

The MASCA Connection

President's Corner

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President Henry Alexander

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. The MASCA/PAPPC Conference in Hershey was a tremendous success. We had over 350 correctional professionals from the region in attendance, plus 35 exhibitors and numerous guests, dignitaries, and training presenters. Everyone I spoke to said that they thoroughly enjoyed the networking opportunities, the speakers, and the workshops. It was significant that all workshop sessions were packed and very few people left the sessions early! That indicated a level of both skill by the presenters and presentations on topics relevant to our members. Those are always the hallmark of a MASCA conference and Hershey was no exception.

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We were also honored that Governor Tom Corbett accepted our invitation to address the attendees at our opening session. In addition, we had two Cabinet Secretaries who participated in plenary sessions, John Wetzel and Gary Tennis. MASCA and PAPPC thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to participate in the 2012 conference.

The MASCA/PAPPC Night social event was also fun for all who attended. The Milton Hershey School tour was informative. Many participants also found time to go to Hershey Park with their families.

Special thanks go to the 2012 MASCA/PAPPC Conference Planning Committee. It is a tremendous effort to plan and coordinate a conference like ours, but the committee worked efficiently and effectively to put together a great conference. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done!

Now PAPPC turns their attention to Pittsburg for the next conference in May, 2013, while MASCA will be hard at work planning our 2013 conference in Ocean City, Maryland. Registration for Ocean City is already open and more details will be coming soon.

Have a safe and fun summer. I'll write again in the next issue of the MASCA Connection.

Happy Reading,

Henry

Henry Alexander, President
Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association

Get Involved—MASCA Committees

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

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HOPE AND HELP FOR VETERAN OFFENDERS

SAVE THE DATE: November 13, 2012

One-Day MASCA Conference

Perry Point Veterans Hospital, Cecil County, MD

Who should attend?

Case Managers
Community Supervision Agents
Social Workers
Community Reentry Providers
State, local and federal Veteran Assistance Providers

Sample topics to be discussed:

Veterans vs. the average offender
Veteran mental health issues
Programming specific to Veterans
Financial assistance for Veterans
Transitional services for Veterans
Program coming soon



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Saturday, January 26, 2013

Connecticut



The Death Penalty: Connecticut Abolishes, National Panel Says Evidence Inconclusive

by
William D. Burrell

Within days of each other in late April, two significant events concerning capital punishment happened. First, Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy signed a bill abolishing capital punishment. Second, in a coincidence of timing, the Committee on Deterrence and the Death Penalty of National Research Council (NRC), an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, issued its report.

The passage and signing of the abolition law in Connecticut is remarkable for several reasons. First, a majority (two-thirds) of the state's citizens support capital punishment in a recent poll. ([Poll Results](#)) Second, the state and its citizens recently lived through the horror of a home invasion, arson and triple murder of a family in Cheshire, CT. The crimes were committed by two parolees, who were tried, convicted and sentenced to life terms in prison. The initial media reporting on the horrific details of the crime was replayed during the two separate trials. One could certainly understand and empathize with the citizens of Connecticut if they found themselves supporting the death penalty for these two offenders.

The Connecticut Legislature passed an abolition bill in 2009, but then-Governor Jodi Rell vetoed it. This time around, Governor Malloy, a former prosecutor, signed

the bill, abolishing the death penalty. Connecticut now joins the 16 other states that have abolished the death penalty, including MASCA states New Jersey and New York.

Governor Malloy, a former prosecutor and former supporter of the death penalty, described how his views had changed. The death penalty, he said, "is subject to the fallibility of those who participate in it. I came to believe that doing away with the death penalty was the only way to ensure that it would not be unfairly imposed."

Proponents of capital punishment largely rely on two arguments to support their positions. The first, largely incapable of being proven with quantitative research, is that a crime so heinous as the taking of another's life requires that for justice to be delivered, an equal measure be taken in response, that is the death penalty for the convicted murderer. This position is largely one of moral values and beliefs and is difficult to counter.

The second argument put forth by proponents of capital punishment is that the death penalty is an effective deterrent that prevents murder. In contrast to the former argument, the deterrence hypothesis is capable of being empirically tested. The Committee on Deterrence and the Death Penalty was charged with examining the deterrence research and determine if and how it informs the question of the deterrent value of capital punishment. In their report (Nagin and Pepper 2012), the panel was saddened to note that the research since the NRC's 1978 report (Blumstein, Cohen and Nagin 1978) has not provided any additional useful guidance on the deterrence issue. The current report notes that the deterrence research "is not informative about whether capital

punishment increases, decreases or has no effect on homicide rates." (p. 2) The Committee goes on to caution against using this research to inform discussions about the effect of the death penalty on homicide. In other words, there is no credible body of research that should be used at all in the discussions of deterrence.

This report should help to redirect the focus of the death penalty discussions to the issue that Governor Malloy raised, that is our lack of ability to ensure that the death penalty is administered in a fair, unbiased, color-blind, consistent and just manner. That is a huge undertaking that many have concluded is just too time consuming, difficult and expensive to attempt.

For an excellent summary of how the death penalty is all but destined to be unfairly administered, I recommend to our readers Charles L. Black's 1974 classic, "Capital Punishment: The Inevitability of Caprice and Mistake". (Black 1974) It is a short, highly readable review of the evidence. For those who don't want to devote the time to reading the book, the subtitle says it all.

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- Blumstein, Alfred, Jacqueline Cohen and Daniel Nagin, eds. (1978) *Deterrence and Incapacitation: Estimating the Effects of Criminal Sanctions on Crime Rates*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

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District of Columbia



July 19, 2012

Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for Department's New Video Visitation Center

Mayor Vincent C. Gray announced that the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) has moved forward with implementation of a pioneering model for inmate visitation via video conferencing. This technology connects inmates housed at the DC Jail with their visitors via the department's state-of-the-art Video Visitation Center, located within the DC General Hospital complex.

"I'm excited to announce this new visitation technology, because it will significantly streamline visitor check-in, improve the management of inmate visitation and improve safety and accessibility for family members and friends," said Mayor Gray. "It's the right solution for our visitors, incarcerated persons and staff members at the DC Jail."

The Department of Corrections' implementation of video visitation is supported by a strong working partnership with [Global Tel*Link](#) (GTL), their current provider of inmate telephone service. GTL understands the District is a unique jurisdiction, but one that can benefit from the video-visitation technology the firm has implemented in large and small jails across the country. It allows for an increased number of daily visits (DOC will be able to double visits from 200 to 400 per day using the technology), reduces congestion and long lines for visitors, eliminates the need for invasive security measures (such as pat-downs and frisking) and cuts down on security-related and staffing costs.

The DC Jail's new Video Visitation Center is set go live on July 25th.

This project has involved renovation of space in the DC General Hospital complex along with the installation of 108 video units and the supporting infrastructure (including 54 units for visitor use at the Video Visitation Center and 54 in the jail's housing units, where inmates will access the system). The new video-conferencing protocol impacts the social visitation process for all DC Jail inmates as well as juveniles being adjudicated as adults who are in the custody of DOC, but housed separately at the Correctional Treatment Facility. The legal visitation process remains the same, with 24/7 access continuing in the jail.

With video visitation, the entire process – from scheduling to the inmate/visitor connection – is made simple. The public now has the option of scheduling visits by telephone or through a secured website portal, after which they report to the Video Visitation Center on the specified day, confirm their scheduled appointment and begin visiting after being assigned a video station.

DOC Director Thomas Faust is optimistic about the system's impact in the District of Columbia. "I view implementation of video visitation as another step toward improving operational efficiency within the DC Jail," he said. "I am also confident that there will be marked improvements in facility security, with diminished opportunities for bringing all forms of contraband in to the facility.

Accessed at: <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/doc/section/2/release/23586>



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Maryland



DPSCS Secretary Gary D. Maynard Receives American Correctional Association's Highest Honor

TOWSON, MD (January 25, 2012) – The American Correctional Association's (ACA) highest honor, the E.R. Cass Award, this year goes to Maryland's own Gary D. Maynard, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Service (DPSCS).

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley is among those who wrote letters of support on Maynard's behalf, calling the Secretary, "a man of impeccable integrity, even temperament and outstanding judgment."

The E.R. Cass Award, named for an ACA president emeritus, goes to those corrections professionals who serve above and beyond the call of duty.



Inmates harvest crops from a farm on the Eastern Shore. Through this PSW project, food is distributed to Maryland's hungry.

Maynard has more than 30 years of correctional and military experience

– retiring from the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 1995 as a Brigadier General and serving as the head of corrections for four states prior to coming to Maryland in 2007. He is actively involved in ACA, having served as a past President, Commissioner, auditor of Accreditation and member of ACA's Standards Committee.

In his letter of support, acknowledging Maynard's many accomplishments during his career, O'Malley focused on the DPSCS [Public Safety Works](#) (PSW) program. In addition to developing the program, Secretary Maynard has invested himself in ensuring its success. PSW adopts the ideals of restorative justice, giving inmates an opportunity to make up for past wrongs through community service type projects prior to reentry. The program also benefits communities in Maryland that would not otherwise have the resources to complete special projects.

"He has crisscrossed the state, meeting with county commissioners and local mayors, to offer the services of inmate work crews and solicit ideas on how inmates can give back to the community," O'Malley said.

Maryland's first PSW project involved a commitment to plant one million trees across the state. That millionth tree was planted in May 2011.

This past year alone inmate crews contributed more than 700,000 hours towards projects that included growing and planting nearly 40,000 shoreline grassed in an effort to prevent erosion on the Chesapeake Bay, supporting oyster repopulation efforts that yielded

25 million spat, caring for retired race horses that may otherwise face slaughter and gleaning more than 200,000lbs of food, which was distributed through the Maryland Food Bank.

Under Secretary Maynard's direction, DPSCS believes in returning offenders to society with the tools necessary to lead productive, crime free lives. To that end, in addition to the PSW program, Maynard has also made it a priority to ensure [correctional education](#) seats are being filled as well as drug treatment programming. Through a proactive approach to [inmate health care](#) DPSCS has also increased HIV awareness as well as reduced hospital trips for infectious diseases.

Secretary Maynard has also spearheaded many [institutional security initiatives](#) that over the past four years have resulted in decreased serious assaults within the state's prisons, as well as made Maryland a national leader in innovative cell phone interdiction. In conjunction with the O'Malley-Brown Administration, DPSCS also implemented a [Violence Prevention Initiative](#) to proactively supervise the state's violent offenders living in the community, and opened lines of communication with local, federal and state law enforcement to improve public safety.

(Accessed from http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/news_stories/press_releases/20120125a.shtml)

[DPSCS Announces Partnership With America's Vet Dogs: Incarcerated Veterans Will Raise Service Dogs for Wounded and Disabled Veterans](#)

[Salisbury Safe Streets: "Partnerships + Projects = Success"](#)

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New Jersey



Rutgers University Evidence-Based Institute

The Evidence-Based Institute (EBI) is a joint collaboration between the Rutgers University (Newark) School of Criminal Justice and School of Law. The Institute was founded by Deans Todd Clear and John Farmer with the mission of serving the evidentiary and policy analysis needs of the New Jersey criminal justice system.

Under the direction of Director Michael Ostermann, Ph.D., the EBI will strengthen the evidence-based foundation for state justice system practices by (a) assessing how well current practices align with established evidence-based principles, (b) providing training to increase the level to which these practices coincide with these principles; and (c) conducting studies of the effectiveness of current justice system practices.

The School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark was founded in 1972 by an act of the New Jersey Legislature, and was given a special mission within

the state of New Jersey. The EBI fits the part of the mission that requires the School "to provide state and local justice agencies with crucial evidence and consultation about the policy and practice of criminal justice." The three prongs of the Institute—assessment, training, and evaluation—are designed to give organizational underpinning to the school's responsibilities in this area.

The EBI began its work with a two-day, statewide conference on the theme, "*Evidence: The Catalyst for Change*." The first day of the conference presented the concepts of evidenced-based practices and the potential impacts that embracing these concepts can have both on broad social policy as well as the practice of criminal justice. Keynote speakers for the opening day of this initial conference were Steve Aos, director of the Washington State Institute for Public Policy and Ed Latessa, founder of the Corrections Institute at the University of Cincinnati. The second day of the conference focused on evidence-based gender responsive practices; keynote speakers were Barbara Owen of the California State University at Fresno, and Patricia Van Voorhees of the University of Cincin-

nati. Over 100 private- and public-sector practitioners and managers from around the state attended the conference, where they heard presentations by the directors of the Department of Corrections, the Parole Board, and the State Police, in addition to the keynote speakers.

The Institute envisions working closely with the New Jersey practitioner base to bring evidence-based practices to the forefront. Ultimately, the EBI's work aims to increase the level to which service provision throughout the state.

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Northern State Prison Celebrates 25 Years

by

Thaddeus Caldwell

On Saturday, June 9, 2012, Northern State Prison located in Newark, N.J. celebrated 25 years of operations, since its opening in 1987. During the celebration at the elegant Newark Club, all staff were recognized for their hard work and contributions to making Northern State Prison a safe and secure correctional facility.

The facility has been host to the MASCA Board of Trustees where its board meetings have been conducted for several years. On behalf of MASCA, Marigold Henderson, Vice President and Thaddeus Caldwell, MASCA Board Member presented Northern State



From left to right: Marigold Henderson, MASCA Vice President, Paul Lagana, Northern State Prison Administrator and MASCA Board Member, and Thaddeus Caldwell, MASCA Board Member

Prison Administrator Paul Lagana, with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of 25 years of excellence in corrections and public safety. MASCA Board members, Larry Glover and William "Jeff" Anderson were also in attendance.

General News



EEOC Clarifies Hiring Standards for Offenders

by

William D. Burrell

Anyone who works with offenders knows the importance of employment successful reentry and supervision in the community. The positive impact of obtaining and maintaining a job in reducing recidivism is well documented through research and experience. In their classic study of life course criminology, Sampson and Laub (Sampson and Laub 1993) found that a job was one of the strongest predictor of success. The lack of a job has been shown in study after study to be a risk factor for re-offending. One only needs to look at any well-designed risk assessment instrument to find that employment is a factor in risk to re-offend. The pioneering work of Andrews and Bonta in identifying criminogenic factors includes employment as one of the central eight factors related to risk of re-offending. (Andrews and Bonta, 2010)

While there is little disagreement about the importance of employment for offenders in the community, securing and maintaining a viable job remains one of the greatest challenges facing offenders and their probation and parole officers (PPOs). One reason this is such a difficult challenge is that PPOs must rely on employers to hire the offenders. Many employers are concerned, if not fearful about hiring an offender. Their concerns include the safety of co-workers and customers/clients, fear of financial loss and even lawsuits for negligent hiring in the event that someone is injured by an offender who was hired.

This is a complicated area of the law that makes decision-making about hiring offenders very difficult. Employer's concerns and fears, whether justified or not, can often lead them to refuse to hire offenders to avoid the risks noted above. One of the complicating factors in this area is the federal law. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 restricts when and how employers can legitimately take prior criminal history into account in hiring decisions. Employers cannot automatically deny a job to someone with a criminal arrest or conviction. They must examine the seriousness of the crime, the time since it occurred and the relationship between the crime and the job under consideration.

As with so many aspect of the law, application can be difficult. Fortunately for employers and offenders alike, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) stepped in to provide some assistance. In April, the EEOC issued a 52 page guidance document which provides, in plain language, explanation and discussion of the provision of the law. The document includes scenarios to illustrate how the law should be applied.

The EEOC document is available on-line at: http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/arrest_conviction.cfm

As the *New York Times* noted in its editorial on the EEOC document, "It is must reading for all employers. I would suggest that it would be worthwhile reading for PPOs and other staff who are involved with offenders who need jobs.

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Additional News

- [N.J. lawmaker seeks to have sex offenders identify themselves on social networking sites | NJ.com](#)
- [NJ Officer Luca Piscatelli is Honored for Making a Difference in the DUI Fight](#)
- [Movie on re-entry takes top honors](#)
- [NHTSA: Drunk Drivers Cause One Death Every 51 Minutes](#)
- [Mandatory Interlock Technologies Progressing Faster Than Anticipated](#)
- [2011 OVC Report to the Nation—Rising to the Challenge: A New Era in Victim Services](#)
- [APPA's C.A.R.E. Model: A Framework for Collaboration, Analysis, Reentry, and Evaluation: A Response to Street Gang Violence](#)

Pennsylvania



Governor Corbett Highlights Goals of Justice Reinvestment Initiative

HERSHEY, Pa., June 18, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ – Governor Tom Corbett today highlighted new efforts to make Pennsylvania's criminal justice system more effective and efficient during a gathering of corrections, probation and parole workers at a conference in Hershey.

"I have spent most of my life as a prosecutor. I know we are never going to totally eliminate crime," Corbett said. "But working together we can deal with crime in a way that will redeem more offenders, appropriately incarcerates violent offenders and sexual predators, lowers recidivism, and keeps us all from being held prisoner to the growing costs of locking up the bad guys." About 400 representatives of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections, as well as The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association's Joint Conference and Training Institute, are participating in the two-day event. Corbett told the group about the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, which he established earlier this year to evaluate ways to make the state's criminal justice system more effective and efficient.

Through JRI, a bipartisan working group, including attorneys, judges, lawmakers and others who work in the criminal justice system, last month offered a number of recommendations. When implemented, those ideas can redirect the money saved on corrections for investment in law enforcement, probation, parole and victims' services, Corbett explained.

"We need to be as smart as we are tough on crime," Corbett said. "If we confront the problems of drug abuse and mental health issues early, if we employ specialized treatment courts and programs, we can save both revenue and lives." Also participating in this morning's session of the conference was Secretary of Corrections John Wetzel, Michael Potteiger, chairman of the PA Board of Probation and Parole, and Linda Rosenberg, executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

For more information, visit www.pa.gov.

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SOURCE Pennsylvania Office of the Governor

Accessed at <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/governor-corbett-highlights-goals-of-justice-reinvestment-initiative-159466655.html>



Funding Opportunities—2012 OJP Program Plan

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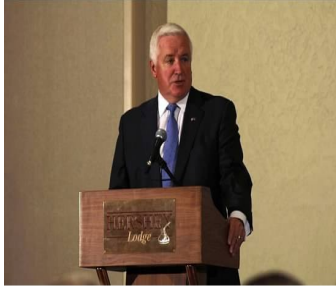
The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has launched a new, searchable online document of current funding opportunities and new initiatives, the OJP Program Plan. It features the latest and most complete information regarding both competitive and noncompetitive grants, training and technical assistance, research, and other resources available to the justice community.

For more information, visit [2012 OJP Program Plan](#) on the web.

MASCA—PAPPC 2012 Conference Re-Cap

By
Richmond Parsons

MASCA joined together with PAPPC this year for its annual conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from June 17 – 20, 2012. The conference, “Working Together: The Keystone for Success”, was a huge success and Hershey proved to be the sweetest place on earth. With two keynote addresses, 34 workshops, and 35 vendors, there was little down time for the participants.



Some highlights of the conference included welcome and opening remarks from Honorable George Hartwick, Dauphin County Commissioner. He was followed by Tom Corbett, Governor of Pennsylvania who provided inspirational opening remarks and support for Justice Reinvestment in Pennsylvania. He was followed by a prestigious panel on Justice Reinvestment which was moderated by Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The panel included James Anderson, Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission (JCJC); Marc Pelka, Policy Analyst with the Council of State Governments; Michael Potteiger, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP); and John Wetzel, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC).

Governor Tom Corbett

Through the MASCA network and its associations with the National Institute of Corrections, the American Jail Association, and the American Probation and Parole Association, we were able to provide a wide variety of workshops taught by some of the leaders in the field and based on the most recent literature and research. The feedback from the workshops has been very positive and we are sure participants are already in the process of implementing new ideas and skills at their current jobs and locations.

MASCA was pleased this year to honor the following individuals with MASCA awards: James Anderson, of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission, the MASCA Founders Award; John Wetzel, of the Pennsylvania DOC, the Carl Robinson Leadership Award; and William Burrell, long time MASCA Board Member, the Sal Russoniello Award.



Secretary John Wetzel

Two separate silent auctions were held on Monday and Tuesday, and MASCA was pleased to announce that through the generous involvement of the participants, that they were able to make a donation of \$2275.00 to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, PA. They keep children and families together by providing temporary housing to out of town families of seriously ill children being treated at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. MASCA members are encouraged to continue to support this incredible charity.



The conference ended with closing remarks from the newly appointed Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Gary Tennis, and his Deputy Secretary, Kim Bowman. They discussed current promising research in the drug and alcohol field and the future direction of the Commonwealth and their newly created Department.

We encourage everyone to visit the MASCA web site at www.corrections.com/masca to view pictures from the conference. We hope to see you all next year in Ocean City, Maryland.

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National News

Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards

The Department of Justice's national PREA standards were published in the federal register on June 20, 2012 and become effective on August 20, 2012. The first audit cycle begins on August 20, 2013. During the subsequent 12 month period jurisdictions must have at least one third of their facilities audited

The PREA Resource Center (PRC) is working to address sexual safety in confinement, and to assist state and local jurisdictions with implementation of the Department of Justice national PREA standards. Visit the library for research and guidance on implementation of the standards; the Training and Technical Assistance section of the website to learn about the PRC's four strategies for assisting the field with PREA implementation; and sign up for upcoming webinars [here](#).

National PREA Resource Center

The PREA Resource Center provides training and technical assistance to adult and juvenile corrections and law enforcement agencies seeking to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse in confinement.

Source: National PREA Resource Center at <http://www.prearesourcecenter.org>

Additional Resources

- [The Prison Rape Elimination Act \(PREA\) Standards](#)
- [PREA Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- [Justice Department Releases Final Rule to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape](#)
- [The US Office of Justice Programs Review Panel on Prison Rape recently released "Report on Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails" \(April 2012\)](#)
- [PREA Revised Standards](#)
- [Understanding the Impact of the Prison Rape Elimination Act \(PREA\) Standards on Facilities That House Youth](#)
- [Presidential Memorandum -- Implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act](#)

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Upcoming Events

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Indianapolis, IN
August 12-15, 2012

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

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

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

**International Association of Corre-
ctional Training Personnel (IACTP)
28th Annual Trainers' Conference**
Charleston, WV
October 21-24, 2012

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National Institute of Corrections

Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement

- [Development of a Series of Publications for the Evidence-Based Decision Making in Local Criminal Justice Systems Initiative](#)
- [Development of a Guide for Correctional Agencies to Establish Tele-Visiting Capacity in Correctional Facilities](#)
- [Women Offenders: Developing an Agency-Wide Approach](#)
- [National Institute of Corrections Inaugural Virtual Conference: Event Planning and Delivery](#)
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MASCA is a regional affiliate of the American Correctional Association (ACA), the American Probation & Parole Association (APPA), and the American Jail Association (AJA).

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