

THE PHILADELPHIA PRISON SYSTEM IS LOOKING FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH FEMALE INMATES AND EX-OFFENDERS

The Philadelphia Prison System invites individuals and organizations that work with female inmates and ex-offenders to join prison staff for a live satellite/internet training program "Women and Work: Gender Responsivity and Workforce Development" on **September 24th and September 25th, 2008 (10:30 AM to 4 PM each day)**. The sessions will be held at the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility (CFCF), 7901 State Road, Philadelphia.

The program, developed by the National Institute of Corrections, will provide training and an opportunity to engage in a national dialogue regarding women in jail, their risks and needs, emerging strategies for intervention, and reentry efforts.

"On any given day there are about 900 women in the Philadelphia Prison System," said Prisons Commissioner Louis Giorla. "We want to collaborate with community-based providers to design effective strategies to meet the needs of this population while they are in jail and upon their release, especially with regards to employment. We invite program managers and administrators who work with this population to join us for the live national discussion coordinated through the NIC, and afterwards to stay and discuss with the prison staff who are responsible for women's programs in Philadelphia."

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