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**Putting Evidence-Based Principles into Action**

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## Program Summary

Despite extensive attention to reforming prisoner reentry approaches in the last decade, the return-to-prison or jail recidivism rates of formerly incarcerated citizens have not changed substantially in most states.

The most recent comprehensive study of state-level offender return to prison recidivism rates was performed by the Pew Center on the States, "State of Recidivism: the Revolving Door of America's Prisons" which showed that 17 states have had a recent decrease in recidivism and 16 states had an increase – and only six achieved a drop in recidivism of greater than 10%. And yet, the goal of prisoner reentry reforms is the reduction of former prisoner recidivism.

Most of the attention on prisoner reentry reform has been on high level "strategic plans" spurred by the excellent work of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and their Transition from Prison to Community (TPC) Model. But, the work of moving from planning to implementation requires an extraordinary level of coordination and capacity building.

Many jurisdictions lack the capacity to take the action needed to translate their strategic prisoner reentry plans into specific, measurable, tactical, implementation steps that will actually reduce the rate of former prisoner violations and returns to prison. Without additional tools and resources to support effective implementation activity, federally funded programs will not be sustained once federal funding ends, let alone be taken to scale, and major statewide reductions in recidivism will continue to fall well short of state and national goals.

### WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

There is much to learn from states that have broken through the challenges and witnessed double digit recidivism reduction through their reentry efforts. For example, Michigan's relentless efforts to curb the recidivism rate is nothing short of astonishing. The state's reentry program which began in 2002, the *Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI)* resulted in a decline in the prison population by nearly 17% through calendar year 2011, the eventual closing of 20 prisons, and a cost savings to the state of nearly \$1 billion over the course of the next ten years – without any related increase in crime. The MPRI is now a robust, state-wide effort with 18 regional reentry community councils that serve all of Michigan's 83 counties and at its peak, a \$57 million annual budget for community based services.

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The facilitator was superb, focused, obviously knowledgeable, and thorough. The training was well worth the financial investment! MS, Orange County Corrections

I especially commend the ability to ask questions and get responses that were incorporated into the sessions. SB, MHMR of Harris County

"I was very impressed with the depth of knowledge the facilitators possessed about evidenced based best-practices in the industry. However, it wasn't an over-your-head kind of dissemination . . . very practical."

".... one of the best "hands on" educational programs I have ever attended, including many of the Masters level courses I attended in graduate school. I will be, and have already, **STRONGLY** recommended this course for our County, DOC.... This was truly worthwhile and should be a mandatory course for Correctional Leaders everywhere." LK , Texas

"I can't think of any deficiencies in the program. It was very well organized, and extremely professional. I like the research that is provided to support the re-entry processes outlined in the training. It is good to have educational research to support the training being offered." - JH, Multnomah County

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## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION (contd)

The workshop, presented by Dennis Schrantz, the former Chief Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC,) has three inter-related components.

- First, the session will focus on the major lessons learned in Michigan and ten other states which have implemented reentry reforms and performance improvements.
- Second reentry models will be discussed in detail. The TPC Model has been the operative high-level model for prisoner-reentry reform and has helped foster much of the change witnessed in the United States over the past ten years. The TPC Model has enormous value as a foundation for effective strategic planning, but does not focus on tactical or implementation planning for putting those plans into action.
- Third, the workshop will focus on tactical, implementation planning including the recommendations of the national Reentry Policy Council Report and a new framework developed to guide the process of putting these into action in order to improve offender and system outcomes. The Council's 2003 report included policy statements and recommendations to assist with planning through the development of sound, evidence-based policies.

## ENDNOTES/CITATIONS

1. The Council of State Governments, States Report Reductions in Recidivism. 2012; and, The Pew Center for the States, The State of Recidivism: The Revolving Door of America's Prisons, 2011.
2. For example, the federal Second Chance Act (SCA) requires that participating jurisdictions develop and implement comprehensive strategic plans to reduce recidivism by 50%110th Congress, Second Chance Act of 2007: Community Safety through Recidivism Prevention, Washington, DC: U.S. Government, 2008. <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/110/hr1593>.
3. Based on data from nearly 33,000 former prisoners engaged in the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI): A 38% reduction in parolee failures resulting in a revocation to prison; Based on parolee success, the Parole Board increased the parole approval rate from an average of 48% to nearly 75% of all prisoners are now paroled at their court given "Truth in Sentencing" date; The parolee population initially increased over 40% while technical violations were reduced by 42% (through 2011). The parolee population increased from under 16,000 to over 22,000 - until it started declining in 2011 as the additional paroles started discharging successfully from supervision; As the centerpiece of the state's prison population reduction efforts (down 12% in just 4 years and 17% in five years), driven in part by budget reduction goals, reentry was critical to saving nearly \$1 billion over a ten year period by closing 20 prison facilities.
4. The state's accomplishments in putting evidence-based practices to work have been highlighted in numerous publications including, Downscaling Prisons; Lessons from Four States (The Sentencing Project, 2010) and On the Chopping Block: State Prison Closings (The Sentencing Project, 2012); States Report Reductions in Recidivism (The Council of State Governments, 2012), The State of Recidivism: The Revolving Door of America's Prisons (The Pew Center for the States, 2011), Michigan Breaks the Political Logjam: A New Model for Reducing Prison Populations (The ACLU, 2009) and, from the Washington Monthly, "Prison Break: How Michigan Managed to Empty its Penitentiaries while Lowering its Crime Rate."
5. National Institute of Corrections, TPC Reentry Handbook: Implementing the NIC Transition from Prison to the Community Model, Washington, DC: Department of Justice, 2008.
6. Council of State Governments, Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council: Charting the Safe and Successful Return of Prisoners to the Community, 2005.

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### Workshop Leader: Dennis Schrantz, Former Chief Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Corrections

Dennis Schrantz is a nationally known speaker, consultant and policy analyst who has worked for over 30 years across the U.S. assisting state and local jurisdictions in reducing prison and jail populations while improving public safety. From 2009 through 2012 Mr. Schrantz was the Senior Policy Analyst and Vice President of Business Development for Northpointe, Inc. From 2002 through 2009, Mr. Schrantz served as the deputy director of planning and community development for the Michigan Department of Corrections under the leadership of Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. In his seven years with the agency, Schrantz oversaw the development and implementation of initiatives such as the nationally recognized Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative that resulted in a decline in the prison population by over 12 percent, the closing of 20 prisons, and a cost savings to the State of over \$900 million – without any related increase in crime.



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Between 1995 and 2002 when he took his post in the Granholm Administration, Mr. Schrantz worked in Wayne County (Detroit), Michigan as head of their community corrections division where he tackled the vexing issue of a 24 year old law suit against overcrowded conditions in the jail system. As a result of improved management in the courts and the jail system, the lawsuit was ended and for the first time in decades the jail had ample space to house prisoners.

From 1989 until 1995, Mr. Schrantz was the founding executive director of the Michigan Office of Community Corrections that was responsible for reducing admissions to prison under the state's then-fledgling Community Corrections Act. Under his leadership the state's rate of admission to prison dropped from 32% to 22% where it has been maintained for nearly 15 years due to the structural changes in the front end of the justice system put into place by the Office of Community Corrections. During that time, Mr. Schrantz served under two governors, James Blanchard (D) and John Engler (R).

Mr. Schrantz has served as a consultant and advisor to the Sentencing Project, the Vera Institute of the Justice, the National Reentry Resource Center, the National Institute of Corrections, the Urban Institute, the Pew Center for the States, Public Policy Associates, the Center for Effective Public Policy, the Constitution Project and Joyfields Institute.

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## KEY REASON WHY YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES SHOULD ATTEND;

- Join others and learn to quickly get your program initiatives on a solid evidence-based and strength-centered foundation
- Gain credibility and embrace opportunities ahead as a evidence-based professional or organization
- Learn in a focused setting without the distractions of being sold to
- Network with colleagues and share ideas and experiences from different parts
- Learn how others have overcome implementation challenges they faced
- Leave with action steps for addressing challenges you face, and
- So much more!

## CERTIFICATE COURSE

Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate as evidence of your accomplishment and status as a practitioner who has acquired specific new skills. Your certificate will be delivered upon completion of the course.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Executives, program managers and professionals at corrections and justice agencies, human and social services supports for mental and behavioral health, rehabilitation and reentry. Administrators, managers and leadership at prisons, county jails, community corrections organizations and service providers implementing evidence-based programs and practices.

It is especially relevant for those working on various aspects of behavioral and mental health services and case management, community, reform, re-entry and reintegration. Teams that include the following will benefit;

- Care Coordination & Case Management Teams
- Clinical Directors & Staff, Social Workers & Counselors
- Behavioral Healthcare and Substance Abuse Professionals
- Community services agency personnel
- Probation, Parole & Community Corrections executives and other personnel
- Mental Health and Prevention Center Professionals
- Community Corrections Organizations and Services Providers
- Resident population staffs
- Disability Management Professionals
- Trainers
- Safety Officers
- Nurse Care Professionals
- Prevention staffs
- Workforce Specialists
- Psychologists, Psychiatrists and Therapists
- Pastoral counselors
- Court Administrators and Pretrial teams
- Researchers & Planners
- Government Agencies
- Pre-Release Specialists.

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## HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION

The host hotel for the workshop is the fabulous, **Embassy Suites Hotel Atlanta-Buckhead** located in swank Buckhead community at 3285 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305, USA, Tel: 1-404-261-7733

**Reservations:** A room block has been set aside at a negotiated rate of \$129/night plus tax and hotel fee. Participants must make their own reservations by calling the hotel directly or booking online. See how to reserve your room below. The block of rooms have been reserved for October 22, 2011 - October 27, 2011. The special room rate will be available until September 22nd or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. If you would like to arrive before or depart after the event dates, please call 1-800-EMBASSY to make your reservation. You must mention our Group code "**FIE**" to receive our negotiated rate.



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  - 10% member discount to Joyfields Institute sponsored programs
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- **CALL** Joyfields for assistance at 770-409-8780

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