

SAFE COMMUNITIES REENTRY COUNCIL SUMMIT

Wednesday, September 27th, 2006, 9:00am – 5:30pm
Milton Marks Conference Center

Making Rehabilitation Work: Creating Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

This summit features practical and relevant information detailing how to improve the coordination and delivery of services for formerly incarcerated individuals. The purpose of this event is to educate our partners, key stakeholders and the general public about the challenges faced by those who are reentering society after a period of incarceration, study the current state of affairs and statistical data concerning reentry and identify new solutions to providing better transitional services to those who need them.

9:00am-9:30am - Registration

(Pre-registration is required – All attendees must be present at 9:30 to be included in the morning session since the summit will be televised.)

9:30am-9:45am – Welcome and Summit Overview by Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi (confirmed)

9:45am-10:15am – Keynote Speaker: Honorable Mark Leno (confirmed)

Why Providing Effective Reentry Services to Returning Prisoners Benefits the Community

Focus: The need for reentry services and why they make sense from human and public policy perspectives, including an explanation of how a high recidivism rate means more crime and community violence, and how this can be avoided by offering effective reentry services.

10:15am – Welcome by Mayor Gavin Newsom (confirmed)

10:20am-10:35am – Local Re-entry Overview (Presented by Public Defender Jeff Adachi)

Powerpoint slideshow presenting reentry challenges, definitions, statistics and emerging trends, including information about probation and parole.

10:35am-12:00pm – Panel One

Defining Reentry and the Need for Reform and Service Implementation in San Francisco and California

Focus: Detailed perspectives on local and state reentry and information about past and present best practices and policies.

Moderator: Jeff Adachi, SF Public Defender

Panelists	Topic
Kamala Harris, SF District Attorney	Local re-entry efforts and diversion programs
Michael Hennessey, Sheriff	In-custody re-entry programs; current plans to provide transitional housing and services to former prisoners and parolees
Shirley Poe, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	How parole works; what services are available to parolees
Arturo Faro, Acting Chief of Adult Probation Department	How probation works; what services are available to parolees
Ross Mirkarimi, SF Board of Supervisors	The impact of lack of effective re-entry programs on community and the importance of coordinating delivery of re-entry services to returning former prisoners.
Barry Krisberg, National Council on Crime & Delinquency	Discuss findings re: re-entry efforts by state corrections
Terry Anders, Anders & Anders	Former parolee
Michael Bien, Rosen, Bien, and Galvan, LLP	Prison litigation
Panel Organizers (will develop questions and work w/ panelists):	

12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch in Resource Room

1:00pm-1:15pm – Spoken Word by Angela Wilson and Frank Williams

1:15pm-2:30pm – Panel Two

Programs and Solutions

Focus: Overviews of successful reentry programs and their lessons learned in building collaborative relationships, providing services, identifying funding and institutionalizing their efforts and how that can be applied to our work in San Francisco.

Moderator: Shirley Melnicoe

Potential Speaker	Topic
Lorna Trinh	Needs of parolees upon release
Dr. Emily Wang, Transitions Clinic, Southeast Health Center	Medical and health treatment for parolees
Frank Williams, Senior Ex-Offenders Program	Special challenges affecting seniors
Wayne Garcia, Walden House/ Director of Criminal Justice Programs	Transition housing/substance abuse
Rev. Kinwood Devore, Metropolitan Fresh Start House	Faith-based communities
Jason Bell, Project Rebound	Education
Demarris Evans, Clean Slate Program	Legal
John Baskerville, Swords to Plowshares	Mental health and veterans services
Panel Organizers:	

2:40pm-3:55pm – Panel Three

Building Bridges and Crafting a Plan for San Francisco

Focus: How we can use best practices and existing resources to establish a foundation and leverage additional resources to build an effective continuum of services for individuals returning to our communities.

Moderator: Linda Connelly

Panelists	Topic
Del Sayles Owen, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	Collaborating with the Department of Corrections and SB 618
Irma Vargas, West Bay District Administrator Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	How parole can partner with local agencies to better coordinate and deliver services to parolees
Margie Candelaria, MD Consulting	Defining the overall needs of parolees
Yvonne Cooks, <i>All of Us or None</i>	Organizing former prisoners for political change; case study of “Ban the Box” for San Francisco.
Deborah Alvarez, Goodwill	Employment development
Rico Remedio, Formerly incarcerated individual	
Herbert Donaldson, Retired Judge	Re-entry Court
Panel Organizers:	

4:00pm-4:20 pm – Closing

Focus: Summary presentation of findings from the Safe Communities Reentry Summit.

4:30pm-5:30pm – Reception/Networking in Resource Room