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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

"Friends" Help Offenders Prepare for Release

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Wisconsin Chapter of the Correctional Education Association is showing its appreciation to individuals and organizations who have helped to improve educational opportunities for offenders in Wisconsin correctional facilities. Since the Friends of Correctional Education Award was founded, the contributions of 85 individuals and organizations have been honored by the CEA-W Board.

This year, CEA-W is again recognizing some of these volunteers with the Friends of Correctional Education award. Those receiving this award may be volunteers who have contributed time and effort to an education program, community agency employees who have presented special workshops, business people who have donated funds or materials to make programs more effective, or advocates of correctional education.

Certificates for these Friends of Correctional Education award winners will be presented at special ceremonies held at the institutions involved. The 2011 award winners of the Friends of Correctional Education Award are:

Thomas Franke

Thomas Franke is a retired businessman who uses his years of knowledge and experience to help offenders prepare for the job market.

Thomas has worked as a volunteer in the employment class at Oakhill Correctional Institution for about one year. Thomas conducts mock job interviews with men who are nearing their release dates and provides them with input as to their strengths and weaknesses in the job interviewing process.

In addition, Thomas volunteers with Madison Urban Ministries to assist with their organization's reintegration efforts for men releasing from Oakhill Correctional Institution, Oregon Correctional Center, and Thompson Correctional Center.

His extensive experience in the business world has made Thomas a very versatile and valuable asset in assisting with the reintegration of Oakhill offenders into society.

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Thomas is a dedicated, caring person who is a pleasure to work with and is richly deserving of the Friends of Correctional Education Award.

Thomas Franke was nominated by Oakhill Correctional Institution Education Director Jack Rice.

Jane Schaaf

The parenting students at Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution (PDCCI) have been most fortunate to have Jane Schaaf as a guest speaker.

Jane visits each Parenting class at PDCCI to assist in meeting the competencies of the Family support Module in the Wisconsin State Prison Re-Entry Program. Jane is Family Specialist in the University of Wisconsin Extension System in Prairie du Chien. She is a former grade school teacher and child care provider.

Jane encourages lively discussions about the different types of licensed day cares, what a parent should expect from their daycare, and the importance of their child’s happiness and safety in that situation. Time is also devoted to licensing regulations.

Because unfortunate babysitting situations are often in the news, Jane spends time explaining the qualities a parent should look for to get a competent babysitter.

Class always ends on a happy note with Jane. She teaches men of many of different age groups and backgrounds to the “Pizza Hut” song. Jane is able to engage all of the men in this upbeat action packed song with the students returning to their housing units singing the song and teaching it to other residents.

The students often ask when she will return as her energetic and non-judgmental attitudes are a welcome time for them.

Jane Schaaf was nominated by Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution teacher Christine Ingram.

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CEA-Wisconsin Scholarships Help Students Pursue Their Goals

For the twelfth year CEA-Wisconsin is awarding scholarships to its members and their dependents. Again this year, CEA-W is awarding two \$500 scholarships. The CEA-W Scholarship Award Program is designed to assist CEA-W members or their spouses or dependents who are pursuing university or technical college degrees. This year's scholarships go to children of two CEA-Wisconsin members.

The CEA-Wisconsin Board is pleased to name Tara Bonte and Kylie O'Keefe the winners of this year's \$500 scholarships. We wish them good luck as they continue their studies and hope these scholarships help Tara and Kylie reach their goals.

Tara Bonte

Tara is the daughter of Sheryl Berg, Program Director at the Dunn County Jail. This fall, Tara will be entering her sophomore year at UW-Green Bay.

Tara is planning a seven year college career. She is currently pursuing a degree in Biology at UWGB. Upon completion of her Bachelors' Degree, Tara plans to attend graduate school for Physical Therapy.

To help pay her college expenses, Tara has been working three part-time jobs for the past few years at McDonald's, Pheasant Hills Golf Course, and Hammond Hotel Restaurant. Still with the high cost of education, Tara can use the help of scholarships and financial aid.

Even though her education and part-time jobs take up most of her days, Tara has found time to volunteer as a Physical Therapy Aide Intern and with the Christmas for Kids Project. She also enjoys horse barrel racing.

Kylie O'Keefe

Kylie is the daughter of Wisconsin Resource Center Education Director Jim O'Keefe. Kylie will be starting her sophomore year at UW-Madison this fall.

This year, Kylie will begin coursework in the field of speech and language pathology. She became interested in this field after observing several speech and language pathologists working in the Oshkosh Area School District. Through job shadowing, Kylie discovered this field of work is constantly changing and offers a variety of areas in which to practice. Kylie feels that this occupation will be exceptionally rewarding and will give her the opportunity to transform communication in people's lives.

Last semester, Kylie was named to the Dean's List. Her goal as an undergraduate student is to earn a degree in communicative disorders with a reading specialist emphasis. Along with communicative disorders, she plans to continue studying Spanish. In her junior year, she plans on studying abroad in Spain. Kylie hopes to this will lead to her goal of becoming a bilingual pathologist.

Kylie has done volunteer work at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, the Diego Rivera and O'Neil Society in Oshkosh, and Lowell Elementary School in Madison. In the future, Kylie would like to join the Peace Corps in hopes of utilizing her skills to educate the less fortunate.

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

2011 GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conferences

Along with: GEDO2 School Staff Workshop & WTCS Team Teaching Training

October 18-20, 2011

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

You're Invited! !! If you work or volunteer in family literacy, ELL, ABE instruction, inmate education, or community-based literacy program, or if you are a GED/HSED examiner, administrator, educator, workforce partner or disability specialist – this exciting educational opportunity is for you!

Again this year, the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin has joined the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Technical College System, and Wisconsin Literacy to co-sponsor the 2011 Wisconsin GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conferences.

Over 50 different workshop sessions are scheduled for those who teach or volunteer in ABE, ESL, or GED/HSED programs or are GED examiners or administrators. CEA-W Board members Jerry Bednarowski and Peggy Meyers have worked with the Planning Committee to include several sessions specifically highlighting concerns and programs of interest to educators working in correctional settings:

On Tuesday, October 18th, the Achieving Credentials for Success Conference begins with two days of GED/HSED legal, informational, educational, and administrative topics for GED/HSED administrators, examiners and teachers, plus:

- A **GEDO 2 School Staff Workshop** providing targeted staff development for K-12 educators
- The first day of a two-day **WTCS Team Teaching** workshop

The first day of the overlapping adult literacy conference begins on the 19th and will include teaching-related sessions for literacy, ABE, GED/HSED and other staff in all types of settings, including workplace literacy, family literacy, and ELL settings and correctional institutions. Included among the scores of sessions will be:

- Wisconsin's RISE efforts, including the Accelerating Opportunity initiative and the ongoing creation of adult career pathways and pathway bridges
- Introduction to the Next Generation Assessment (new GED tests for 2014)
- Introduction to the new Computer Based Testing for the GED
- Test accommodations for persons with disabilities
- Methods for integrating the four categories of ELL instruction; using technology in the ELL classroom; helping ELL students pass GED math tests; and helping ELL students succeed in the workplace
- Improving student success by helping them to develop successful habits and overcome self-defeating behaviors (including well-regarded On Course material)
- National experts on math and other instructional issues
- Introductory and advanced sessions for the STAR reading initiative
- Sessions by and for correctional educators and for local literacy programs

We are also happy to announce that conference partner Wisconsin Literacy will honor its 2011 award winners at its 9th Annual *Celebration of Literacy* during the conference lunch on the 19th!

The adult literacy conference sessions continue on October 20th, providing additional opportunities for learning effective practices, sharing ideas, and celebrating successes.

The exhibit hall vendors will have the best and most current goods and services to meet your professional educational needs.

CEA-Wisconsin will again conduct a Silent Auction at the conference. The Silent Auction will include inmate-made items donated by Wisconsin correctional institutions, items contributed by Wisconsin Technical College System schools, and items donated by Appleton area businesses. Stop in and make a bid.

The Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education is serving as managing partner for the conference. You will find more information, an online registration form, and an online housing form at their website: www.wacteonline.org. Questions? - Call (608) 833-5858 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday or email wacteorg@chorus.net.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

- Registration/Information8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- GEDO 2 School Staff Workshop9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- WTCS Team Teaching Workshop9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Luncheon.....11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Sessions1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- Sessions2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Sessions3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

- Registration/Information7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Exhibits Open.....7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sessions8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- WTCS Team Teaching Workshop 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Silent Auction (Sponsored by CEA-W).....8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Luncheon.....11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Sessions1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2011

- Registration/Information7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Sessions8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Luncheon.....12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
- Sessions1:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Attention County Jail Educators !

One of the workshops at the GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference will be a panel discussion hosted by Laurie Jarvis, Jail/Detention Center Representative on the CEA-Wisconsin Board. Comprising panel will be Linda Galko, teacher, Waukesha County Jail/WCTC; Ellen Hanneman, Inmate Education and Programs Officer, Marinette County Jail; Rick Karnowski, teacher, Milwaukee County Correctional Facility –South/Franklin Alternative Youth Program/MATC; Willa MacKemzie, teacher, LaCrosse County Jail/WTC; and Carol Seichter, teacher, Rock County Jail/BTC. The workshop will give teachers and program directors who work in county jails and detention centers the rare opportunity the meet with their colleagues who work in other counties.

Teaching while “locked up” brings a new perspective to teaching and learning. Join other county jail instructors from around the state as we plan a “Jail Break.” Bring your concerns, questions, best practices, and your stories to this session designed to allow for creative networking. Come prepared to share. This is no time to spend in the “seg” unit. Bring your wealth of knowledge and spend time with others that truly understand teaching behind bars.

Laurie will moderate this workshop, but the agenda will be set by you. Hope to see you there!

Lisa Arneson Receives Advocate Award

Lisa Anne Arneson, a counselor for Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Sheboygan, was recently honored by the Correctional Education Association with its Advocate Award for 2011.

Lisa was nominated for the award by Sharon Abel, an instructor at Lakeshore Technical College who works with incarcerated students.

“When Lisa... sees a need she does something about it,” Sharon said. “She has brought that positive, productive attitude with her into the correctional setting.”

Lisa teaches skills such as budgeting, saving, and understanding credit scores to inmates at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution and Sheboygan County Detention Center.

“She is known for her unwavering commitment to help others accomplish practical financial literacy skills and her advocacy of all populations to achieve financial stability,” Sharon said in nominating Lisa.



The award was presented in July to Lisa at the 66th Annual CEA Conference in Charleston, W.V. About 500 CEA members from throughout the nation attended.

Resources on Juvenile Offenders and Troubled Teens

Earlier this year while doing a research project on juvenile offenders, Patti Moore came across our www.ceawisconsin.org website. As a result of her research, Patti ended up publishing an article that lists many valuable resources relating to areas impacting troubled teens. Patti Moore’s article can be found at: <http://www.forensicscience.net/juvenile-offenders>.

Patti suggested that the information she compiled be passed on to readers of our *CEA-Wisconsin* and *Parenting Connection* newsletters. Here is Patti’s article.

Juvenile Offenders & Troubled Teens

With crime in certain areas of America reaching new highs, we thought it important to address the bounty of resources dedicated to protecting young offenders and bringing about effective change in their circumstances. It is always a difficult situation to handle when a young person commits a crime. Fortunately, many individuals and organizations are passionate about promoting a change of heart in juvenile delinquents and getting them back on track to a successful future. Here are several links to the best online resources for minor offenders and teenagers in trouble.

Child Protective Services & Legal Assistance

1. [History of Child Protection in America](#). This site details America's longstanding determination to provide for the safety and well-being of its young people. It's a great place to begin to enlarge your perspective on it all.

2. [Child Welfare: Laws and Policies](#). Come to this page to keep yourself abreast of the latest in child protection legislation and procedures. It can also help you gauge the best time to call Child Protection Services.
3. [Definitions of Child Abuse](#). It can occasionally be difficult to determine whether a child is indeed suffering. Look here first for insight into the specifics of it all, with laws updated through 2009.
4. [Child Welfare League of America](#). This official national organization promotes the of well-being for children throughout the country. This is a smart resource for learning more on children's protection.
5. [A family's account of CPS action](#). This is a firsthand account of one's family's experience with Child Protective Services. The story is a great way to understand how CPS has real and long-lasting effects on communities.

Mentor & Support Groups

1. [Big Brothers Big Sisters](#). One of the most effective ways to remedy or preempt a child's problems with the law is to have a strong mentor present. This organization has been heralded for its excellence.
2. [YMCA](#). The Young Men's Christian Association has sidestepped any religious prejudice to provide nationally acclaimed mentorship and support for young people. It's smart to involve yourself with the Y in any possible way.
3. [Mentoring in the Juvenile Justice System](#). This page will provide you a ton of information on the history of mentorship's positive effects on juvenile delinquents. It will also link you to the most beneficial programs in your area.
4. [About Juvenile Delinquents](#). This page will let you know more specifics on what exactly is entailed by the label "juvenile delinquent." It will also put you in touch with support and assistance resources.
5. [The Effect of Mentoring](#). This site spells it out to you loud and clear: Mentoring can prevent delinquency. The arguments laid out here will sway naysayers.

Parent Resources

1. [Working with Children with Parents in Prison](#). Oftentimes, the parents of juvenile delinquents are overlooked in the situation. This site returns the focus of care and concern back toward them.
2. [Prison Families of New York](#). This state-specific site contains a wealth of information that will pertain to families all around the country. There's a real sense of compassion here.
3. [What Parents Should Know](#). This is a great site for parents to learn more about the ins and outs of the juvenile justice system. The language here is clear, simple, and precise.
4. [Juvenile Delinquency and Family Structure](#). This is an excellent essay depicting the details of families that fall through the cracks of juvenile dilemmas. It's quite long, and well worth the read.
5. [How to Prevent Juvenile Delinquency](#). Contrary to popular belief, there's no such thing as a bad seed, and children can be saved from delinquency. This comprehensive article shows you how.

School Programs & Resources

1. [Bootcamps for Teens](#). Sometimes an especially firm hand is needed to bring about new change in troubled teens. Look here for more information.
2. [Teen Boarding Schools](#). Though they've earned an unfairly maligned reputation, boarding schools can often be a great option for getting kids in line. Learn more about the process and great schools on this site.
3. [Educating Troubled Youth](#). The process of rehabilitating a troubled child will definitely involve an educational restructuring. This article provides a wealth on insights on these ideas.
4. [Parenting Teens: Education](#). This site will link you to a trove of resources designed to help young adults prosper in their schooling. Find help with slumping grades, bullying, and more.
5. [National Youth Network](#). This upstanding organization specializes in alternative forms of schooling and education for juvenile delinquents. You can inform yourself about the options available to you.

Source: [Young Offenders & Teenagers in Trouble](#)

Blog Gives Inside View of Prison Education

Chris Zoukis describes his blog, PrisonEducation.com, as his “life's work.” He has put a lot of work into maintaining it. After all, he’s been writing his blog for the past two years and advocating for prison education for the past five years. Plus, he’s only twenty-five years old now.

Christopher Zoukis, recipient of two 2011 PEN American Center Writing Awards (drama and fiction), and the author of the upcoming Sunbury Press title “Education Behind Bars: A Win-Win Strategy for Maximum Security” – the definitive reference book on prison education. Christopher is currently a federal prisoner at FCI-Petersburg. He is enrolled in college via correspondence through Ohio University. Christopher is a prisoner, who is student, who is a writer, who is a teacher.

Christopher teaches a class titled "Writing and Publishing." The class teaches prisoners the techniques of professional writers, along with how to submit their work, thus giving voice to their literary efforts and providing prisoners with marketable skills – skills that will keep them from returning to prison. Christopher is also in the developmental stage of a new, more advanced class, entitled “Professional Writing.”

Prison Education.com

PrisonEducation.com is the progeny of the Chris’ fertile mind. It consists of the *Prison Education Blog* which he has been doing for the past several years and the newly created *Education Behind Bars Newsletter*. The *Prison Education Blog* presents Chris as he chats about prison education news, effective teaching methodologies when dealing with the prison demographic, and the class he teaches at FCI-Petersburg. The blog also includes guest-blogs by other prison education experts. As such, Chris is always interested in receiving submissions from others in the field.

PrisonEducation.com provides a much needed platform for the cause of educating prisoners. Chris sees the site as a vehicle for those who educate prisoners, those educated while in prison, and those who research prison education to contribute to the national debate on methods of reducing recidivism. But most important to Chris are those who his blog has helped and the potential it has to help others.

Education Behind Bars Newsletter

The *Education Behind Bars Newsletter* (EBBN) is a unique publication dedicated to the advancement of prison education. EBBN features articles and essays by prison educators (staff and prisoners) and incarcerated students. EBBN encompasses articles advocating prison education, assessments of prison educators’ methodologies, along with provocative, even controversial, essays intended to jumpstart alternative ratiocination.

You can read Chris’ articles on his website: www.ChristopherZoukis.com or post blogs at www.PrisonEducation.com. Chris is always interested in receiving blog and article submissions. The *Education Behind Bars Newsletter* is distributed by Midnight Express Books and Chris’ email account is overseen by Laura Winzeler who acts as an outside assistant to Mr. Zoukis.

Poverty Matters! Conference

Presented by: Wisconsin Community Action Program Association
November 15 and 16, 2011

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells – NEW LOCATION
Registration materials are available at www.wiscap.org

What's on Your Mind?

Got a professional development idea you would like us to consider? How about an idea for an innovative project to involve students? How about a way to promote correctional education?

The CEA-Wisconsin Board is inviting you to send us your ideas that you would like us to consider at our next Board meeting.

Although the CEA-W Board has members who work for the Department of Corrections, Wisconsin Technical College System, or literacy councils; CEA-W is a professional organization that is independent of those agencies and does not speak for them. We can, however, work to develop professional development opportunities and projects which enhance offender education programming in conjunction with DOC, county jails, and WTCS schools.

If you have an item you would like us to consider, send it to Margaret.Done@wisconsin.gov or Mary.Stierna@wisconsin.gov. They will contact you to get more information and will bring up your idea at our next meeting. And we will give you feedback on our discussion.

Save the Date!



CEA-Wisconsin State Conference
May 7th, 2012
Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club
Downtown Madison

Other Business

Directory of Education Programs in Wisconsin's County Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers – With the beginning of the new school year, we have updated the Directory to include the many staff changes that have occurred. Updated directories have been emailed to all of the teachers, volunteers, program directors and jail administrator listed in the Directory. If you did not receive a Directory and would like one, email jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com.

CEA-Wisconsin Website – If you have recently tried to use our www.ceawisconsin.org website, you would have discovered that some other organization was living there. We have remedied the problem and restored the www.ceawisconsin.org website address to its rightful owners. Sorry for the inconvenience. We hope you will visit our website soon.

Paper or Electronic? – CEA-Wisconsin wants to deliver our newsletters to you in the format you prefer. If you prefer to continue to have paper copies of our CEA-W or Parenting Connection newsletters, we are happy to continue to send paper copies to you. If you would prefer not to be burdened with a paper copy and only want an electronic copy, we will email you the newsletters. If you haven't already told us your preference, please email me at jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com to let me know — paper or electronic? If you choose the electronic format, send me the email address to which you would like the electronic newsletters sent.

President's Message

Fall is in the air. That means changes are in the air. As much as some things change others stay the same. One thing that remains the same is CEA-Wisconsin's dedication to making sure that you have resources to help you be the best correctional educator possible. One part of that is providing training.

Please mark your calendars, because on May 7, 2012 we will be having our state training day at The Concourse Hotel and Governors Club in downtown Madison. **We want you there.** Please watch for information regarding registration as well as requests for individuals to present. We want to hear what new and innovative things you are doing!

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