



Building a network of support for ex-offenders and their families

Newsletter

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PACE/OAR contracts with IPIC to receive Department of Labor funds and serve 18-29 year old clients...

Much like the YES program announced in the last newsletter, PACE/OAR once again is contracting with the Indianapolis Private Industry Council to receive funds to help people with felony convictions to find and maintain employment.

This program, called Apollo 13, will target 18-29 year old clients who are referred from Probation or the Community Corrections. Participants will go through an assessment at the Work One East, and then chose from one of five local service providers, including PACE/OAR. Other providers include Horizon House, Father & Family Resource Center, Workforce, Inc. and Oasis of Hope Christian Community Development Corporation. This project is a pilot project by the U.S. Department of Labor that selected only five grantees nation- wide.

Clients who choose PACE/OAR will receive career counseling, participate in job readiness workshops and work with a case manager to find viable employment. One goal of the project is to match clients with jobs that pay at least \$10.00 per hour.

How can Employers help?

Is your company willing to hire individuals with a felony record? Let us know. Even if your company excludes particular offenses, we have a variety of clients looking for employment every day. We will review your needs and requirements and refer qualified applicants to you for a potential interview. We respect your privacy and commend your willingness to consider the clients of PACE/OAR for employment. For more information, contact Rhiannon Williams at 612-6800 x18 or williams@pace-oar.org.

Your Trash is another Person's Treasure

Donate your gently used clothing in 8 gallon trash bags to PACE/OAR. We exchange the bags with Goodwill for gift certificates to their stores. Our clients use these gift certificates to find clothing appropriate for interviews and work.

Contact Debbie at 612-6800 or dlockett@pace-oar.org to arrange a time to contribute your items.

Save Money Shopping On-Line and Benefit PACE/OAR

When you shop on-line this year for holiday gifts, start by going to www.pace-oar.org and click on **SHOPPING** to be connected to the PACE/OAR on-line shopping mall powered by My Power Mall. This on-line shopping portal offers you different rebates at various stores, and pays an additional part of that rebate to PACE/OAR. It is safe and secure, and benefits your community.

Some on-line stores include:

Old Navy, The Gap, Circuit City, Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Hallmark, KBToys, Kohl's, Lands End, Macy's, Office Depot, Office Max, Starbucks, Overstock.com and many, many more.

Do you love to watch Iron Chef or Top Chef on TV?

Then don't miss the local version at Food Fight 2008, a fund raiser to benefit PACE/OAR. This fun-filled cooking competition will feature professional chefs from local restaurants, an amateur chef competition and a spirited



bartender competition. For \$60 per ticket, guests will also enjoy a wine tasting, hors d'vour dinner buffet, entertainment, and a culinary theme silent auction.

Sponsorships are available that include tickets, advertising at the event, the opportunity to distribute information and giveaways at the event, and inclusion in all of our pre-event marketing. Call Allison Luthe at 612.6800 x 15 or email aluthe@pace-oar.org for more information.

Volunteers Needed!!

PACE/OAR is looking for volunteers to meet a variety of needs at the agency. These volunteer opportunities include: mentors, tutors, board members, special events committee and resource center presenters. Whether you want to interact directly with clients or play a leadership role in the agency, we have the opportunity for you. Contact Allison Luthe at 612-6800 x15 or aluthe@pace-oar.org for more information, or to download a volunteer ap, go to www.pace-oar.org/volunteer.htm

Save the Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
at the Chef's Academy (644 East Washington Street)

We're online! Thanks to the students working with the Net Literacy summer program, PACE/OAR has a new website. TLH Solutions is hosting our new site, so please visit us at www.pace-oar.org! You can even make a tax deductible contribution on-line!



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