

Cicely's Comment Corner:

If you have not responded to the pre-conference attendee email, please do so ASAP so that we can make arrangements for adequate space to facilitate the pre-conference.

Building on Success-Starts Monday, January 9, 2006!

All grantees are asked to attend the OJJDP's *Building on Success* national conference in Washington, DC. Online registration has ended; however you may register onsite.

Young Offender Grantee

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A weekly news and information source for USDOL-ETA Youth Employment Program Grantees

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ONLINE RESOURCES



Advocacy Toolkits to Combat Legal Barriers Facing Individuals with Criminal Records

People with criminal records face a daunting array of counterproductive, debilitating legal barriers that make it much more difficult for them to succeed in almost every important aspect of life. The Legal Action Center's (LAC) report, *After Prison: Roadblocks to Reentry*, documents and grades each state on the legal obstacles that people with criminal records face as they seek to become fully productive members of society. In order to help advocates eliminate these roadblocks, the LAC has developed 12 advocacy kits on many topics that are barriers to obtaining employment such: non-conviction arrest inquiries, standards for hiring people with criminal records, and certificates of rehabilitation. For more information please visit: <http://www.lac.org/toolkits/Introduction.htm>.



PUBLICATIONS

Job Development Essentials: A Guide for Job Developers Second Edition

Job Development Essentials Second Edition provides practical advice for workforce development professionals—the same advice found in the first edition, but with a stronger emphasis on engaging employers, providing expanded services to the business community and involving businesspeople as resources and advocates for an organization. This new edition still includes strategies, solutions and sample responses to the knottiest problems job developers face, along with quick self-assessments for all elements of the profession. For a complete abstract and purchasing information please visit: http://www.ppv.org/ppv/working_ventures/working_ventures_publications.asp?section_id=6#pub151.

The Evaluation Exchange

In addition to proper program implementation, execution, and management; those responsible for delivering activities and support services associated with development programs are also tasked with evaluating the effectiveness of the program as well as the progress of the participants. Harvard Family Research Project's evaluation periodical, *The Evaluation Exchange*, addresses current issues facing program evaluators of all levels, with articles written by the most prominent evaluators in the field. Designed as an ongoing discussion among evaluators, program practitioners, funders, and policymakers, *The Evaluation Exchange* highlights innovative methods and approaches to evaluation, emerging trends in evaluation practice, and practical applications of evaluation theory. It goes out to its subscribers free of charge four times per year. For a more information on the periodical and free subscription please visit: <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/eval.html>.

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