Building Bridges III:
An Examination of Connecticut’s Re-entry Policy

Audience: All entities administering and/or affected by Connecticut criminal justice policies and practices including: state legislators and local elected officials; state and municipal agencies; the Judicial Branch; law enforcement; non-profit provider organizations; business leaders; academics and students; and local and statewide community-based organizations

Day: Thursday, January 17, 2008 * 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.* Welte Hall, CCSU

Theme: Re-entry: A status update and informed discussion on prisoner re-entry policies and practices in Connecticut, with particular emphasis on exploring state-municipal partnerships aimed at facilitating successful community reintegration.

Schedule:

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee (Welte Hall)
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction (CCSU Governor William A. O’Neill Chair – Steven Kliger; Honorable James Amann, Speaker of the House)
  - Dr. Stephen Cox, Chair, Criminology & Criminal Justice Department, CCSU
- 9:40 -10:40 a.m. Keynote Speaker (TBD): Best Practices - Supervision & Prisoner Re-entry
  - Dennis Schrantz - Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development Administration in the Michigan Department of Corrections
- 10:45 – 12:00 a.m. Panel 1: Re-entry Stories – What Works? Successful Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Tell Their Story
  - Panelists: James Tillman (Hopewell Baptist Church, East Hartford); Kenny Jackson (Beacon Program, Family ReEntry, Bridgeport); Iran Nazario (Compass Youth Collaborative, Hartford); Edward Dingle (Building Bridges Pilot Program, New Haven); Jacqueline Caron (CT Pardon Team, Norwich); Robin Cullen (MADD, North Haven)
  - Moderator: Gerry Smyth, CCSU
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Alumni Hall)
  - CJ video presentation or UPDATE: Federal Second Chance Legislation
  - Presentation: “Crime Doesn’t Pay” A Study of Child Support Obligors
   - Joe Greelish, Support Enforcement Services, Judicial Branch
- 1:10 – 2:20 p.m. Panel 2: Re-entry Partnerships – What Works and What Can Work?
  - Exploring City/State/Community partnerships
  - Panelists: Stanley Richards (Fortune Society Chief Operating Officer, NYC); Esther Armand (Community Services Department, City of New Haven); John Rowland (Southern New England Program Director, Corporation for Supportive Housing); Dan Braccio (Bridgeport Re-Entry Roundtable); Theresa Lantz (Commissioner, DOC); William Carbone (Executive Director, CSSD); Maureen Price-Boreland (Executive Director, CPA)
  - Moderator: Rep. William Dyson (CGA)
  - Panelists: Rep. Michael Lawlor (CGA); Sen. Martin Looney (CGA); Sen. John Kissel (CGA); Mary Anne O’Neill (Governor’s office); Brian Austin (OPM); Robert Farr (Sentencing Task Force); Glenn Martin, (Fortune Society, NYC)
  - Moderator – Andrew Clark, CCSU
- 3:50pm Wrap-up