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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

New Place Next Door

A new place has opened next door to the Racine Correctional Institution. The new facility is named the Sturtevant Transitional Facility.

There are two distinctly separate halves of the facility - each half will house 150 inmates. The construction project has been very interesting as each half was designed by different architects and built by different contractors, but they're connected.



The side that was done first is referred to as the "P&P Hold" side and the other is referred to as the "workhouse" side. The Workhouse side is in the final stages of construction and was scheduled to open in December. The P&P Hold side, while essentially complete, is not slated to open until May 2004.

The Workhouse side has 38 cells. They are all "dry" cells and each cell will have 2 bunk beds allowing for quad-celling (4 inmates to a room). The P&P Holding side is split into 2 wings, each with 40 "wet" cells. Most of the cells are set up with bunk beds for double-occupancy. Other cells are designed for handicapped housing or for intake/observation purposes.

The Workhouse side is slated to provide for Alternative to Revocation (ATR) programming. That programming may include but is not limited to AODA; Employability Skills; Parenting; Anger Management; and Domestic Violence counseling. These programmatic opportunities will likely be provided by Purchase of Services (POS) contracted providers. Additionally, some minimum-security inmates will be housed there that will provide labor for the maintenance, housekeeping and food production areas.

RCI's various Department heads will assume responsibility for the extension of related services at STF. This includes Education, Health Services; Maintenance; Psychological Services; Food Service; Warehouse/Stores; Business Office; Personnel; Recreation; and Security.

**Nomination announcements for
Teacher of the Year and Innovative
Program awards are inside.**



During the month of March, the Correctional Education Association – Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election for Executive Officers and Board Members.

Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

Executive Officers

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Executive Board Members

- Maximum Security Representative
- Medium Security Representative
- State Agency Representative
- At-Large Representative/Newsletter Editor

Any CEAW member is eligible to run for office. All Offices and Board Members serve two-year terms with the President-Elect assuming the office of President at the end of his/her term.

Nominations are to be sent to:

John Phillips, Dean
 Moraine Park Technical College
 235 N National Ave
 Fond du Lac, WI 54956
 Email: jphillips@moraine.edu

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2004. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2004 Executive Board Meeting.





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Innovations in Correctional Education



CEA-W has established an award to recognize innovation in correctional education. The award may be given to an individual instructor of a class or a group collaborating to offer a program.

Correctional educators wishing to nominate their own or someone else's innovative teaching method or educational program may do so by contacting Chris Natzke at (262) 646-3341, ext. 468 or email: chrisnatzke@doc.state.wi.us. The deadline for nominations is February 6, 2004. After Chris receives the nominations, he will send each nominee a form to provide more information on their program. These forms will be due March 1, 2004

Entries will be evaluated on:

-  **Uniqueness**
-  **Effectiveness**
-  **Universality of application**
-  **Relevance to student needs**

To be eligible the teaching methods or educational program must be:

-  Offered in an adult or juvenile correctional setting (this includes state and federal institutions, juvenile institutions, county jails, juvenile detention centers, and other agencies dealing with offenders)
-  Developed or adapted by the program/class instructor

The winner will receive up to a \$250 stipend to present his/her innovative program at a choice of conferences including:

International CEA
Regional III CEA
Wisconsin HSED/Adult Literacy

OR

The winner can use the \$250 to purchase materials for his/her program.

If more than one instructor is responsible for the innovative method or program, the award will be shared by the instructors.

Correctional Education Association 2004

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: Teachers who have worked in correctional education for at least two years and currently spend at least two-thirds of their work time instructing students are eligible. 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 Executive Board of Directors, anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be by a colleague, or the teacher him or herself. Nominees need not be members of CEA, but in order to represent Wisconsin at the Region III level, membership is required. The nomination deadline is February 6, 2004.

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's 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 six other Midwestern States at the Region III CEA conference to be held this spring.

HURRY!!! Phone, Fax or Mail your nomination by February 6, 2004 to:

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ProLiteracy America-Wisconsin Institutions News

Two Board members, Linda Kozlowski and Judy Schelble, attended ProLiteracy Worldwide Annual Conference in Washington D.C., November 14-17.

Some of the highlights of the conference were the guest speakers. Mark Victor Hansen, co-author of the *Chicken Soup* book series was the keynote speaker at the opening session. He was then there to sign his book *Chicken Soup for the Volunteers Soul*. Elisa Murillo, a student who recently received the American Library Association Paul Howard Award for Courage, spoke at the Student Recognition Luncheon.

There were numerous breakout sessions throughout the conference, which were very informative. One of interest to many was *How Do You Spell Murder?*, which was filmed in a New Jersey, male, maximum-security facility in Trenton. This HBO/Cinemax production dealt with L.I.F.E. (Learning is For Everyone) an inmate tutor program. It was very interesting to see how other states run their tutor programs.

The Accreditation sessions were of great interest due to the creation of ProLiteracy. On a whole the conference was very informative.



Judy Schelble watches as Mark Victor signs a copy of *Chicken Soup for the Volunteers Soul*

By Linda Kozlowski, JCI and Judy Schelble, CCI

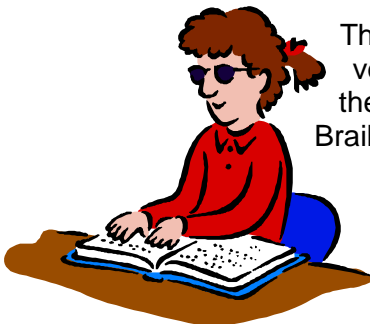
OSCI Braille Program Grants a Wish

An inmate Braille transcriber at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution overheard a radio broadcast discussing the Chuck Colson Prison Fellowship Angel Christmas Tree Project. The Angel Christmas Tree project fulfills wishes of needy individuals.

In the radio broadcast, a request for books in Braille from a blind girl in California was described. The information was forwarded to Chaplain Susan Clark who contacted Dave Hines, Braille Instructor/coordinator. The two contacted the Angel Christmas Tree project and arranged for this wish to become a reality.

OSCI's Braille Transcription program was able to produce and send 15 books in Braille to her for Christmas. Inmate students were thrilled to have the opportunity to fulfill her wish.

The skills developed and used by students in the Braille Transcription certified vocational program has benefited other blind persons throughout Wisconsin and the United States. OSCI's program produces over 200,000 printed pages of Braille annually.



Emails to the Editor

Each issue of the CEAW News Review is sent to the various educational administrators and CEA state, regional, and international office holders. It is also available online and the CEA Wisconsin and CEA national websites.

As a result of this distribution, we have been receiving emails commenting on the newsletter and specific articles. Here are some of them.

If you would like to comment on an article you have read in an issue of the CEAW News Review, email us at benagr@dhs.state.wi.us

I really think your CEAW Newsletter is fantastic. Thank you for sending me the latest edition. I should have sent you guys a thank you note for the last edition; please forgive. The article about the Teddy Bears reminds me once again that instruction has no limits when an imaginative teacher is involved.

Some years ago, when I was a resource teacher there was a Maryland teacher names Peggy who would stay back in the school and knit during lunchtime. She was allowed to bring in plastic knitting needles. Some of the inmates were interested in learning how to knit. To make a long story short, the institution allowed her time, during lunch, to teach interested inmates how to knit and crochet. It caught on like wildfire. After no time she had so many inmates making sweaters, bedspreads, and other things. The men had to learn how to read to order materials and plan the patterns. It was amazing to see inner city male inmates showing off their latest sweaters and skirts for the wives, kids, or girlfriends. The local store couldn't keep up with the demand for yarn!

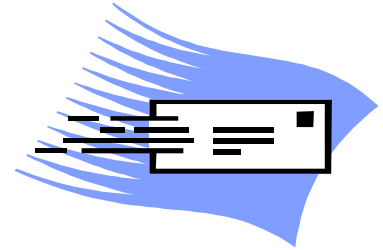
...instruction has no limits when an imaginative teacher is involved.

The institutions allowed staff to buy the products so staff would pay for the store or materials and also write a check to the inmate account for a pre-determined price. What a wonderful and positive way to teach.

My wife and I still have a queen-size bedspread made by one of the guys. Please let the folks in Wisconsin know how much I appreciate the newsletters. Can you post your newsletter on a website so we can advertise it to our membership?

Best Wishes

Stephen J. Steurer, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Correctional Education Association



Most impressed with your newsletter. Thank you for the courtesy of sending me a copy.

John Linton, Correctional Education
Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools
U.S. Department of Education

I work for the Correctional Service of Canada and am a member of the CEA. I recently read and Employability Skills update written by Jennifer Hallenbrand in your online newsletter and I would like to get in touch with her as I am setting up a similar project here. Would you be able to tell me how I could get in touch with her? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Marla Kavalak
Regional Coordinator, Education & Employment
Regional Contact, Program Information Management
Correctional Service of Canada

Message from the President



Happy New Year! Another Year is now behind us and with it, several hardships in the State of Wisconsin. The State experienced budget cuts and lay offs, with many of us being directly affected. As I begin my fifteenth year with the State, specifically the Department of Corrections, I think about the questions posed before me so many times, "Why do you work for Corrections?" This week I was again reminded. I was calling inmates up to the school to give them their HSED test score on tests that were taken before Christmas. One inmate took the math test and used every minute of time. He left the room not feeling very optimistic. When I handed him his test score the other day, he looked at the piece of paper, put his hand to his chest, got a big smile on his face, and gasped a sigh of relief. His score was 500! He was so happy it was almost like he had won the lottery. Why do I work for Corrections? Because of the successes, the thank you's and the smiles of appreciation. That is what it is all about. As we start this New Year, try not to spend too much time dwelling on what has been taken away but what we are giving in return. Happy 2004!

By Peggy Meyers

MJTC: Pioneering in Juvenile Treatment

In 1995, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Family Services established an interdependent relationship which gave birth to the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center. The hybrid, clinical-correctional model on the grounds of a mental health facility for the purposes of providing psychiatric care to youth in corrections is nationally unique.

"Before 1995, when the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center opened, Wisconsin's juvenile corrections system had no-designated facility for treating juvenile offenders with mental health disorders. Some of these youths did receive treatment at Mendota, but security was a problem. The level of dangerousness that resulted was so severe, we were unable to intervene clinically because of safety issues," says Dr. Greg Van Tybroek, Mendota Mental Health Institute Director. So the state Department of Health and Family Services came up with a novel idea: create a mental health treatment center for juvenile boys, drawing from the Ethan Allen School in Wales and Lincoln Hills School in Irma.

"The center employs more than 50 people, including a psychiatrist, psychologists, social workers, teachers, recreation therapists and support staff. The facility's 29 beds are almost always full, housing male offenders between the ages of 11 and 20. They are, on average, 52% African American, 38% white, 7% Hispanic and 2% Asian." Because most of the MJTC residents are under 18, they are required to attend school. They attend school about five hours a day, but the dangerous nature of the kids restricts the educational opportunities.

During their stay at MJTC, the staff work with the youth to learn what drove the anger that led to their crimes and develop skills to deal with their anger without hurting people, as well as, developing academic and social skills. "It seems to work". Dr. Michael Caldwell, a staff psychologist, cites.

A Mendota study comparing violent youths who spend substantial amounts of time at the treatment center versus those at traditional correctional facilities. The result: Treatment at the Mendota facility reduces future violent crime by about half. While about 43% of the youths leaving traditional facilities go on to commit more violent crimes, the figure for the Mendota boys is 24%. This translates into cost savings and better public safety, and it improves the lives of the adolescents who are serious about treatment. But Mendota staffers are realistic about their ability to change the youths. The youths' behaviors are often a result of a combination of mental health, personality disorders, and environmental factors, which have taken years to develop. Often the goal is to enable the MJTC youths to stay out of jail and go through life without hurting people.

Quotes taken from the article *The Boys of Mendota* by Kenneth Burns, Isthmus, December 5, 2003

CEA Membership Application

Please print your name and address carefully. List your name and address, as you would like them published in the annual Directory of Correctional Educators.

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Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Mail to:

CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
4380 Forbes Blvd, Lanham, MD 20706

Phone: (800) 783-1232
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Type of Membership:

- Individual \$50 year
- Institutional/Library \$85 year
- Student/Volunteer/Retiree \$30 year
- Clerical/Support Staff \$20 year

For More Information Contact:

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