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## Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

### What's Happening in Juvenile Institutions ?

The Division of Juvenile Corrections operates Ethan Allen School and Lincoln Hills School for male youth and Southern Oaks Girls School for female youth. In addition, male youth with serious mental health needs are served at the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center.

DJC's institutional population has declined in recent years, reaching a total average daily population of 509.87 in 2009 and continued to fall during 2010.

At each institution, individualized care management services are coordinated through the Office of Juvenile Offender Review. DJC assesses youth when they enter DJC custody and throughout their supervision. Of youth entering juvenile institutions:

- Approximately 2/3 are identified as needing alcohol and other drug abuse treatment
- Over half are identified as needing anger management programming
- Approximately 8.0% are identified as needing sex offender treatment
- 71.5% tested below grade level in reading and 90.6% tested below grade level in math
- 1.4% were assessed as low risk, 14.1% were assessed as medium risk, and 84.5% were assessed as high risk

Based on their identified needs, youth were assigned to participate in programs designed to meet their needs and provide them with the tools necessary to successfully reintegrate into the community. In addition to the programs listed in the table, youth may participate in individual or group therapy addressing topics such as mental health needs, parenting, sexual and physical abuse, and relationships.

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### Mark Your Calendar

**Region III & IV CEA Conference**  
**May 2-3, 2011**  
**Osthoff Resort**  
**Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin**

# Call for Nominations

During March, Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election for Executive Board Members. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

- ✓ **Juvenile Facilities Member**
- ✓ **Local Education Agency Member**
- ✓ **Jail/Detention Center Member**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**

Any CEA-W member is eligible to run for office. All officers and board members serve two-year terms. Nominations are to be sent to:

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Nominations must be received by **February 1, 2011**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2011 Executive Board Meeting.

**To receive a copy of the Directory of  
 Education Programs in Wisconsin's County  
 Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers  
 email [jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com](mailto:jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com)**

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It is our hope that this newsletter will be used to communicate information concerning activities, special events, new directions and policies of CEA-W and DOC.

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## Treatment Program Completers

	Successful	Partial	Unsuccessful
<b>AODA Education, Treatment or Relapse Prevention*</b>			
Ethan Allen School	127	10	4
Lincoln Hills School	116	14	3
Southern Oaks School	178	9	35
<b>Juvenile Cognitive Interventions Program: Phase 1-Choices</b>			
Ethan Allen School	152	26	9
Lincoln Hills School	133	8	3
Southern Oaks School	75	4	4
<b>Juvenile Cognitive Interventions Program: Phase 2-Changes</b>			
Ethan Allen School	130	2	3
Lincoln Hills School	133	2	1
Southern Oaks School	72	4	7
<b>Sex Offender Treatment</b>			
Ethan Allen School	15	7	0
Lincoln Hills School	10	4	4
<b>Victim Awareness</b>			
Ethan Allen School	124	21	0
Lincoln Hills School	72	3	20
Southern Oaks School	53	2	22
<b>Cadet Achievement Program</b>			
Lincoln Hills School	86	0	38

\*Youth at SOGS are typically enrolled in each AODA component separately while youth at EAS and LHS are typically enrolled only once.

## Education Programs

Each juvenile correctional institution provides education services designed to meet the individual youth's need. Depending on their age and academic progress, youth may work to earn middle school or high school credits toward grade achievement or a diploma, or they may work towards the High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED).

	EAS	LHS	SOGS	Total
Middle School Credits Earned	7	6	9	22
Middle School Promotions	6	3	2	11
High School Credits Earned	682	495	161	1338
High School Diplomas Awarded	1	2	1	4
HSEDs Awarded	83	75	18	176
Students Enrolled in Job Training	299	275	93	667

## Transitional Planning

Intensive transitional planning begins approximately 90 days before a youth is released from the institution and continues after release. Youth released to the community may be in their own home, in the home of a relative, or in an alternative care setting such as a foster home, group home, or residential care center. All youth have regular contact with a field agent. Youth in the Corrective Sanctions Program are also on electronic monitoring or GPS.

# How Wisconsin Ranks

The National Institute of Corrections maintains statistics on the correctional systems in each of the states. Wisconsin is lower than the national average in crime rate, incarceration rate, and probationer rate. Wisconsin is higher than the national average in parolee rate and taxpayer cost per inmate. Here is the data for Wisconsin:

## The Jail System

Throughout Wisconsin's 72 counties there are 81 jail facilities with a combined rated capacity of 17,678 inmates. The Department of Corrections inspects jails and enforces jail compliance.

## The Prison System

The Department of Corrections manages 21,110 inmates, operates 20 facilities and a network of 16 smaller correctional centers, and has 9,443 employees.

## The Community Corrections System

The DOC's Division of Community Corrections supervises 50,418 probationers and 18,105 parolees.

## Crime Rate for Wisconsin

The crime rate in Wisconsin is about 17% lower than the national average rate. Property crimes account for around 91% of the crime rate in Wisconsin which is 14% lower than the national rate. The remaining 7.5% are violent crimes and are about 40% lower than other states. The following graph shows how Wisconsin compared to the rest of the states.

### State Crime Rates (Per 100,000 People)

	Wisconsin	National Avg.
<b>Crime Rates (2008)</b>	3,030	3,668
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	274	455
<b>Property Crimes</b>	2,756	3,213

## Incarceration Information

Wisconsin has a rate 17% lower than the national average of incarcerated adults per 100,000.

### Incarceration Rate (Per 100,000)

	Wisconsin	National Avg.
<b>Incarceration Rate (2009)</b>	371	447

## Probationers

Wisconsin has a rate 38% lower than the national average number of probationers per 100,000 people.

### Probationers (Per 100,000)

	Wisconsin	National Avg.
<b>Probationer Rate (2008)</b>	1,164	1,863

## Parolees

Wisconsin has a rate 25% higher than the national average number of parolees per 100,000 people.

**Parolees (Per 100,000)**

	Wisconsin	National Avg.
<b>Parolee Rate (2008)</b>	418	315

**Taxpayer Cost**

Taxpayers paid 10% higher than the other states per inmate in 2009.

**Annual Cost Per Inmate**

	Wisconsin	National Avg.
<b>Cost Per Inmate (2009)</b>	\$31,806	\$28,689

**Data Sources:**

- Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice
- Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice
- American Jail Association
- American Correctional Association
- State Government Websites

## DOC Secretary Announces Historic Drop in Wisconsin Prison Population

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Rick Raemisch said today the state is seeing its first sustained decrease in the prison population in the history of the Department.

There have been decreases in the number of inmates at Wisconsin's adult institutions in individual years in the past, but never before has the DOC achieved three consecutive years of falling numbers and an overall decrease in the total incarcerated inmate population over the last five years.

"This is a historic milestone for the state Department of Corrections," said Secretary Rick Raemisch. "I believe it is the culmination of years of hard work to implement the most effective programs and practices statewide that both hold offenders accountable and give them the tools they need to succeed in the community and not re-offend."

DOC statistics show for the first time ever the adult prison population has dropped in the last three consecutive fiscal years, from 23,797 in fiscal year 2007 to 22,008 at the end of fiscal year 2009.

In addition, during the five-year period from FY 2005 through FY 2010 the total adult inmate population dropped three percent. That compares to the previous five-year period where the total number of incarcerated adults went up nine percent. Combined, the last ten years shows an overall 5.9% increase in the adult institution population compared to a 191% increase the previous decade – an incredible 185% difference.

Secretary Raemisch cites the DOC's Reentry Initiative as central to the drop in inmates and key to holding down recidivism. The Reentry program develops and implements programs and policies that start planning for an offender's successful return to the community from the moment he or she sets foot in prison through his or her release.

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# New Education Directors Named

New Education Directors have been appointed at Racine Correctional Institution and Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution. Randy Scott has accepted the position of Education Director at RCI, effective October 10, 2010 and Sherry Miller began as Education Director at KMCI on December 6, 2010.

Randy will be coming to RCI from New Lisbon Correctional Institution, where he has been a teacher since he began his career with the Department of Corrections in 2004. Previous to coming to DOC he spent several years working in public education. He recently received his Masters Degree in Education Administration. Randy's education, training and strong work ethic will be an asset to RCI.

Sherry comes to KMCI from the public education system holding a Master's Degree in Education. She has served as an educator in public education for more than twelve years. Sherry has served in many capacities throughout her career and taught in various settings which provided educational opportunities to a diverse student population. In her career, Sherry has been involved in educating gifted and talented students, Title I, and early childhood among many other student populations.

## Join Us for the Region III & IV Correctional Education Association Conference

Join us at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake for the 2011 Region III & IV Correctional Education Association Conference.

Conference participants will be coming from the Region III states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and Michigan well as the Region IV which includes Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba.

The conference planning committee is working hard to make this conference an excellent professional development opportunity.

The conference general sessions are scheduled for Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3. On Sunday May 1, there will be the regional Teacher of the Year selection and an evening reception.

The Conference Planning Committee is hoping to include several workshops relating to county jails in the conference program as well as the usual array of valuable workshops focusing on literacy, HSED/GED prep, re-entry, vocational education, special education, post-secondary, parenting, professional development, and other areas. Also featured will be general session speakers, vendor displays and a silent auction.

Workgroups to coordinate the different functions of the conference have been formed and chairs selected. If any CEA-W members would like to assist in the planning of the conference, please contact the chair of the workgroup on which you would like to serve. We will be happy to have your help.

Here are the workgroups and chairs:

- Workshops – Laurie Jarvis, Laura Reisinger
- Registration – Ray Schlesinger, Mary Stierna
- Silent Auction/ Sales – Jerry Bednarowski
- Hospitality – Holly Audley
- Session Evaluations – Chuck Brendel

- Vendors – Peggy Meyers
- A-V Equipment/ Hotel – Peggy Meyers, Chuck Brendel

The Osthoff Resort has agreed to offer rooms at conference rates for those who would like to arrive early and enjoy a weekend in a beautiful lakeside view or woodland view suite.



So mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this dynamic conference. Registration and lodging information will be published in the March/April issue of this newsletter.

Hope to see you in May at the Osthoff.

**Learn All About CEA-Wisconsin at:**  
**[www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org)**

## **Creativity Contest Update**

The 2010 CEA Creativity Contest book Meditations is complete and is currently being distributed to winners and CEA members. In August 2010, CEA members met to review the 212 entries that were submitted. We received entries from individuals in adult and juvenile institutions, as well as county jails. There were 38 entries published, including art work, poems and short stories. The book is an example of the incredible talent that our students possess.

The committee would like to thank all the teachers who encouraged their students to submit an entry. Committee members include Libby Kraft (WRC), Lisa Packard (REECC), Linda Lentz (JBCC), Susan Casper (OSCI), Jason Brost (SOGS), Mary Stierna (WRC), Jane Schirger (RGCI), Sharon Nesemann (WRC), Pandora Lobacz (LHS) and Laurie Jarvis (FVTC).

The forms for the 2011 contest will be out in May, 2011.

**Save these dates:**

**66<sup>th</sup> Annual International CEA Conference**

**July 17-20, 2011**

**Charleston Marriott Town Center & Charleston Embassy Suites  
Charleston, West Virginia**

# President's Message

January – the first word that comes to mind when I hear January is resolutions. Are you a person who makes resolutions? If so, what is on your list this year? I'm not much of a resolution maker myself, but lately I have been thinking about changes I want to make. This list is starting small, with the hope that I won't be overwhelmed and can complete the whole list.

Can I challenge you to add a few things to your resolutions or January to-do lists? How about sharing this newsletter with a non-CEA member? What about visiting the national CEA or CEA Wisconsin website to see what is going on at [www.ceanational.org](http://www.ceanational.org) & [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org)? What do you do when your Journal of Correctional Education arrives in your mailbox? Please consider sharing it with a colleague. Have you tried a CEA professional development course? What about attending a conference --- the Region III & IV CEA Conference is in Wisconsin this May.

I'd love to hear what other ideas you have on your to-do lists for 2011. I hope to see you in May at the Osthoff in Elkhart Lake!

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