC in September 2009 as Program Director at the Sayle unit. Prior to joining CEC, Mrs. Henderson worked for Gateway Foundation, Inc., as the Program Director at the same site. Mrs. Henderson began her career with Gateway as a Clinical Supervisor at the T.R. Havins Unit in Brownwood, Texas.

Mark A. Davis
Program Director, Glossbrenner
SAFPF San Diego, Texas



Mark Davis was hired by the Gateway Foundation Estelle SAFPF, where he held every employment position available, from Counselor I and II, Transitional Coordinator, Evening Shift Supervisor, Clinical Supervisor and Program Director.

Mr. Davis is presently responsible for directing all related administrative activities for the Glossbrenner unit.

Paul Mazer
Associate Counsel



Mr. Mazer brings a vast background of practicing law in the fields of commercial litigation, employment law, and labor relations. As an attorney previously working for law firms, Mr. Mazer counseled companies on developments in employment law, represented management in National Labor Relations Board matters, and handled a variety of other litigation related issues. He is a graduate of Seton Hall Law School in Newark, New Jersey and received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Kristin O'Callaghan
Regional Finance Manager



Kristin brings to CEC a background in Finance, Accounting and Operational support. She previously held positions in the Chemical and Banking Industries, as well as over seven years with the Federal Government as a Senior Accountant. She holds a BA in Finance from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.



EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

CEC GOES INTERNATIONAL! OPENS TC IN BERMUDA

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CEC has the special honor of opening the first corrections-based Therapeutic Community (TC) on the island of Bermuda. In a ceremony on October 12 the Honorable Dr. Ewart F. Brown, Premier of Bermuda, spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the TC that is a partnership between CEC, Bermuda's Department for National Drug Control, (DNDC), and the Bermuda Department of Corrections (BDOC). Also in attendance were Hon D. Neletha Butterfield, Minister of Culture and Social Rehabilitation; Walter Roban, Acting Minister of Labour, Home Affairs and Housing; Dr. Robert Mackey, Senior Vice President for CEC; and Jim Elder, State Director of Delaware for CEC. The TC program was selected from several programs examined in the United States in an effort to help offenders recover from drug addiction and prepare them to reenter society leading crime-free lifestyles.



Honorable Dr. Ewart F. Brown, Premier of Bermuda, speaking at the opening of the Right Living House

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for the island," said John J. Clancy, Chairman and CEO of CEC.

The CEC TC program was chosen by officials after a group from Bermuda toured New York, Florida, the Carolinas, and CEC's in-prison treatment program in Delaware. During their stay in Delaware they were impressed by a cross training facilitated by Jim Elder for CEC staff and the Delaware Department of Corrections called "Understanding Therapeutic Community". The relationship developed into a productive result with the opening of the first corrections-based TC.

"We are grateful to have the Premier come to speak at the opening of the program. He has fulfilled a campaign throne speech commitment he made to the people of Bermuda by introducing a treatment program for offenders that will address the issue of rising drug addiction and crime on the island," said Dr. Robert Mackey.



The Hon. D. Neletha Butterfield, MBE, JP, MP (Minister of Culture and Social Rehabilitation) cuts ribbon at the opening of CEC's corrections-based TC

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