

# REINTEGRATION OF EX-OFFENDERS – ADULT Generation 4

**GRANTEE:** Connection Training Services

**LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES:** North Philadelphia, PA

**TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (PY 2010 Appropriation):** \$1,170,000

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:** N/A

**KEY PARTNERSHIPS:** Key partnerships include the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Philadelphia Parole and Probation Departments, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority, Tenant Action Group, Dignity Recovery House, ArtHouse, Horizon House, Quality Healthcare Systems, Philadelphia City Schools Adult Education, Northeast GED Center, Community Legal Services, Project Home, Brotherhood Mission, and Community College of Philadelphia.

**KEY FEATURES:** This program will provide at least 390 returning offenders with case managed pre- or post-release assessment/planning; pre-employment skills training; job skills training and placement, with a special emphasis on green jobs training and placement; mentoring; and follow-up services. Participants will receive approximately six months of assistance, including one month for assessment/job readiness, remedial education and life skills, and five months of training and job placement services. The initial assessment process will be used to identify the potential for increasing educational attainment of participants, through the attainment of a high school diploma/GED, post-secondary education or vocational training, through the administration of standardized tools, interviews, review of reports and individual Reintegration Plans. Program Employment Specialists help employers obtain available job tax credits for hiring ex-offenders and once a participant is placed in an appropriate job slot, an Employment Specialist will follow up on a daily basis the first week, twice per week during the second week, and once a week thereafter for up to thirty-eight weeks to verify the placement is successful and to provide support and re-placement, if indicated. Placed clients will also be encouraged to visit the program for informal support.

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