

SECOND CHANCE QUEST

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to another edition of Second Chance Quest newsletter. Our newsletter was founded on the principle of being a source of information for the prison population, their families, and the general public who are concerned about issues of the Justice System. We pride ourselves in bringing to the forefront pertinent, and accurate information. We believe, to be informed is the first step in the right direction in righting the ills of our society. We further believe, no innocent person should spend a day falsely imprisoned, let alone decades. Furthermore; our hearts goes out to those parents serving decades in prison for a first offence nonviolent crime. And so, it is our sincere desire to right those ills of our society that keeps us writing.

The courts will be the first to admit, "we don't have a perfect justice system." And still, it is next to impossible for a person to be exonerated after a wrongful conviction. Why is that? The main reason being, as long as the public believes only the guilty are charged and convicted, then, it becomes all the easier to sweep those cases under the rug and out of the eyes of the public. Second Chance Quest, through our newsletter, will bring the much needed exposure to those cases in the hope of keeping the public engaged.

Our motto is: *"The ends you serve that are selfish will take you no farther than yourself, but the ends you serve that are for all in common, will take you into eternity."* **Marcus Garvey**

We welcome your support and feedback, do sign up to be a donor/member of this vastly growing nonprofit organization. We look forward to hearing from you. Tell a friend to log-on to our website today. **Mr. T. Bravo**



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7 HELPFUL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

Did you know that a variety of programs for children of incarcerated parents are available around the country? Children with incarcerated parents have unique social and emotional needs. More than two million children have a parent in prison, and these programs work to lessen the trauma children must face. The following list includes a series of programs offered by nonprofit organizations, the government and local communities.

1

Angel Tree Program connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts, for those who celebrate this holiday.

Angel Tree, a Prison Fellowship program, is nationwide. In most cases, local church volunteers purchase and deliver gifts to children in the name of their prisoner-parent.

If you are interested in participating as a gift-giver, you can call Prison Fellowship at 1-800-55-ANGEL. If you are seeking to connect Angel Tree with a child of an incarcerated parent, learn more on the website.

2

The Sesame Workshop, pioneered by the Administration for Children and Families group, includes multimedia, bilingual (English/Spanish) programs for children of incarcerated parents.

One of most beloved sources of early childhood development, Sesame Street, now offers these children and their families/caregivers a free toolkit. The resources are also valuable for the range of other professionals who interact with these children.

"Sesame Workshop believes the incarceration of a loved one can be very overwhelming for both children and caregivers. The very act can bring about big changes and transitions. But Sesame Workshop feels there are simple everyday ways to help comfort a child and guide him or her through these tough moments."



3

SKIP, Inc is a program focused on Saving Kids of Incarcerated Parents. With franchises around the country, this program works with youth and their caregivers to establish a supportive "circle" of positive relationships around every child.

They provide behavioral and academic empowerment programs for children who have one or both parents in prison. To inquire about a program in your area, check the website.

Additionally, they offer an online community for teens ages 13-17. Every Sunday evening at 6:00 PM Eastern, kids can share their thoughts and ideas with others who understand. SKIP also offers a variety of community programming, printed and online resources, and volunteer training.

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UNBREAKABLE

Speak words towards me of hatred and disdain, curse my existence and resent my name, find all my flaws and commence to complain, kill my shine and show my shadows my shine, give me the weight of the world to hold me down, make every expression on my face a frown; give me the lost that longs to be found; and nurture my needs with the grit off the ground. Kick me, hit me, push me, shove me; kill me and watch me live on through those who love me, demean me and put all else above me; force me to face all that disgust me, give me the worst of the worst and leave nothing else for me; but when I scream "I'm an innocent man!!!" ignore me, take my wealth and strip me down to my last token, brand me with every harsh word spoken, drown me in disparity and laugh as I'm grasping and choking, through God I remain UNBROKEN!

By: al-Nafi Vick

HYPOCRITES

Hiding in plain sight... Right before your eyes, some people have two faces and we just don't realize. The face you see everyday, is the mask they wear to hide. It's used to cover true feelings; and like clothes... it's just a disguise! Some hypocrites crave attention... and are full of arrogance and pride, they like to belittle others; to make themselves feel better inside, they'll smile, laugh, and joke with you, and behind your backbite you're scandalized. They're quick to say one thing, then to the next person tell a lie! What they've done, had, and got... makes them think they're tried and true, but actions tell a different story; just look at what they do!!! Everyday is a masquerade party for them, two faced like trick and treat! Hypocrites hide who they really are... thinking no-one has the ability to see. Pay attention to those around you, and more to those you embrace; all people aren't who they seem... Deep down inside, some are two faced!

By: The Madd Poet (ARIBA)

LOCKED UP

When I was locked up at the age of twenty-four, I had a lot going on for me. I had a wife and child, an apartment full of nice furniture, an overflowing wardrobe; not to mention a fast car and motorcycle. Once I was locked up for a fifteen year sentence all those things I

accumulated started to slowly go away. So much so, that all I have left is my beloved son.

Now as I approach my release date I find myself with a lot of anxiety as to what I'm going to do when I'm free again. Having thoughts such as, will I be able to find a good job, where will I live, how will I take care of my son, and will I be violated if I inadvertently slip up?

So much has changed in the world while I have been gone. I have never seen a smart phone, and there was no such thing as social media when I was out there. The thought of these things frightens me. I view my future as some kind of a huge black mountain that I must climb but don't know how tall it is, or what obstacles awaits me.

The Department of Corrections, in my opinion, have not done enough in preparing prisoners to face those conditions upon release, much more has to be done. It appears, the penal system's best interest is to keep prisoners cut off from the ever changing world, in the hope that upon our release we will never adjust to the outside world, and in turn, return to our old ways and ultimately, back to prison. Support of this argument can be found in the half-step attempt at programs, wherein, emphasis is placed on attendance rather than passing grades.

The lasting changes in my life are owed to God, and myself, not DOC. I didn't like what I've become in life, and so, I made the conscious effort to change. Such as, developed a positive outlook on education and the discipline of religion. With that, I've made the decision to quit drugs and alcohol, and I've been clean for years, that I've done on my own. So, to those prisoners who are content with who they are, and see no need to change themselves, even though they still carry the monkey on their backs. This question is for you: What chance do you have in living a successful life after prison?

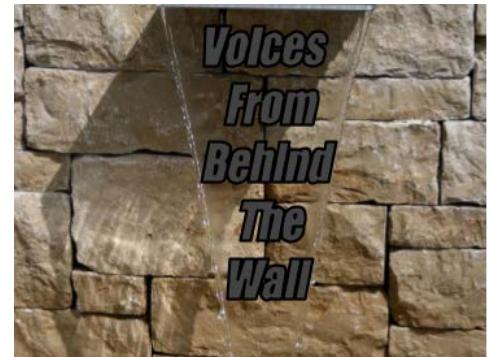
The system kicks you out the gate knowing there is a pack of wolves waiting to devour you. Wise up, survive for the sake of those who genuinely love and need you. Stay Free!

By: Ali

BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL, I AM

Dear Creator, I come for answers. Why did you create someone that the world would hold back?

See God, black is the color of the



bruised eye when someone gets hurt... Black is the color of darkness, black is the color of dirt which we step on. Why is my bone structure so thick, my hips and cheeks so high? Why are my eyes brown and not the color of the sky? Why do people think I'm useless? How come I feel so used?

Lord, I just don't understand... What is it about my skin, why do some people want to hate me and not know the person within? Black is what people are "labeled as" when others want to keep them away... Black is the color of shadow cast... Black is the beginning and end of days.

Lord, you know my own people mistreat me. And you know this just ain't right... They don't like my hair, they don't like my skin. They say, "oh, your too dark", or "you're too light", or the main insult, "what are you?"

The Creator replies: Why I made you Black? Well, I made you in the color of coal from which beautiful diamonds are formed... I made you in the color of oil, the black gold which keeps people warm. Your color is the same as the rich dark soil that grows the food you need... Your color is the same as a black stallion and a black panther, oh what majestic creatures they are!

Your hair is the texture of lambs wool, such beauty is he... You are the color of midnight sky, I put star glitter in your eyes... There's a beautiful smile hidden behind your pain... That's why your cheeks are high, you are the dark color clouds from the hurricanes; created in September. I made your lips full and thick so when you kiss, they'll remember! Your stature is strong, your bone structure is thick to withstand the burden of time...

The reflection you see in the mirror is that of true beauty and strength, each morning the Sun embraces your beauty!

By: Wise Black Sun

For those of you who may not know Second Chance Quest runs a mentoring program in prison facilities to facilitate positive change in the lives of these men and prepare them for life both behind the wall and in society.

Visit www.secondcq.org to read more essays from the graduates.

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CHANGE, COMMITMENT, DISCIPLINE, PATIENCE, AND STABILITY

The Second Chance Quest program has done a number of things to help me change for the better as a man from the inside out. First and foremost, it taught me the true meaning of change and commitment. I also learned real discipline and patience. Last, but in no way least, the program showed me what stability is. The program has given me the tools and with them firmly in hand, I've begun putting them to use in my daily life. Change is not easy at my age, but it isn't impossible either and the SCQ program has shown me that.

I want to talk about the commitment and change first. Not because they were the first two words for the group session page, but because to me they are the most important and should be used together. What I mean by this is, if you can have the commitment to change things about you beneath the surface you have to really want it and stick to it. No matter what anyone else says or does, you have to let the commitment drive you and let the goal of true change be your destination.

The next two things are also important, discipline and patience. After you start at the beginning with your dedication and have true change, as your destination, expect the road to be rocky. That's where discipline comes in. Impulses and temptation come along all the time and discipline help you to resist. Discipline reminds you of your goal. Discipline helps you say no to the things you shouldn't do, but it also makes you do what you're supposed to do. Sometimes it might seem like these temptations, impulses, and laziness comes along too often and you think you'll run out of discipline, but that's where patients come in. Patience is endurance. Patience is tolerance. Having patience builds character. People say patience is a virtue and the reason is that most people who don't have it end up in places like this. Patience is definitely necessary for change, especially when things aren't going your way.

The last thing to come along is stability. After all of those other things come around, stability makes everything solid. When you incorporate all of these other things and you allow yourself to stabilize, using these tools without thinking or without hesitation, you've changed. You know it when all those other traits become normal to you. Most people don't know what stability is, whether it be stability in your own character or stability in your home. Here, I've learned stability of character. When your character is stable, you can really recognize yourself as a man, in the sense that you're the same all the time and nobody can say you're two-faced or fake.

I know I've changed since being in the Second Chance Quest program. Taking all of what I've learned and making it a working part of my life has gotten me this far and I want to see how much further I can go. Change, Commitment, Discipline, Tolerance, and Stability are only the tip of the iceberg for me. I know I have a lot more to learn and that means life will always be changing. If you're not open to learn, you won't be open to change. You won't be able to change. Second Chance Quest has laid the groundwork and given me a foundation to build on. It has also given me the tools to build and I'm ready to keep building on the change I've already made.

"Cooch"



**Congratulations to all of the
Second Chance Quest Graduates
from the
Buckingham Correctional Facility!**

STATE, INMATE SETTLE SUIT AFTER ASSAULT

by: Frank Green, Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"A prison inmate's lawsuit has been settled in exchange for the state making a donation of an as-yet-undetermined amount to charities and "addressing" his medical needs stemming from a 2013 assault by another inmate.

The unusual settlement with James H. Raynor, a prisoner at Sussex II State Prison in Waverley, includes clarifying the Virginia Department of Correction's policy on saving video monitor recordings, said spokesman for the Virginia attorney general's office.

It was also learned Friday that John Michael Parsons, an assistant attorney general working on the case, has tendered his resignation. Parsons was placed on administrative leave last month while the attorney general's office looked into sanctions imposed by U.S. Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson.

Anderson, who sits in Alexandria, awarded \$7,674 in costs to Raynor's lawyers with the firm of McGuire Woods after sanctioning the attorney general's



office for improper conduct that caused the firm and a court reporter to make a wasted trip to the prison.

The law firm, which was court-appointed to represent Raynor and doing so at no cost, said last month it would donate the money to The Central Virginia Legal Aid Society.

Raynor's suit alleged his rights were violated in 2013 when a correction officer failed to protect him when he was assaulted by another inmate and injured. Raynor, 56, is serving life for sex offenses..."

SCQ Comments:

While we at SCQ have a low tolerance for sex offenders, not featuring the successful outcome of this law suit against The Department of Corrections would be counterproductive to the hopes and aspirations of countless prisoners who are currently pursuing legal actions against the DOC. So it is hoped that those prisoners will be encouraged by this article to continue in their pursuit of justice.

LAW/RULES:

We at Second Chance Quest want to encourage our readers to utilize information/knowledge gained to better their conditions. Many prisoners upon release have incurred fines, court costs and debts to the respective courts in which they were convicted, penalties imposed and costs are known as judgements. According to Va. Code 19.2-341, penalties other than, fines have a 20 year limit if imposed by a circuit court, and a ten year limit if imposed by a general district court. What this means is if you have been behind bars for at least 20 years and have penalties other than fines, you should write that specific court and explain that you have been incarcerated for that period of time and you are asking for a residence of all judgements, debts and penalties. Also, ask the court to send you a response at their earliest convenience to let you know that this issue has been resolved.

If you have penalties incurred by a general district court and 10 years have elapsed, follow the same format above.

By: Rafeeq

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EXPLORING MILITARY SERVICE AS AN ALTERNATIVE SANCTION (PART 3):

By: Travis Wade Millburn, Eastern Kentucky University

Previous Inmate Thoughts on Military Service as an Alternative Sanction:

"Prior to this research, only one study that I'm aware of has considered offender's ideas on using military service as an alternative sanction. The study was completed in Frankfort, Kentucky in 2008. Frana and Schroeder (2008) surveyed prisoners at Frankfort Career Development Center (FCDC) from a quantitative and qualitative perspective. FCDC is a minimum security work camp for 205 inmates. Frana and Schroeder (2008) suggest that, given the relatively minor and nonviolent crimes for which they are being detained, FCDC contains a prison population that would most likely be candidates for military service as a sanction. Three in four (76%) inmates at FCDC were completing sentences for drug or property crimes. Taking a life course theory approach, the researchers looked at how connections with conventional society can cause one to desist from crime, in this case how military service can rehabilitate and what inmates think about this unconventional sanction. Frana and Schroeder hypothesize that prisoners would support the use of

military service in corrections and that it could be rehabilitative (Frana and Schroeder, 2008).

The researchers concluded that military service was a feasible alternative to incarceration that was popular among many respondents and proposed that military service should be considered by legislators as an alternative sanction, particularly in lieu of imprisonment (Frana & Schroeder, 2008)."

Discussion and Conclusions

In this study, I used data from 935 respondents to examine predictors of inmates preference for military service over prison. This research is significant due to the limited amount of previous research regarding military service as a potential alternative sanction. A previous study (Frana and Schroeder, 2008) considers the possibility as well and is the only other research of this nature to date.

As previously mentioned (in SCQ previous newsletter), anecdotal evidence certainly exists that situations where

military service is used to avoid prison arrangement have occurred. Such an agreement seems to have occurred with particular offenders based on charges and previous correctional experience (personal communication May 16, 2011) which presents an interesting notion regarding the potential for military service to be utilized as an alternative sanction. The first important question from this notion revolves around the topic of which offenders should be allowed to make these arrangements. Intuitively, the most likely group of offenders for such a sanction would be non-violent offenders.

Other characteristics of offenders should also be considered (e.g., age, prior record, previous prison time, and physical and mental ability to serve). As the findings of this research suggests, young offenders would be more willing to serve in the military to avoid prison.

Implementing such a sentence and applying it to younger offenders could increase the possibility of the alternative to have positive effects on the offender.

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FROM THE DESKTOP OF THE FOUNDERING MEMBERS

WHAT CAN I BRING TO THE TABLE OF SECOND CHANCE QUEST?

I will definitely put forth a serious effort to see that this organization is successful in every possible way. I will do all I can in research and development to aid the organization. I will continue to encourage family and friends to join and aid this non-profit organization.

Why did I take part in founding this organization? I truly believe that there is a strong need in our society for such an organization. I know we can make a difference in changing the lives of countless individuals, both prisoners and the public alike. I believe nonviolent offenders should be given a second Chance, and with a clean slate. I would like to be apart of the movement that brought that to bear for those men and women. I honestly feel the country is ready for fresh ideas in reducing our overburdened prison population, and the high recidivism rate. I want to be apart of the conversation to bring about the reclassification of some crimes that is classified as violent when in every sense, of the word is nonviolent. For example, robbery without the use of a weapon or physical injury, burglary, and drug cases. I want this organization to work diligently to establish programs in Virginia and across the nation to help prisoners, both violent and nonviolent offenders to obtain parole and a second chance at life. When we lock a parent up, the longer they stay locked up is the greater the possibility that their children will also end up in prison. Let's get these men and women home to their children in a timely manner, so they can lead their children from that path before it is too late. When we lose a child, society also loses.

-David

Bravo requested my presence to aid and assist him in a concept to steer the disenfranchised youths from a life of lawlessness. Give an alternative from entering and increasing the prison population. Provide a structured and disciplined environment while instilling life skills for them to prosper and become responsible members of society.

Second Chance Quest will prove to be an asset based on experience, sincerity, tenacity, and willingness to achieve

-C. N.

IN THE NEWS

FEDERAL JUDGE SUGGESTS DENIAL OF PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR INMATES

By: Sarah Kleiner, Richmond Times-Dispatch.

A federal magistrate judge has recommended denial of a protective order for inmates who said they witnessed repeated abuse of a mentally ill man before he died at Hampton Roads Regional Jail. The four inmates have said they faced retaliation by jail officers after they were named as witnesses in a \$60 million lawsuit filed by the family of Jamycheal Mitchell.

Mark Krudys, who is representing Mitchell's aunt, Roxanne Adams, the plaintiff in the suit, does not represent the four inmates in their criminal cases. But he requested a protective order on their behalf.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence Leonard, who conducted hearings about Krudy's request, said in filing Monday that he recommend the denial of the protective order. His recommendation will be forwarded to a U.S. district judge for final decision. Both sides presented voluminous evidence, but Leonard said in his recommendation he wasn't convinced the inmates' claims were completely founded.

'In essence, there is a fair gray area between retaliatory conduct and routine inmate discipline, which again highlights the court's concern with intruding into the day-to-day operations of a jail'. Leonard wrote. He said the truth likely lies somewhere between the inmates' claims and the Jail's denial of retaliation.

Krudys declined to comment on Leonard's recommendation. Nine inmates were named as witnesses in the lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

"I was asked what is the difference between information and knowledge, after pondering the question I came to the conclusion: Information is knowledge that can be utilized, but rarely is. Knowledge is information that is utilized." -Rafeeq

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“The power of the Universal Declaration is the power of ideas to change the world. It inspires us to continue working to ensure that all people can gain freedom, equality and dignity. One vital aspect of this task is to empower people to demand what should be guaranteed: their human rights.”

-Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

See previous issue of SCQ newsletter for Articles 1-10. This issue will feature Articles 11-15, part 3 of the remaining Articles will be featured in our next issue.

Article 11: (1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.(2) No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

Article 12: No one shall be subject to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor attacks upon his honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13: (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state. (2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14: (1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.(2) This right may not be invoked in the case of persecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15: (1) Everyone has the right to a nationality. (2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

7 HELPFUL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

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4 **Assisting Families of Inmates**, based in Virginia, specializes in providing programs for children of incarcerated parents. Specifically, they create opportunities for visiting an inmate parent.

Creating referrals to community resources and other services also helps families cope with incarceration. Their program, the Milk and Cookies Children's Program (the MAC Program), ran for 11 years throughout Richmond.

While it is no longer running regularly, these resources are available on an as-needed basis and the AFOI foundation is dedicated to this population of children and their caregivers. Email family@afoi.org for more information.

Conclusion

Approximately 10 million children have experienced parental incarceration at some point in their lives. Programs like these help children learn the skills needed to adapt to that unfortunate fact.

Stories of support and love during a parent's incarceration show that these programs are necessary and valuable.

Do you have an experience related to helping a child of an incarcerated parent you'd like to share with us? Please share with us on our Facebook page [@2ndCQ](#)

This article is sourced from www.connectnetwork.com “ConnectNetwork™ was created for the friends and family of inmates to make it easy and convenient to communicate with inmates and send them money.” Visit the website to learn more about the many services they offer.

5 **Children of Inmates** is a Florida-based organization that helps to keep the lines of communication open between children and their incarcerated parents.

According to their website, they “introduce children to their incarcerated parents, create positive memories and moments for the children, and facilitate rebuilding lasting bonds for a lifetime.”

With a focus on raising children to be happy, healthy and productive citizens, this organization provides a series of services like Bonding Visits.

As an advocate for stronger policies to strengthen the bond between children and their incarcerated parents, Children of Inmates helps to mitigate the trauma caused by the separation.

6 **Hour Children** is providing practical, comprehensive services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their families. Located in Long Island City, this organization has been helping their local community for 25 years.

Through prison- and community-based programs that support these fragile women and their families, this organization helps them work to transform their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.

7 **Forever Family** is an Atlanta-based program that works to ensure that all children have the opportunity to be surrounded by the love of family.

This organization has several programs designed to nurture kids socially, emotionally, and educationally.

For younger children, an after-school program helps them cope psychologically with the effects of having their parents imprisoned by allowing them a safe place to interact with other children in similar situations.

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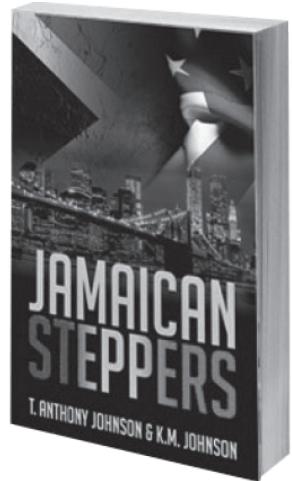
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LAW/RULES: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES

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The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) has been promoting the use of evidence-based practice for many years.

Their research has led to eight principles, which we will feature a few in this issue and subsequent issues of our newsletters until the completion of all eight principles.

Corrections and criminology research conducted over the past several decades provide substantial direction for implementing prison and community-based programs for criminal offenders. Criminologists have spanned the research-practice divide that have emerged over the last fifteen years. Now leaders in corrections must take forward the information learned and implement programs based on the principles of effective intervention.

First Principle: Assess offender risk/need levels using actuarial instruments.

"Risk factors are both static (never changing) and dynamic (changing over time, or have the potential to change). Focus is on criminogenic needs, that is, offender deficits that put him or her at risk for continued criminal behavior. * For example, many studies show that specific offender deficits are associated with criminal activity, such as lack of employment, lack of education, lack of housing stability, substance abuse

addiction. Actuarial instrument tools are available which can assist in the identification of these areas of service needs. One of the most common of these is the Level of Service Inventory (LSI). ** The LSI may be the most used instrument: In a 1999 study, researchers found that 14% of the agencies surveyed in a national study were using the LSI-Revised with another 6% planning on implementing it in the near future. It is used in jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada, and has been the subject of a considerable amount of research. Systematically identifying and intervening in the areas of criminogenic need is effective at reducing recidivism."

* Criminogenic risk refers to attributes associated with criminal behaviors and recidivism include (Gendreau, and Andrews, 1990): (1) Anti-social attitudes, values, and beliefs (criminal thinking);

(2) Pro-criminal associates and isolation from pro-social associates, (3) Particular temperament and behavioral characteristics (e.g., egocentrism); (4) Weak problem-solving and social skills; (5) Criminal history; (6) Negative family factors (i.e., abuse, unstructured or undisciplined environment), criminality in the family, substance abuse in the family; (7) Low levels of vocational and educational skills; (8) Substance abuse.

The more risk factors present, the

greater the risk for committing criminal acts.

** Andrews, D.A. and Bonta, J.L. (2003). Level of Supervision Inventory-Revised. U.S. Norms Manual Supplement. Toronto: Multi Health Systems. The LSI assesses the extent of need in the following areas: criminal history, education, employment, financial, family and marital relationships, residential accommodations, leisure and recreation activities, companions, alcohol and drug problems, emotional and personal, and pro-social attitudes and orientations.

Second Principle: Enhance Offender Motivation.

"Humans respond better when motivated- rather than persuaded-to change their behavior. An essential principle of effective correctional intervention is the treatment team playing an important role in recognizing the need for motivation and using proven motivational techniques. Motivational interviewing, for example, is a specific approach to interacting with offenders in ways that tend to enhance and maintain interest in changing their behaviors.

But when it comes to using this information in the systematic application of program services, most corrections agencies fall short."

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