

GRANTEE: Connection Training Services (CTS)

ADDRESS: 2233-47 West Allegheny Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

AMOUNT: First Year: \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$100,000 (Non-Federal Match) = \$760,000
(Total)
Second Year: \$653,150 (Federal Direct)

DURATION: 24 months

POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT: CTS will provide services to 208 recently released ex-offenders each year. The proposal describes ongoing relationships with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections but provides no details on recruitment/referral processes for this project.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: CTS uses a holistic approach to identify and treat psychological, social and family problems that lead to substance abuse, an inability to retain employment and reincarceration. With 72% of recommitments due to technical violations of parole, CTS emphasizes avoiding such violations. CTS provides housing services to released prisoners through an on-the-job construction trades training program in which participants renovate housing. After renovation, workers reside in the homes and pay 1/3 of their income as rent. Mentoring will take place through the Christian Tabernacle Church of God with 90 experienced mentors. CTS has links with Pennsylvania prisons, and CTS staff will gather information on prisoner barriers and recruit potential participants during visits to the institutions. Parole and Probation will provide a package for each prisoner describing terms and conditions upon release.

Services to be provided include assessment, work readiness training, development of individual reemployment plan, skills training, tryout employment, GED preparation and literacy skills, mentoring job placement assistance, post placement support, stipends (\$40/day) for transportation, lunch, and living expenses.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH: \$100,000 (CTS space, facilities, equipment); other funds will be sought.

SUB-GRANTEE: Christian Tabernacle Church of God (\$45,000)

PARTNERS: Christian Tabernacle Church of God; Salvation Army; Resources for Human Development; County Assistance Offices; Narcotics Anonymous; local One-Stop Centers; Germantown Settlement; Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition; Northwest Treatment Center of Germantown; Community Behavioral Health; Warren E. Smith Centers; Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

OUTCOMES:

- **Enrollment:** As of May 18, 2007, 234 participants have been enrolled.
- **Services:** As of May 18, 2007, 1550 services have been provided to participants.
- **Employment:** As of May 18, 2007, 153 participants have been placed in initial jobs.
- **Recidivism Rate:** Currently, the grant has a 5% recidivism rate.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: North Philadelphia, PA

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