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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

FCI-Oxford Education Department Offers Extensive Variety of Programs

The Education Department at the Federal Correctional Institution-Oxford, Wisconsin, is composed of extensive, well-organized academic, vocational and recreational programs. The department is staffed by personnel who are professionally trained and qualified in these respective fields: Education, Recreation, and Vocational Training.

The foundation of the Education Department is the Literacy Program. The Literacy Program has been implemented in accordance with Bureau of Prisons policies. It is divided into three sections: Literacy, Pre-GED, and Advanced GED Preparation. Any inmate who does not have a high school diploma or GED or cannot verify a GED when admitted to this institution is required to attend classes for a minimum of 240 instructional hours. The Literacy, Pre-GED and Advanced GED Preparation classes are two hour assignments. Classes are open-ended, meaning that a person may enter the program at any time, at any level, and then progress at his own pace. Individual program plans are developed by instructors for each student and tracking systems. The Literacy Program is offered in Spanish as well. Another part of the Literacy Program is English as a Second Language. This program is for those inmates with limited English proficiency.

Each month the Education Department recognizes individuals for outstanding class participation and performance in the ESL and GED programs. The Student of the Month receives a certificate of achievement and a \$10.00 monetary award. A monetary award of \$25.00 is provided to all inmates who earn an ESL or GED certificate.

A program consisting of professional studies in Advanced
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Occupational Education is being offered by UW-Baraboo. Certificates are available in Business and in Computer Science. Courses of study are available that could lead to an Associate of Arts and Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Baraboo. Enrollment in the certificate programs is open to all inmates who meet admission requirements as established by the University of Wisconsin. All program applicants must complete entry placement tests in reading, writing, and math prior to admission. Minimum admission requirements include a high school diploma (or completed GED) and entry-level post-secondary reading, writing, and math skills.

The inmate legal (law) library is located in the Education Department. The legal library contains all materials required by Bureau of Prisons policy for the preparation and submission of federal questions of law, beginning with the Administrative Remedy Process through the U.S. District Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. There are also numerous legal reference books, forms, and materials available in the library.

The resource/leisure library is also located in the Education Department and has available a wide range of reading material. Books are available for research as needed for college classes, as well as books for leisure reading. In addition to books, the library also subscribes to a wide variety of magazines and newspapers. Inmates may order books from outside libraries through the Inter-Library Loan Program.

At the present time, there are numerous apprenticeship programs available at Oxford. The institution Mechanical Services Department offers apprenticeship programs in the following areas: air conditioning/refrigeration mechanic, bricklayer, maintenance carpenter, maintenance electrician, maintenance machinist, moldmaker, painter, industrial maintenance pipefitter, plumber, stationary engineer, tool and die maker, wastewater treatment, and industrial welder. The Dental Office of the institution hospital offers an apprenticeship as a dental assistant. All of

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the apprenticeship programs at Oxford are sponsored and certified by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

The Food Service Training Center (FSTC) provides advanced food service preparation and management training at the Associate of Arts degree level for selected inmates. Inmate FSTC graduates are awarded an Associate of Science Degree by the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin. Fox Valley accredits the Oxford program and its instructors. Curriculum for this vocational work/study program is the same as required for food service students on the main campus. Students are assigned to this program on a full-time basis where they earn pay just like they would on any other regular institutional job assignment.

The Soldering VT Program is also available. This program provides instruction in soldering technology which includes the following skills: terminal soldering, through-hole technology, surface mount technology, and inspection methodology. It also provides basic knowledge of table layouts, harness assembly and equipment to be utilized. This program is accredited through Madison Area Technical College and IPC.

Adult Continuing Education (ACE) classes offer self improvement opportunities to inmates at FCI-Oxford. The classes are voluntary and they are scheduled during evening hours. Classes typically last eight to twelve weeks. Examples of these classes are: CDL, legal research, business, foreign language, and mathematics. The only requirement is an interest to learn.

The leisure time area provides a large variety of recreational activities for the inmate population. This includes intramural competition in basketball, pool, softball, soccer, and tennis. There are also intramural activities in volleyball, flag football, handball, racquetball, and weightlifting. During the summer months, the outdoor recreation area contains a weightlifting pavilion, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, a volleyball court, basketball, handball, and tennis courts, a football and softball field, a fitness course, and a well-designed running track.

The Arts and Crafts Program offers a variety of hobbycraft activities. These include clay casting, ceramic molding, leather tooling, painting, and woodworking. The area has two kilns for firing clay products.

Oxford Recreation Staff have also developed a well-rounded Wellness Program. This program teaches lifelong skills in health maintenance, exercise, and good nutritional habits. There are morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, with both beginning and advanced classes.

FCI-Oxford is one of the most heavily "programmed" institutions in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. There are a huge number of organized activities in which inmates may participate while incarcerated.

Membership Gets Reduced Rates for You

If you are a CEA member, you are eligible for reduced registration rates at most conferences and training seminars sponsored by CEA-Wisconsin or the International CEA. This includes the International CEA, Region III & IV, and CEA-Wisconsin State Conferences and the upcoming Effective Black Parenting seminar.

CEA is the only professional organization devoted solely to providing opportunities for correctional educators to network with their peers. So, if you aren't already a member, consider joining our growing organization. Take advantage of the services CEA membership affords.

If you are a member of CEA, keep your membership active. If you haven't already joined CEA, please go to the national website, www.ceanational.org, and do so. Individual memberships are only \$55. If you are a student or volunteer, or if you have retired, you are eligible for a reduced CEA membership rate of \$35 per year.

Something to Read in County Jails

County jail administration generally does not have a line item designated for “Inmate Library” when they go before their local County Board for approval of their proposed annual budget. Coordinating and maintaining an inmate library is not usually part of any individual’s job description. If a county is fortunate enough to have educational programming for its inmates, then it is often the adult literacy educator, technical college instructor, or similar civilian in the facility who hears the inmates’ criticism of “*There’s nothing to read!*” and takes it on as a personal/professional charge to action. In the case of Sheboygan County, Instructor Sharon Abel along with Officer Roy Kluss arranged to meet David Weinhold of Eastern Shores Library System and Sue Mathews of the Mead Public Library. Concerns and ideas were shared and a partnership was born in 1998. Eastern Shores Library System agreed to be the fiscal agent for any funds awarded as a result of grant requests written by Sharon Abel on behalf of the inmates.

Coordinating and maintaining the Sheboygan County Inmate Library continues to be a **volunteer team effort** and not part of any individual’s job description. Why invest the time and energy? The answer is found within the following two inmate-written letters originally published in the August 2007 issue of *The Library Connection: The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Shores Library System* available at www.esls.lib.wi.us.

I was unsure what I was getting into when Sharon Abel [full-time Lakeshore Technical College Instructor] called me for school. I have tried getting my GED a few times before but never completed the programs. There was no help in those programs. I lost interest and just gave up. I didn't know what to expect when I started the LTC Adult Education Program. Hearing there are instructors to help with problems and answer any questions that you may have sparked my interest. The first class I attended answered all my questions. The instructors were friendly and very helpful. I wanted to attend every class that I could.

I am fifty years young and never read a book cover to cover. With this program and the help from the instructors, I have read thirty-two books not including the GED education books and have passed three of the GED tests. I have confidence I will finish the GED/HSED tests and continue on to college.

This program and help from Sharon, Kelly [part-time LTC Instructional Assistant], and Pat [Literacy Volunteer Tutor] “the instructors” are the best thing that has happened to me. I can't say enough about Sharon, Kelly, and Pat. Their teaching abilities, knowledge, and motivation is the reason I want to continue with the program. I hope there are more instructors like them! “My heartfelt thank you” to Sharon, Kelly, and Pat for helping me in this program and for putting up with me. I also want to thank Lakeshore Technical College and all the people that are involved in making this program possible. I hope it continues helping others like it has helped me.

*Sincerely,
Kenneth, “A Satisfied Student”*

Kenneth keeps two lists of books, one with titles he has read and one with those he wants to read in the future. Both lists are growing. He has successfully passed another GED test and continues to diligently prepare for his last test.

Though it is uncomfortable for me to say, because of my lack of control when it comes to alcohol, I have spent the better part of the last two years in this facility... I was asked what I thought of the importance of books [in jail]...

“Reading brings wisdom, wisdom breeds less criminal activity.” People learn to read and write behind these walls, they earn an education and some even get GED’s or HSED’s. Reading brings

out knowledge and dreams of having a life aside of being involved in crime. I will tell you myself after seeing so many men come and go, it is the ones that sit around playing cards and talking about crime that always come back. It is the guys that are reading that get inspired to lead a better life. Through these books we see the pleasure and the love that can be ours. And, yes, all of that can come from one simple book. Books can really change people. They have surely promised me a better life away from the evils of alcohol.

Let me just finish by asking if you have ever seen a child's face light up when you handed them a book or read them an inspiring story. Most of the men behind these walls are nothing more than kids still looking for that kind of love from someone.

*Thank you.
David*

Within a few weeks following his writing the above letter, David highly recommended the following books for inmates and non-inmates alike:

- *Reading Changed My Life: Three True Stories* authored by Beth Johnson and published Townsend Press 2003
- *Prisoners of Belief: Exposing & Changing Beliefs that Control Your Life* authored by Matthew McKay, PhD & Patrick Fanning and published by New Harbinger Publications 1991

The first book was most likely a donation and the second was purchased for twenty-five cents at the Friends of the Mead Public Library book sale. Monies are fast depleting; thus, free or almost free materials are very much appreciated. Book donations are received from various individuals and agencies; recently a couple of individuals volunteered to coordinate gently used book drives at their respective churches for Sheboygan County's Inmate Library which serves a diverse population of adult and juvenile, male and female inmates.

Because Sheboygan County Inmate Library's original funding source no longer offers competitive grants, a new option is needed. Any ideas regarding a viable funding source for the Inmate Library (a volunteer, multi-agency/individual/community effort) would certainly be appreciated. Please send ideas to Sharon at sharon.abel@gotoltc.edu.

Effective Black Parenting Seminar

The Parenting Special Interest Group of the Correctional Education Association has contracted with Kimberly C. Porter of the UW Extension System to offer a one-day training seminar on Effective Black Parenting. Joining Kimberly to provide the training will be Barbara E. White, Community Educator; Terri Birt, City of Milwaukee Health Department; and Kim Tolbert, Next Door Foundation.

The Effective Black Parenting Seminar will be held on March 3, 2008 at the Quality Inn in Brookfield.

For more information on the Effective Black Parenting Seminar or to register, go the www.ceawisconsin.org website and click on the November/December issue of the Parenting Connection newsletter or contact jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com.

Correctional Education Association 2008 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Purpose:

The Correctional Education Association of Wisconsin (CEAW), in cooperation with the International Correctional Education Association, has established the TEACHER OF THE YEAR award to recognize outstanding educational contributions by a teacher in a correctional facility.

Who Is Eligible:

To be eligible, the teacher must:

- spend at least 51% of his/her work time in classroom instruction
- have taught in correctional facilities a minimum of two years
- have demonstrated leadership qualities and be active in promoting improvements in correctional education
- have demonstrated devotion to the teaching profession as evidenced by a willingness to work beyond his/her job description
- have been an active member of CEA for the past one year

Teachers who were nominated previous years, but were not selected as the CEAW TEACHER OF THE YEAR may be re-nominated.

Nomination Process:

Other than the members of the CEAW Board, anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be a colleague or the teacher him or herself. The nomination deadline is **January 4, 2008**.

Qualities To Be Considered:

- Teaching excellence
- Classroom and program innovation
- Professional development activities
- Ability to serve as a representative for correctional education in the state of Wisconsin



Awards:

The CEAW TEACHER OF THE YEAR will receive a plaque attesting to his or her achievement. He/she will be furnished expenses to compete against winners from five other Midwestern States at the Region III & IV CEA Conference to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 10-11, 2008.

HURRY!!! Phone, fax, or mail your nomination by **January 4, 2008** to:

Mike Breszee
CEAW Awards & Recognition Committee
Waupun Correctional Institution
PO Box 351

Waupun, WI 53963-0351

Phone: (920) 324-5571 option 6 ext. 1389 Fax (920) 324-7250

E-mail: michael.breszee@wisconsin.gov

CEAW Showcase Award

Would you like to present a workshop on your program, classroom activities, or special area of interest? The Wisconsin chapter of the Correctional Education Association would like to help.

The CEAW Executive Board is offering a \$250 grant to help defray the professional expenses for a CEAW member to present a workshop at the Region III & IV CEA Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 10-11, 2008, the Wisconsin GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference in October 2008, or some other professional education or correctional conference.

Your presentation may be on an existing program that has been effective, a new innovative program, creative classroom activities, unique instructional methods, or a special project.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be an active CEA member, submit a proposal outlining the workshop you wish to present, and submit a statement of support from your supervisor.

Your proposal should include:

- ❖ Title of presentation
- ❖ Intended audience
- ❖ Presentation description (200 words or less)

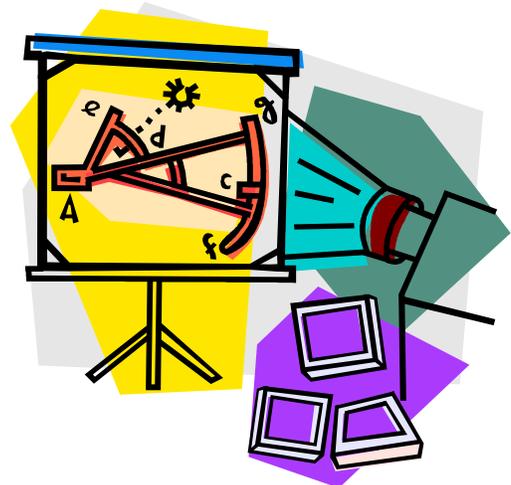
The CEAW Board will review the proposals received and select the proposal to receive the \$250 grant.

Entries will be evaluated on:

- ❖ Relevance to the needs of correctional students
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Effectiveness of program or techniques
- ❖ Potential to be used in other settings
- ❖ Interest to conference attendees

The deadline for submission of your proposal is January 4, 2008. Submit your proposal to:

Pam Petersen
Education Department
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center
21425A Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182-9408
pam.petersen@wisconsin.gov



Portage County Jail Education Opens Doors

The Jail and the Education Program:

Portage County Jail is located in Stevens Point, WI (approximate population: 30,000). The jail houses ninety inmates, although with portable beds the population can exceed one hundred.

The education program offers HSED/GED instruction as well as Adult Basic Education. Classes occur three sessions per week and there is only one instructor for each session. Both men and women attend together. Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids supplies the instructor and most classroom materials. Five computers are available for inmate/student use, however no internet connection is allowed. Students/inmates can take GED tests once a month and the jail pays the \$15 testing fee. An average of 12 students/inmates complete their HSED or GED per year. Classes are held in the jail library which also serves as the chapel, video courtroom, and AA/Drug Abuse Counseling classroom.

Meet the Teacher - John Praxmarer

I have been the instructor at Portage County Jail for two years. Prior to coming here I taught at three other jails. You might wonder if I like teaching at jails and I usually do. I think the students we serve as jail instructors are the people who need education the most and therefore, I see a great opportunity to help them make a change in their lives. I believe this is what education is all about.

I have a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in English, but I most enjoy teaching the math component of the GED.

One of the greatest challenges I face as a jail instructor is undiagnosed learning disabilities. Many students that attend my classes are stepping into a classroom for the first time in years and sometimes decades. Most have had unsuccessful experiences with school in the past and this is often due to learning disabilities which were unaddressed. Although the resources are limited at the jail, I can sometimes offer these students something they couldn't or didn't get in their previous education: one-on-one instruction. Close monitoring of their learning processes can often identify disabilities which they were unaware of. Once aware of the possibility of a problem, they can be directed to more sophisticated help when they are released. Perhaps the greatest reward of teaching at the jail is when I tell students/inmates that they have completed their HSED/GED. Although they may not know it at the time, they have taken a step that will open a few more doors of opportunity for them. Additionally, they have learned study skills that will hopefully help them improve their lives.

by: John Praxmarer, Mid-State Technical College/Portage County Jail

Art from the Inside: Unlocking the Creativity of Incarcerated Youth

On October 11, 2007, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families hosted an art exhibit, *Art from the Inside: Unlocking the Creativity of Incarcerated Youth* at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Milwaukee.

The art for this exhibit has been created by children who were incarcerated in the Wisconsin correctional system, either juvenile or adult, for crimes they committed before turning 18.

Artwork was displayed along with an artist's statement which described the artwork and experiences in the correctional system in the artist's own words. There was a special presentation by poet and formerly incarcerated youth Dwayne Betts.

The event was held in conjunction with the State Public Defender's Annual Criminal Defense Conference. It was free and open to the public.

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families works to ensure that kids get developmentally appropriate treatment in court. Anyone with questions about the Council's work, or wanting to join their efforts, may contact Wendy Henderson at whenderson@wccf.org or visit the Council's website: www.wccf.org and click on Justice for Wisconsin Youth.

CAREERS CONFERENCE 2008

Preparing for a Lifetime of Change
January 28 - 30, 2008 Madison, Wisconsin

The Careers Conference is one of the largest gatherings of its kind--consistently drawing 1100-1200 participants to explore **career development, transitions, and education for work issues**. It offers practical, cost-effective ideas on programs, strategies, best practices, and resources for **careers practitioners, counselors, and educators** at all levels from kindergarten through adult. Plus, enjoy workplace tours for tomorrow's careers... and ten in-depth pre-conference workshops on relevant topics. **Make your plans now** to attend the **leading conference** for everyone who works to prepare students or adults for **lifelong career planning and decision making**.

Visit www.cew.wisc.edu/careers now for complete program details and registration. **Early bird deadline is December 15, 2007.**

Keynote Speakers: Norman Amundson, Ph.D. Breaking the Mold: Reshaping Career Development and Penelope Trunk, The Brazen Careerist

Workshops: Choose from the widest variety of session topics you'll find anywhere--**more than 150 sessions address:**

- School accountability and guidance
- Employability skills
- Working with special populations
- Career clusters and pathways
- Assessments and portfolios
- Academies and smaller learning communities
- Labor market information
- Transition programs
- Career assessments
- Computer-based information systems
- Careers in the classroom
- Business-education partnerships ...and many more!

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Call for Presentations CEA-Wisconsin State Conference



**May 5, 2008
Osthoff Resort
Elkhart Lake, WI**

The Wisconsin Chapter of CEA will be hosting the State Conference in Elkhart Lake on May 5, 2008. A wide variety of workshops will be needed to make this conference an excellent professional development opportunity. This is your opportunity to share information about your program or services with correctional professionals!

All sessions will last 75 minutes. You are responsible for providing all materials, (i.e. copies of handouts, A/V equipment, etc.) needed for your session. Due to incompatibilities of hardware/software you must provide a computer and projector if needed for your presentation.

Deadline for submission of proposal: December 7, 2007.

You will be notified by January 31, 2008 if your presentation is selected.

Send proposals to:

Mary Stierna
Wisconsin Resource Center
Box 16, 1505 North Drive
Winnebago, WI 54985-0016

or e-mail to:

stiermb@dhfs.state.wi.us

Workshop title: (12 words or less)

Workshop description: (65 words or less)

Intended/Targeted Audience: (Check all that apply)

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Preferred Presentation Time (circle one): No Preference AM PM

Will you be joining us for lunch? (circle one) Yes No

Special Arrangements/Needs/Concerns:

Presenter Information: *Please make sure this information is complete and accurate. It will be used for the program.*

<p>1. Name of Presenter: _____ Title: _____</p> <p>Agency: _____</p> <p>Agency Address: _____</p> <p>Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____</p> <p>E-mail Address: _____</p> <p>Biographical Data: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Please attach separate sheets for additional presenters, if needed.

President's Message

CEA-Wisconsin is joining with DOC's Program Services to publish two booklets (one for incarcerated parents and one for family members). This will be something that will be accessible on the DOC website for families to look at and get general information about visiting, including facility addresses and phone numbers. Included in the booklet will be tips on how to deal with children who have a parent or some family member incarcerated, such as what to write about and what to expect during the visit. The inmate will also have a book on how to maintain family ties. CEA-W is pleased to again partner with DOC to work on creating a stronger and supportive relationship.

This year's GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference in Appleton was a great success. The workshops planned by CEAW were among the best attended. The **Bright Spots** workshop presented by Elynor Kimmel drew over 60 participants. The **DOC Re-Entry Initiative** workshop by Kim Koeck, David Picard, Karen Simon, and Margaret Carpenter was attended by about 78. Over 60 attended **Introduction to Gangs** by Sandy Cooper and Tom Sharp. **New Kid on the Block** presented by Sharon Abel, Laurie Jarvis, and Jerry Bednarowski drew 22. **New Directions: A Roadmap to Prison Life and Beyond** by David Picard was attended by over 50.

Yet, there is more to come!! The following professional development opportunities are available to our members. Please watch future newsletters for more information.

- **Effective Black Parenting Seminar - March 3**
- **Region III & IV Conference (Bloomington, MN) - April 10 – 11**
- **County Jail Training - Late April**
- **CEA-W State Conference (Osthoff Resort) - May 5**

Again, watch for more information on these professional development opportunities. I look forward to seeing many of you during these events...Thank you, DeNeal.

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