



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

Newsletter Summer 2007

PACE/OAR receives contract to assist 15-25 year olds with felony convictions...

Unlike other companies and organizations in the city who exclude individuals with criminal backgrounds, clients MUST have a felony conviction to qualify for services at PACE/OAR. These services range from referrals for emergency items like food and shelter to comprehensive Care Coordination that includes case manager, employment services and support to match the needs of the individual.

Employment is the nucleus of the Care Coordination provided by staff members Mark Anthony Hughes, Rhiannon Williams and Everett Greene at PACE/OAR. These services are being expanded due to a new contract with the Indianapolis Private Industry Council (IPIC) and the YES Program. The YES Program stands for "Youth Employment Services" and focuses on youth ages 15-25. The program focuses on GED completion, job readiness training, job placement, post-secondary education, advanced training and certification, 60-day Retention, 180-Day Job Retention and 365-Day Job Retention.

This program will run for one year, starting in August, 2007.

For more information, contact Debbie, the Intake Specialist at PACE/OAR to make an appointment: 612-6800.

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 rwilliams@pace-oar.org.

PACE/OAR Successes:

- 56 clients started working in 2007.
- 21 of these individuals have employer sponsored health care and 13 are earning more than \$20,000 per year!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed daily from 12-1 for lunch

Meet the PACE/OAR Staff:

J.T. Ferguson, Executive Director
Allison Luthe, Deputy Director
Marcia Gray-Inskeep, Executive Assistant
Rhiannon Williams, Director of Employment and Transitional Services
Mark Anthony Hughes, Case Manager
Everett Green, Case Manager
Debbie Lockett, Intake Specialist
Mary McDaniel, Director of Jail Services
Achebe Turner, Jail Education Coordinator
Kelly Crenshaw, IBC Work Study Student



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Go Shopping at Macy's and Benefit PACE/OAR!

Buy a \$5 ticket from PACE/OAR and receive a coupon to Macy's! Take the coupon to any Macy's store on October 13th and receive 20% off select purchases.

The 2006 Shopping Day was a great success. PACE/OAR raised \$400. Please help us pass our goal of \$500 – that's only 100 tickets.

The coupons make great thank you gifts or a treat for your self – all for only \$5. PACE/OAR keeps 100% of the ticket sale proceeds. Contact Allison at PACE/OAR for more details at 612-2800 x 14 or aluthe@pace-oar.org.



A Special THANKS to all Silent Auction Donors

The PACE/OAR staff and Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who contributed to the first-ever PACE/OAR silent auction at the 2006 Annual Meeting in June. The meeting was held at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center.

Thank you to:

Charleston's
Crystal Flash
Dr. Yvonne Oropeza
Indiana Pacers
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Indianapolis Motor Speedway
King's Crystals
Music Mill
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Snooty Fox
Team Enterprise, Inc.
Vincent Furs

Your Trash is Another Person's Treasure

Donate your gently used clothes, house wares, and other items to the PACE/OAR yard sale on Saturday, September 15th from 7am to Noon.



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

Volunteers are needed to set up the yard sale, sell items, and tear down! Unsold items will be taken to Goodwill and exchanged for clothing vouchers that clients can use to shop for clothing.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for their commitment of time and energy over the years!

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