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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

It's Back: CEA-Wisconsin State Conference Returns

After a one-year hiatus to host the national 64th Annual CEA Conference in Madison, the CEA-Wisconsin Board is making plans for the return of the annual CEA-Wisconsin State Conference.

Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin will hold its 2010 CEA-Wisconsin State Conference on May 3. The site for the conference is again the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. This popular one day event's registration fee will be \$30.00 for CEA members and \$90.00 for non-members. The \$90 fee includes a one-year CEA membership.

A wide variety of workshops will make this conference an excellent professional development opportunity for educators working in prisons, jails, and detention centers. The Conference Planning Committee is constructing a program for the conference that includes workshops on re-entry, literacy, special education, county jails, vocational education, and other areas. Also featured will be vendor displays and a silent auction.

Because there will not be a Jail Instructors Training Day in 2010, we are planning to include a jail educators track at the CEA-Wisconsin State Conference. In addition to the County Jail workshop track, we are making arrangements for networking opportunities for the jail instructors attending the conference.

A complete conference program and the registration form for the conference will be included in the March/April issue of the CEA-W newsletter.

In past years, some conference participants elected to arrive early and enjoy the beautiful Osthoff Resort. The Osthoff has agreed to offer rooms at state rates for May 1 & 2. You may choose from a single room for \$70, a double for \$90, or a two-bedroom Woodland Suite for \$100. All rooms have beautiful lakeside or woodland views. A block of rooms will be held at these rates until April 1, 2010.

Mark May 3, 2010 on your calendar. It will be a great conference day for correctional educators! Hope to see you at the Osthoff.

Unlock Your Potential at the Region III & IV CEA Conference

Again this year, Region III has been invited by Region IV to join them for a combined Region III & IV Correctional Education Association Conference. The Minnesota Chapter of CEA will be hosting the Region III & IV Conference on April 8-9, 2010 at the Ramada Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota.

This year's conference theme is "Unlocking Potential." Conference organizers plan to offer a wide variety of workshops for attendees including sessions on Adult and Juvenile Literacy, Vocational Programming, Transitions, Library Science, and other topics of interest to those working in correctional education.

Conference information and a registration form are posted on the Minnesota CEA website. The website may be found at: <https://forums.doc.state.mn.us/site/mcea/default.aspx>.

Registration for the two-day conference is \$150. One-day registration is \$100. Conference registrations will be accepted until March 26, 2010.

Hotel reservations can be made by contacting the Ramada Mall of America at 800-272-6232. Ask for the CEA Regional Conference Event Rate of \$94/night. Hotel reservations will be accepted at this rate until March 15, 2010.

For more information, contact Sheri Thelemann at 952-496-4415 or sheri.thelemann@state.mn.us

Make plans to attend the Region III & IV CEA Conference for the professional opportunities and networking. Stay for some fun and relaxation.

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WEAC Participants Learn About Correctional Education

To help spread the word about what education is happening in Wisconsin prisons and jails, CEA-W members Margaret Done, DeNeal Ericksen, and Kay George presented two workshops at the Wisconsin Educational Association Council's annual convention held on October 29-30.

The workshops, *Correctional Education: Transforming Lives* and *Making Literacy Fun!*, gave conference attendees an insight into the education occurring behind prison walls.

Margaret, DeNeal and Kay report that both sessions were well attended.

Participants attending *Making Literacy Fun* learned about a variety of prison literacy programs including book clubs, MotherRead/FatherRead programs, literacy contests and a variety of other activities that they could take back and adapt to their own setting. Participants shared as many ideas as they gained for ways to make literacy fun. A great time was had by all.

Wisconsin Eye (www.wiseye.org) filmed the *Correctional Education: Transforming Lives* presentation. The presentation highlighted the great work of correctional educators and gave participants a basic overview of correctional education.

Thanks to CEA-W members Holly Audley, Diane Budyak, DeNeal Ericksen, Kay George, Larry Perkins, and Will Swierenga (and his wife, Nancy) for taking time to help staff the CEA-W booth in the exhibit hall. Many people stopped by to ask questions and learn about the great work of CEA-W.

by: Margaret Done, REECC



Above: (left) Kay George and DeNeal Ericksen, glad to spread CEA-W's message. (right) The CEA-W booth at WEAC.

Save these dates:

March 28-30, 2010 – CEA Leadership Forum – Annapolis, MD

April 8-9, 2010 - Region III & IV CEA Conference - Bloomington, MN

May 3, 2010 - CEA-Wisconsin State Conference - Elkhart Lake, WI

July 5-7, 2010 - International CEA Conference - Little Rock, AR

FLCI's Computer Drafting (CAD) -Mechanical Program

Beginning with this newsletter, each issue of the CEA-W News Review will highlight the various vocational programs within the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Peter Garetson, a vocational instructor at Oshkosh Correctional Institution and CEA-W Board member will be contacting education directors and vocational teachers at different institutions with an invitation to submit a one to two page summary of their respective programs for inclusion in the CEA-W bimonthly newsletter.

This first article in the series has been submitted by Don Hoebbel who has instructed the Computer Drafting (CAD)-Mechanical Program at Fox Lake Correctional Institution for the past four years.

FLCI's Computer Drafting (CAD)-Mechanical Program is certified by Moraine Park Technical College. It is a one-year Diploma Program that is currently being updated. Don is currently working with the Stanley and Kettle Moraine correctional facilities to coordinate curriculum and insure transferability of credits between college campuses. Both of these programs are brand new and have not started yet.

Here is the program description of FLCI's Computer Drafting (CAD)-Mechanical Program.

Computer Drafting-Mechanical

One Year Diploma Program

The Computer Drafting program is designed to:

- Develop and improve skills required for detailed drafting in the machine, metal manufacturing, and related industries.
- Prepare drawings and plans to specify dimensions, materials, and processes to make the final project.
- Teach students how to complete drawings of two and three-dimensional objects utilizing the computer.
- Introduce students to Sketching, Computer Use and Menu Commands, Measuring, Multi-View Drawings, Mechanical Fasteners, Auxiliary and Section Views, Bend Allowances, Sheet Metal Developments, Pictorial Drawings, 3D Modeling, and CNC Programming.

Diploma Requirements

First Semester	Credit	Second Semester	Credit
Student Success	1	Processes of Industry 2	2
Processes of Industry 1	2	Drafting Applications	5
Blueprint Reading	2	Detail/Assembly/Pictorial Drawing	5
Software Applications	5	Occupational Math 2	2
Multi-View Drawings	5	Workplace Success or CGIP	2
Occupational Math 1	2	Exit Assessment	
Occupational Communications	2		
Total Credits = 19		Total Credits = 16	

Entrance Requirements

1. High School Diploma, GED/HSED.
2. Able to sit for long periods and be attentive to detail.
3. Able to perform accurate numerical calculations quickly and accurately.
4. Able to communicate ideas verbally and in writing.
5. 8th Grade reading and math ability.
6. Able to work to precise limits and standards.

Entry Level Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities vary widely according to business trends and geographic area, but the demand for CAD employees continue to increase. Wisconsin wage information indicates an hourly wage of \$15.00 to \$23.00 per hour for CAD employees.

Electives: (Must complete the CAD Program Semesters 1 & 2 prior to enrolling)

- Architectural & Civil Engineering
- Printed Circuit Board Design
- 3D Modeling and CNC Programming (Advanced)

If you would like to submit an article on your vocational program for inclusion in a future newsletter, contact Peter Garetson at peter.garetson@wisconsin.gov.

CEA–W’s Speakers Available for Your Class or Organization

As announced in a previous issue of this newsletter, the Correctional Education Association–Wisconsin has established a Speakers’ Bureau comprised of experienced educators, librarians, administrators and other individuals working in correctional education environments to provide lectures, workshops, and guest presentations to schools, government agencies, and community organizations.

If you are a member of a community or religious organization, you are encouraged to use our Speakers’ Bureau to help your group learn more about what goes on in Wisconsin prisons and jails to transform the lives of those incarcerated. If you know someone who teaches in a high school, technical college, or university; tell them about our list so they can bring the latest information and expertise about correctional education to their classrooms.

The Speakers Bureau information, including lists of topics and speakers, is now available on the www.ceawisconsin.org website.

If you would like to schedule a speaker, contact the speaker to arrange a time and date. The presentations are provided free of a speaker’s fee. Travel, meal, and lodging expenses may be negotiated between the speaker and the agency hosting the presentation. Some presentations may require audiovisual equipment. Many of these speakers may also be available for individual consultation.

If you would like help selecting a speaker, you may contact CEA-Wisconsin President Mary Stierna at mary.stierna@wisconsin.gov or 920-426-4310 ext 4165 or CEA-Wisconsin Board Member Jerry Bednarowski at jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com or 920-734-5902. If you are a CEA member and would like to share your knowledge and experience by becoming a part of the CEA-W Speakers’ Bureau, contact Mary or Jerry

To join CEA go to: www.ceanational.org

WCCF Makes Juvenile Justice a Priority

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families was established over a century ago to ensure that every child in Wisconsin grows up in a just and nurturing family and community.

The Council is a private, non-profit, non-partisan statewide organization with offices in Madison Wisconsin. WCCF is a multi-issue child and family advocacy organization, providing research, policy analysis, public education and advocacy that lead to improved outcomes for children in the areas of health, economic security, safety and education.

One of WCCF's Long-Range Strategic Policy Priorities is to ensure that the criminal and juvenile justice systems recognize and treat children (10-17) appropriately based on their developmental stages.

WCCF chronicles issues of interest to educators working with youth in the juvenile justice system in its *Youth Initiatives E-Newsletter*. You may sign up for the *Youth Initiatives E-Newsletter* and other WCCF mailing lists at <http://capwiz.com/wccf/mlm/signup/>. To find out more about the newsletters and other WCCF services, you may contact newsletters editor, Jim Moeser, at jmoeser@wccf.org.

Three items of interest to juvenile institution educators in the January 2010 issue of the *Youth Initiatives E-Newsletter* are:

Toward an Improved Juvenile Justice System:

The National Juvenile Justice Network has developed and released three policy platforms to guide policy makers and practitioners toward improvements in the juvenile justice system. The three released so far are: (1) [Girls in the Juvenile Justice System](#), (2) [Conditions of Confinement](#), and (3) [Approaching Juvenile Justice with a Focus on Positive Youth Development](#). These can be complicated issues, but each platform statement provides an overview of the issue(s)/concern(s) and some recommendations for moving forward.

Reentry Begins Inside the Walls

Efforts to articulate successful juvenile offender reentry strategies continue, including a relatively recent overview of the field of work, titled [Back on Track: Supporting Youth Reentry from Out-of-Home Placement to the Community](#). Too often reentry literature focuses on discharge planning and post-placement programming - critical elements of successful reentry indeed - but ignore the necessary changes within institutions themselves that can help support successful reentry. Good institutional practices in behavior management, education, treatment, competency development, and accountability should be guided by what the youth needs to know and learn to make them successful when they get out vs. what makes them successful within the institution. [The Desktop Guide to Reentry for Juvenile Offenders from Confinement Facilities](#) can provide guidance to both short and long-term residential placement programs as to how to better align their day-to-day practices with effective reentry strategies.

Reauthorization of JJDP A Moves One Step Closer

The Senate Judiciary Committee recently passed [SB 678](#), the bill reauthorizing the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Senator Kohl co-sponsored this legislation, and the bill passed on a 13-6 vote, with Senator Feingold also voting to support moving this forward. Among many other improvements, the bill includes: (1) reaffirmation of a commitment to core requirements of removing youth from adult jails, (2) removing status offenders from secure confinement, (3) elevating a commitment to addressing issues of disparity, and (4) providing, for the first time, stronger requirements related to documenting use of restraints and seclusion within confinement facilities, and (5) incentives for improving integration of mental health and juvenile justice services. For Wisconsin, ultimate passage could turn out to be bittersweet unless: (1) Wisconsin changes the age of adult court jurisdiction to age 18 (since the Act would prohibit confinement of youth under 18 in adult facilities except under some narrow circumstances), and (2) Wisconsin changes practices and/or statutes that currently permit status

offenders to be held in secure detention for violations of a valid court order (e.g. truancy). WCCF continues to advocate for both of these changes, not only to help ensure Wisconsin is in compliance in order to receive full federal juvenile justice funding but more importantly because it is the right thing to do. For more about WCCF's position you can check out our informational brief on [Reauthorizing JJDPA](#).

Save the Date

**2010 WCCF Conference on Juvenile Justice
March 16 & 17, 2010
The Concourse, Madison**

And, don't forget to bookmark the WCCF blog at
<http://www.wiskids.blogspot.com/>.

**Bookmark it and check it regularly for updates on issues critical to
Wisconsin's Children and Families.**

Re-Emergence: An Inmate Art Exhibit Continues to Benefit Youth

The 2nd annual exhibit and silent auction of inmate artwork at the Appleton Art Center was another resounding success.

Re-Emergence: An Inmate Art Exhibit was a collaborative effort between Appleton Art Center, the Wisconsin Resource Center and the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin.

The exhibition which ran from December 11 through January 16 featured over 30 works of art by Wisconsin Resource Center inmates. According to Marie Marschke, Appleton Art Center Director of Membership and Community Relations, over 300 visitors viewed the exhibit with interested parties making bids totaling \$963 for the artwork.

Proceeds from the silent auction benefit Appleton Art Center's program, *ArtStart: Reaching Disadvantaged Youth*. *ArtStart* is designed to introduce undeserved youth to the arts and provide them with opportunities for participation in creative activities.

On January 22, the Appleton Art Center invited representatives of the Wisconsin Resource Center and the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin to experience first hand the seeds sewn from the Inmate Art Exhibit. Ken VanMieghem and Jerry Bednarowski attended the *ArtStart* event held at the Family Resource Center in Menasha.

**Learn All About CEA-Wisconsin at:
www.ceawisconsin.org**

President's Message

I was recently at a family gathering and a relative asked me if I still find fulfillment teaching the incarcerated. I answered yes I do, and I spent some time thinking about it. One thing that has kept me inspired is my involvement in CEA. There are many ways to be involved including recruiting members, nominating those around you for the various awards that are offered, and presenting at conferences. We have an open board position; the minimum representative seat is empty. CEA also offers scholarships, continuing education credits and special interest group discussion boards. Check out the CEA-W website and the national website and take advantage of all that your membership has to offer.

Our Creativity Contest books will be out soon. Each CEA-W member will receive a copy. The book this year has almost twice the entries as in past years, and it really looks nice. I want to recognize and say thank you to Susan Casper and students at Oshkosh Correctional for typing and layout, and to David Kurkowski and Columbia Correctional for printing.

I am looking forward to our Conference Day on May 3rd at the Osthoff in Elkhart Lake. I hope to see you all there!

Mary Stierna

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