



Re-Entry Services

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Funds Provided for Releasing inmates in Nevada

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The Religious Alliance in Nevada (RAIN) was formed in 1996 as a statewide network of five religious denominations (Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic) for the purpose of providing a forum for cooperative effort to advocate for social justice and good order in public life at the Nevada Legislature. It has been estimated that over 500,000 Nevadans participate in the congregations of these denominations in virtually every community of the State.

During an event in May, 2010, Nevada Supreme Court Justice James Hardesty spoke to a gathering of people supportive of RAIN, in which he noted that an ex offender without proper ID is unable to find work or housing and thereby cannot be self-sufficient or pay restitution or supervision fees or child support. This significantly increases the chances that this person will reoffend and be put back in prison at a cost to the taxpayers of \$18,000 to \$22,000 per year.

In 2010, RAIN launched a fund raising effort to seek contributions from parishioners in its member denominations to help in this effort. Some in RAIN have called this initiative "Passport to A New Life." These free will donations can be matched with grants and other sources of revenue to provide funds to offset the cost of obtaining valid IDs when a person is released from prison. So far, people in RAIN congregations have given over \$11,540 to the reentry account.

In 2008 and 2009, RAIN participated in meetings of the Nevada Commission on the Administration of Justice and the 2009 Nevada Legislature. During these hearings, RAIN learned that thousands of prisoners in the Nevada Prison System are released back into society each year. These ex offenders have either served their time or been granted parole. Unfortunately, many of these persons are released with very few resources and no proper identification. They cannot even afford the cost of between \$22 and \$42 to get a valid ID in Nevada.

In the 2009 Legislature, RAIN successfully lobbied for a bill that created a special revenue account in the State Treasury, dedicated to paying for reentry expenses, including the cost of getting proper IDs. Unfortunately, because of the State's ongoing budget crisis, no public funds were put in this account. However, it can receive gifts, grants, and donations, which can only be used to help offset costs of reentry for those persons deemed likely to succeed by the officials who oversee disbursements from this account.

RAIN invites anyone who believes this effort can make a difference to give a donation to this fund. Through these donations, the State's leaders will hopefully be persuaded to take reentry seriously, thereby keeping the costs of our criminal justice system under better control. We cannot afford to build new prisons or to handle large increases in the number of prisoners who might otherwise become productive citizens of society. RAIN has been pleased to be a part of this effort and hopes it will lead to a comprehensive reentry program in Nevada.



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Governor Sandoval Appoints New Director

On January 3, 2011, Governor Brian Sandoval appointed Deputy Director James G. Cox to the position of acting Director of the Department. James "Greg" Cox began his correctional career in 1981 as a Correctional Officer for the Illinois Department of Corrections. During his twenty-two years with the Illinois Department of Corrections, he held the positions of Correctional Officer, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Assistant Warden, and Warden. He retired from the Illinois system on June 30, 2003.

In December, 2003 Director Cox joined our Department as the Warden of Southern Desert Correctional Center, in August of 2004 he became the Warden of High Desert State Prison. In January 2005, Director Cox was selected to be the Assistant Director of Operations. Since becoming the Assistant Director of Operations he implemented numerous facility enhancement programs and reporting systems for Nevada Wardens and their management teams. He strives for continuous improvement and encourages his staff to "think outside the box" and is always open to new ideas and suggestions. He accepted the position of Director because he believes that together we will continue to ensure the safety and security of our facilities, thereby ensuring a safe and secure work environment for all staff and inmates.

Director Greg Cox has always supported Re-entry services for NDOC. We want to congratulate the Director on his appointment and look forward to his continued support of Re-entry services.





Howard Skolnik Retires as NDOC Director

NDOC wishes to thank our past Director and wish him the best in his retirement and future endeavors. Upon his retirement, Howard Skolnik issued this statement. "It is with extremely mixed feelings that I inform you of my intent to retire at the end of this month. I have worked in corrections for over 45 years and the time has come for me to spend more time with my family than Southwest Airlines. I cannot thank you enough for the awesome job you all do day in and day out. There is no way anyone can survive the Director's job without the support of staff and I have felt that support for over the 23 years I have been in Nevada but especially the last four. I am proud of how we as a Department have managed for the past four years during the most difficult fiscal time in the Department's history."

Thanks again, we all appreciate what you have done for us as our leader.

The Results of Positive Re-Entry Work

On June 21, 2010 a female inmate entered Casa Grande Transitional Housing. From the beginning she expressed an interest in attending school. Her academic goal was to become a certified drug/alcohol counselor. Her ambition was to help others with the same addiction that she had struggled with. She decided to take full advantage of the Educational Vocational Program here at CGTH, as a result of this program part of her rent charges were waived while she attended the College of Southern Nevada full-time. She attended the summer and fall 2010 semesters at CSN and completed a total of 17 units towards her degree. While attending school she worked part time at the

college book store for both semesters, all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

In November 2009, Casa Grande received a young man who appeared to have no employable skills. To increase his chances of finding employment, he decided to study a trade. He, like the young lady previously discussed, took advantage of the Educational Vocational Program offered at CGTH and began attending Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in February 2010. During the 9 month Culinary Arts program he was an active student, receiving awards for his outstanding performance and for his active participation in every volunteer opportunity that he could. Volunteering gave him a sense of giving

back to the community as well as provided him with the opportunity to network with potential employers. These opportunities eventually landed him an internship at Three Square Community Kitchen. He went on to graduate from Le Cordon Bleu with a 4.0 grade point average and a certificate in Culinary Arts in November 2010.

Re-Entry programs at Casa Grande help equip inmates with the tools necessary to help them make better choices and decisions about their future. A goal of Re-entry is to provide a multitude of programming opportunities for inmates to better themselves. Whether they take advantage of those opportunities is up to them.

Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)

Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, Nevada will provide the below listed training programs to be administered under the Nevada Department of Corrections Inmate Re-entry training grant. These training programs will be conducted at the Lovelock Correctional Center (Lovelock, Nevada)

◆ **OSHA 10 Hour Outreach Training for Construction:**

The State of Nevada in 2009, under AB 148, determined the need for more comprehensive safety training for those individuals working in the construction industry. As of January 1, 2010, all construction workers in the State of Nevada must possess the US Department of Labor 10 hour card in order to gain or maintain employment in the construction industry.

◆ **Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting:**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) passed legislation under Title X that all workers receive specific training for work activities that take place on what is referred to as "target housing and child-occupied facilities".

◆ **Occupational Safety and Health Administration Lead Action Level Training:**

The US Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a companion regulation to the USEPA's RR&P mandate. Under this existing OSHA rule, workers would be trained in what is known as OSHA Lead Action Level training.

◆ **Benefits of this Program:** Upon successful completion, students will receive official US Department of Labor identification cards. Official US Environmental Protection Agency certification as a certified renovation, repair and painting competent person. a certificate of completion from TMCC stating successful completion of this OSHA mandate. Possession of this certification will prove to potential employers that the person applying for a construction position has completed the required training, received the mandatory accreditation and has demonstrated a commitment to working safe.





Re-Entry Staff and Numbers of Inmates served:

- Anthony Scillia, Warden
- Bradford R. Glover, Re-entry Coordinator – Statewide
- Beatrice Collins, AAI – Re-entry
- Trinette Burton, Program Officer II – HDSP/CGTC
- Yvonne Johnson, Program Officer II– HDSP
- Chris Franklin, Program Officer II-SDCC/HDSP
- Vacant Position, Social Worker II – SDCC/TLVCC
- Suzanne Pardee, Program Officer I – FMWCC
- Vacant Position, Program Officer I – HDSP/SDCC
- Marina Crunk, Program Officer I – NNCC/WSCC
- Lora Silva, Program Officer I – NSP/SCC

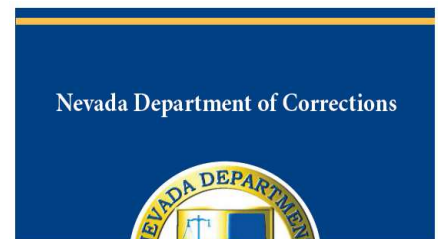


“You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of.”
 ~ Jim Rohn

Re-entry Statewide Programming Services Results as of Feb.2010	Inmates served:
February 2010	2083
March 2010	1889
April 2010	2516
May 2010	2244
June 2010	3279
July 2010	3267
August 2010	3188
September 2010	2883
October 2010	2773
November 2010	2557
December 2010	2275
Total Services for 2010	28,654

Services Provided include the following:

- * Processing Birth Certificate Applications
- * Processing Social Security Replacement Card Applications
- * Assisting Inmates with Halfway House Placement and Applications
- * Processing and assisting inmates with release planning
- * Teaching Re-entry Classes (such as New Beginnings, SMART Choices, Family Reunification, Path to Success, etc.)
- * Face to Face or written communications with inmates.
- * Distributing Community Resource Guides to inmates upon release.
- * Assisting Community Partners that enter the facilities.



Informational Handbook
 Community Resource Guide

Nevada Department of Corrections

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- * Don Helling
- * E.K. McDaniel
- * Jeff Mohlenkamp
- * Brian Connett

Warden:

- * Anthony M. Scillia

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Casa Grande the Hub of Re-entry in Southern Nevada

Currently, 70% of all offenders released from the NDOC are released to the Las Vegas area. It is critical that a major presence in Las Vegas should be established by the Department to effectively and efficiently address release planning. Casa Grande Transitional Housing (CGTH) is the only NDOC facility located in the city of Las Vegas, NV.

Historically, Casa Grande has not been able to properly address reentry due to lack of funding and resources to implement proper reentry services. We recognize the necessity for improvement and have modified the use of the facility. The location and access to the community provides an opportunity for enhanced services, programs and community partnerships; that would be otherwise unavailable.



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Lieutenant James Scally, Facility Manager

Casa Grande Numbers:

Capacity: **376**

FY2010 – 2011 Operating Budget: **\$4,629,565**

Proposed FY2011-2012: **\$4,180,503**

Proposed FY2012-2013: **\$4,180,503**

Room & Board Generated Since FY2006: **\$3,323,036**

Revenue from the inmate rent payments for FY 09-10: **\$579,339**

Government/State Grant Generated Revenue for Re-entry services: **\$3,199,325**

The Mission

The mission of the NDOC Re-Entry is to enhance public safety by providing offenders effective program services to prepare them for established re-entry into the community.

This mission can be accomplished by complying with six principles and practices which will be customary in all of the Re-entry programs in the state. They include:

1. Motivate and shape offenders' behavior with the "New Beginnings Re-Entry Class" one year to six months prior to release.
2. Assess offender's needs.
3. Staff to develop a re-entry/transitional plan, with the inmate.
4. Insure inmates have a community resources informational booklet.
5. Create community support for offender re-entry and reintegration.
6. To ensure services for inmates are not duplicated services.

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- ◆ Northern Nevada Restitution Center the Hub of Re-Entry in Northern Nevada
- ◆ Update on P.R.I.D.E.
- ◆ Update on O.P.E.N.

