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**"A conviction does not
have to be a life sentence"**

INSIDE/OUT COALITION TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

Please Join Us!

Friday, October 12, 2018

**12:00pm – 2:00pm
Luncheon**

**Park Place - 414 S. Lewis
Ave. Waukegan, IL**

15th Annual Coalition Luncheon

* General Seating
* Individual Tickets \$50



**Keynote Speaker
Victor B. Dickson
President and CEO,
Safer Foundation**

This year's celebration will feature a panel of guest speakers which will include our keynote speaker, Victor B. Dickson, President and CEO, Safer Foundation. Dickson is an advocate on behalf of those often deemed second-class citizens. Under his leadership, Safer Foundation has moved more toward training clients for high-demand industries and occupations so they can have a better chance of ending the cycle of poverty. He is an ordained minister who has directed a variety of entities providing social services, education, and relief efforts locally and abroad. Come to hear this dynamic and inspirational speaker for yourself.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$50 and can be purchased; Online at www.reducerecivism.org, In person at 149 S. Genesee Street, 414 S. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, IL, or PayPal/Credit Card via telephone at 847-244-4900. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit www.reducerecivism.org.

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Interview with Repatriate Sarah Christensen:

It's July 2018, and Sarah Christensen is speaking to an audience at the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism's public meeting, reflecting on her life as an inmate and how she overcame life's challenges and obstacles. Sarah took lemons with all of her setbacks and made lemonade.

Question: How did you change your life for the better?

I decided to change my life for the better for me and my children. I finally had enough of struggling and I was tired of living the way I was living. When I hit rock bottom I knew I would have to change my life for the better. I understood that living a "straight path" was going to be challenging. My background was a setback and no one wanted to hire me. I was skilled and qualified and looked for jobs and a home that provided a safe and stable environment. Fortunately, someone gave me a chance and I found a good job. I am now able to make a life for me and my family. Being a single mom of a disabled child has been tough. People tend to overlook you. I stay positive and continue to work to make my life better.

Question: Any advice for individuals who may be going through what you did?

My advice to anyone who is struggling with mental illness, drug addiction, criminal background issues, or life challenges is to keep going. When life gives you lemons make lemonade. Don't give up. Even when you hear people put you down or say they won't hire you. There will be someone who will take a chance on you. They will give you an opportunity and help you the same way I've been helped. If I can become a productive member of society, so can you.



Sarah would like to thank everyone at the Waukegan Township office for loving people and helping others. She says "the services the Township provides help people to not lose hope".

Support the F.A.T.E Bill

HB 5341: Fair Access To Employment



Illinois has been a leader in recognizing how important opportunities to seal criminal records are to help residents get jobs, find housing, and pursue education. However, petitions to seal records that would have otherwise been granted, are being denied because of outstanding fines, fees, and costs that individuals frequently cannot pay.

HB 5341 clarifies that outstanding legal financial obligations, like fines, fees, and costs, cannot be considered when determining whether someone can seal their record.

HB 5341 does not excuse anyone from paying their debts and any entity that is owed fines or fees may still pursue repayment, debt collections actions, and the like. For more information visit www.communityrenewalsociety.org.

On August 18, 2017 Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner signed into law what appears to be the broadest sealing law in the United States, covering almost all felonies and requiring a relatively short eligibility waiting period of three years. The Governor signed into law six pieces of legislation that impact people with arrest and conviction records, including HB 2373 – the sealing expansion bill. This marks the largest expansion of a sealing law in the United States and is a huge win in criminal justice reform. Effective immediately, this new law will provide thousands of people in Illinois the opportunity for criminal records relief by allowing them to petition the court to remove barriers in their lives as a result of their past criminal record. RROCI viewed this bill as a top priority because after HB2373 passed last year, courts started engaging in the practice of denying sealing petitions based on an individual's unpaid fines or fees. This was an unintended consequence. It was a way to continue to bar people with criminal histories from sealing their records, obtaining a job, and finally being able to move on with their lives, which includes having the means to pay their fines and fees.

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Five Things You Should Do When Stopped by a Police Officer



There's nothing worse than seeing those flashing lights in your rear view mirror and knowing they're directed at you. As you pull over, however, it's important that you handle the situation properly. Always remain calm , avoid any sudden movement, and give the officer's the same respect that you would like.

1. **Carefully Choose Where You Stop:** It might not matter to you where you stop, but it does matter to the officer. Many police officers die every year as a result of roadside accidents. When stopped, put on your turn signal or hazards to signal to the officer that you intend to comply. Then pull over in a safe area that protects you and the officer from the flow of traffic.
2. **Prepare and Make Yourself Visible:** Many officers are aware of the hazards associated with pulling over the wrong person. Shut off the vehicle and any music, make yourself highly visible to make the officer and situation a little more comfortable to let him or her know that you're not scrambling to take care of something else, like hiding contraband or a weapon.
3. **Roll Down Your Window as they come to the car:** If possible, roll down your window while they're on their way to you so that when they get there, they'll be able to speak with you easily. If for some reason you are unable to roll down your window make sure you communicate that with the officer when they arrive at the door. Don't make a sudden move to open the door or do anything else unless you're told to.
4. **Don't reach for Anything:** When you pull your car off of the road, place your hands on the steering wheel in easy sight rather than immediately reaching for your glove box, purse, or wallet. Keep them there until the officer gives you permission to do otherwise.
5. **Be Polite:** Be respectful, follow instructions, and mind your manners. Avoid the urge most people have to ramble when they are nervous. Give the same respect that you wish to be given.

The Changing State of Recidivism: Fewer People Going Back to Prison

The share of people who return to state prison three years after being released, the most common measure of recidivism dropped by nearly a quarter over a recent seven-year period, according to an analysis by The Pew Charitable Trusts of federal Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) data on prisoners released in 2005 and 2012. Pew analyzed publicly accessible data from the 23 states that reported reliable prison admissions and release data to BJS from 2005 through 2015. Among prisoners released in 2005, 48 percent returned to prison by the end of 2008. By comparison, among those released in those states in 2012, 37 percent had at least one new prison admission by the end of 2015. That translates into a drop of 23 percent. The states included in the analysis accounted for about two-thirds of those released from state prisons nationwide each year. Longer-term recidivism also fell. Prisoners released in these states in 2010 were 13 percent less likely than the 2005 cohort to return to prison at least once by the end of the fifth year after release. Included in these numbers are people sent back to prison for a new crime or for violating the terms of their post-prison supervision. Reducing recidivism improves public safety, reduces taxpayer spending on prisons, and helps formerly incarcerated people successfully resume family and community responsibilities. However a lack of data has complicated efforts to understand the aggregate effects of myriad federal, state, and local efforts to reduce re offending. This analysis shows that meaningful improvements in recidivism are occurring.

By: Adam Gelb & Tracy Velázquez

Bail Reform Act - Cash Bail Crisis



Courts in Illinois have had a few months to adjust to changes in how bond must be handled after new rules took effect Jan. 1. The changes require that anyone brought before court has the presumption of a nonmonetary bond, meaning a cash bail necessarily won't be set.

Signed by Gov. Bruce Rauner last summer, the Bail Reform Act requires courts to consider a person's socioeconomic circumstances when setting conditions of release or imposing monetary bail. That means more people facing nonviolent misdemeanor or low-level felonies, such as theft, drug possession and driving under the influence, could be released on recognizance bonds. It does not apply to violent crime, sex crimes and domestic batteries. Conditions to release could include electronic home monitoring, curfews, drug counseling, stay-away orders and in-person reporting.

It also requires that counsel be provided at bond hearings, whereas one who would request a public defender would not receive one until the case was set for preliminary hearing.

Don't Worry...There's Help For You!



Support Group

Repatriate, Empowering Support Group for the Formerly Incarcerated:

Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of every month -
5:30pm - 6:30pm., at
149 S. Genesee Street
For info call 847-244-4900

Infinity and Beyond Workshops:

(Interview Training)
Meets 1st Monday of every month -
10:00am - 11:30am., at
149 S. Genesee Street
For info call 847-244-4900

**Meetings open to the public.
Please call 847-244-4900 to register**

Reducing Recidivism Can Save Illinois Millions

Year from release	Current Trends for Cumulative Recidivists	Number of Cumulative Recidivists	Number of Additional Recidivists	Number Below Current Trends	Costs Avoided by End of Year (present value)
Year 1	17,393	16,523	16,523	870	\$103,265,403
Year 2	30,022	28,521	11,998	631	\$68,012,671
Year 3	38,052	36,150	7,629	402	\$41,185,756
Year 4	43,176	41,017	4,868	256	\$25,029,146
Year 5	46,646	44,314	3,296	173	\$16,140,692
Five Year Totals	46,646	44,314	44,314	2,332	\$253,633,669

If the recidivism rate fell 5% each year for five years, there would be 2,332 fewer reconvictions over that time, which would avoid \$254 million in costs to taxpayers, victims, and society.

*"The High Cost of Recidivism". Illinois Policy, 2015
Creating Supportive Communities to Sustain Recovery for
Re-Entry Populations Southern Illinois Drug Awareness
Conference*

Middle School Youth Summit



Our Middle School Youth Summit was held on Friday, May 4th 2018 at the College of Lake County Grayslake Campus. The program started with Mr. Lamar Black and Dr. Sylvia Johnson Jones welcoming the students and making opening remarks. Our Keynote speaker was Commissioner Vance D. Wyatt. We also had a panel of police officers where students had the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns which was led by Detective Rollins with the North Chicago Police Department. Dr. Mary Roberson and Chief Witherspoon hosted a workshop about Substance Abuse, Gangs & Street Violence, and Juvenile Incarceration. Detective Roman Buchberger also hosted a workshop about Social Media, Bullying and Sexting. Our mission is to educate and motivate middle school and high school youth in the Lake County area, to provide them with tools to be better productive citizens, and to equip the youth to be socially and culturally aware of their surroundings. To make change you must begin with the foundation, special thanks to Supervisor Patricia Jones, Waukegan Township & College of Lake County Grayslake Campus!

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Access to Mental Health Care and Incarceration

1.2 million individuals living with mental illness sit in jail and prison each year. Often their involvement with the criminal justice system begins with low-level offenses like jaywalking, disorderly conduct, or trespassing.

In 2015, The Sentencing Project ranked the states based on the number of people incarcerated in state prison per 100,000 residents.

Comparing state-by-state rates of incarceration with the access to mental health care ranking shows a strong positive correlation between rates of adult who are in the criminal justice system and lack of access to mental health care.

The states with less access to mental health care have more adults who are in the criminal justice system. Six out of 10 of the states with the least access to mental health care also have the highest rates of incarceration. These states include; Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Georgia, and Florida.

Where does Illinois rank? (#25 with the least amount of access to care)

The chart below shows the ranking of states based on the rate of adult incarceration (per 100,000 people). The access to care ranking is the corresponding sum of scores for each state. The ten states with the least amount of access to care are highlighted in red, and the 10 states with the most access to care are highlighted in purple.

Rank	State	State Imprisonment (per 100k) Ranked Lowest to Highest	Access to Care Ranking (Sum of Scores)
1	Maine	153	-8.9271
2	Rhode Island	178	-5.74207
3	Massachusetts	188	-13.2939
4	Minnesota	194	-8.34278
5	North Dakota	214	-2.1477
6	New Hampshire	219	-8.12996
7	Utah	237	1.967375
8	Vermont	241	-16.4588
9	New Jersey	241	-3.39434
10	Washington	254	-1.32436
11	Hawaii	257	-0.0282
12	New York	265	-2.75729
13	Iowa	282	-4.9148
14	Nebraska	283	1.018337
15	Kansas	322	-1.91273
16	Connecticut	326	-8.71021
17	New Mexico	329	-1.7386
18	Maryland	346	-4.01988
19	California	349	-0.58227
20	North Carolina	358	-0.51341
21	Montana	360	2.587972
22	Wisconsin	371	-3.78764
23	West Virginia	372	2.357443
24	Alaska	374	-4.56163
25	Illinois	375	0.690505
26	Oregon	378	-2.02091

Local Mental Health Facilities

WAUKEGAN

Behavioral Health Services for
Children and Adolescent
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 377-8950
CIT • MHF • MH • AT BMT CBT
CFT DBT GT IPT PTM TT • SMON
• CMHC OP • OSF • CLF MC MD
MI PI SF SI SMHA SWFS • AH FX SP
• ADM MF PTSD SED SMI VET • CM
FPSY • CHLD YAD • F65 F67 F91

Behavioral Health Services of
The Lake County
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 377-8180
CIT WI • MHF • MH • AT BMT CBT
CFT DBT GT IDD IPT PTM TT •
SMON • CMHC OP • OSF • CLF
CMHG CSBG MC MD MI OSF PI
SCJJ SF SI SMHA SWFS • AH FX SP
• ADM CJ CO GL HV MF PED PTSD
SE SED SMI TAY VET • CDM CM
COOT DEC ES FPSY IPC NRT NSC
SPS STU TCC • CHLD YAD • F66 F67
F70 F81

Independence Center Inc
2025 Washington Street
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 360-1020x1025
Intake: (847) 360-1020x1021
CIT WI • MHF • MH • BMT CBT
CFT DBT GT IDD IPT TT • SMPD •
CMHC OP • CLF CMHG CSBG MC
MD MI OSF PI SCJJ SF • PA SS • FX
SP • CO SMI • CM DEC ES FPSY HS
IMR PEER PRS SEMP SH SPS STU
TCC VRS • YAD • F17 F28 F81 F91

Vista Medical Center West
Behavioral Medicine Department
2615 Washington Street
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 249-3900
Intakes: (847) 360-2000 (847) 360-2017
CIT WI • MHF • MH • AT BMT CFT
DBT ECT GT IDD IPT PTM TT •
SMON • HI OP PH PSY • MC MD
MI PI SF VAF • AH SP • CM COOT
DEC ES FPSY HS IMR IPC PEER SPS •
CHLD YAD

NOW HIRING

Most individuals exiting prison have a hard time securing stable employment. The majority, around two-thirds in the US return to prison within three years of release. Employment is often cited as a critical turning point in the lives of former inmates. Basic models of human behavior unambiguously predict that individuals will choose to spend less time in illegal activity as the returns to legal activity grow. A simple comparison of recidivism rates between ex-inmates who work and those who don't indicates a strong positive correlation between unemployment and recidivism. Therefore, we expect a reduction in crime following an increase in employment opportunities.

By: Kevin Schnepel



IBEW local 150 is accepting applications for both the Inside and Telecommunication Electrical Apprenticeship programs. For more information please contact: Ms. Mildred Leonard at mildredleonard655@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.lakecountyjatc.org/howtoapply.htm>



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149 S. GENESEE - WAUKEGAN, IL 60085

For more information please contact Johnnie Jenkins, Waukegan Township Employment Specialist at 847-244-4900 or email jjenkins@waukegantownship.com.

Associated Wholesale Grocers and Sure Staff (AWG)

AWG is looking for Full Time and part Time staff. AWG offers:

1. 401K W/Match up to 12%
2. STD and LTD - Free
3. Life FAM /Indv - Free
4. Employee Assistance Program Free
5. Tuition Reimbursement - up to \$5,250 A year

6. Vacation from day 1 (In current year prorated and beginning of 1 / I /19 12 Days)

7. Sick after one year (6 sick days)

8. Starting pay is \$16.75 and employee can earn up to \$22.50 in under 6 months!

9. TOPCO - Employee Discount Program

10. Hire on Bonus \$ 2,000

11. Referral Bonus Program# 1 \$250

12. Referral Bonus Program #2 \$750

13. Incentive Program Earning up to \$33.00 Growth and Travel opportunities



For more information please contact Johnnie Jenkins, Waukegan Township Employment Specialist at 847-244-4900.

News You Can Use

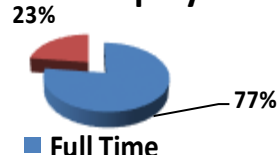
Coalition Jobs Report Jan - Sept 2018 Statistics

To date, 1,755 Repatriates have obtained employment since August 2005.

Jan 2018 - Sept 2018:

- 108 Employed - Full time
- 32 Employed - Temp Agency
- 63 New Clients
- 54 Confirmed Employers

Repatriate Employment



LEGAL HELP DESK

Total clients seen through the Legal Help Desk: 81



Johnnie Jenkins
Employment Specialist

About Inside/Out

Inside/Out is a publication of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism, which is based in Lake County, IL. The newsletter intends to raise awareness and discuss issues that affect the lives of men, women and children who are incarcerated and who have been released from incarceration.

The views and opinions included herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the Coalition's executive board or its individual members. If you have news or updates for our newsletter, you can send them to: kwoods@waukegantownship.com

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149 S. Genesee St. Waukegan, IL 60085

Upcoming Coalition Meetings

The Coalition to Reduce Recidivism Executive Board will meet the 1st Friday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at 149 S. Genesee Street., Waukegan, IL.

The public meeting will be the third Monday of each month at 8:30a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 330 S. Greenleaf street, Gurnee, IL.

Please consider joining the growing movement in support of the formerly incarcerated. Annual membership dues goes directly to supportive services on their behalf. Membership dues are as follows:

2018 Coalition Members:

The Coalition to Reduce Recidivism is a collective unit of social service agencies, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, medical institutions, criminal justice institutions, entrepreneurs, community advocates, governmental entities and repatriates; all geared to work with returning prisoners and help them become productive members of society.

- Corporate Membership \$500
- Faith Base Membership \$500 (Level 3) 301+
- Faith Base Membership \$250 (Level 2) 101 - 300
- Faith Base Membership \$150 (Level 1) 1 – 100
- Agency Membership \$150
- Board of Directors \$100
- Individual Membership \$50
- Seniors (65+)
- Student & Other \$20

Honorary Chairmen:

- ♦ Ill. State Representative Rita Mayfield

Chairperson

- ♦ Patricia Jones, M. Ed.

Coalition Officers:

- ♦ Mary Roberson, Ed. D., President, Consultant
- ♦ Jennifer Witherspoon, Vice President, Esquire, Lake County Sheriff's Office
- ♦ Gary Oltmans, Secretary, Rosalind Franklin University
- ♦ Arlene Day, Treasurer, Teacher (Retired)

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- ♦ Gwen Beckwith, Board Member, Principal (Retired)
- ♦ Pastor Todd Fletcher, Board Member, Lake County Sheriff's Office
- ♦ Sylvia M. Johnson Jones Ed. D., Board Member College of Lake County
- ♦ Marc Jones, Board Member, Director, Eddie Washington Center
- ♦ Stella Jones, Board Member, Community Renewal Society
- ♦ Mary Turley, Board Member, UMMA

Center

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- ♦ Jacqueline Small, Board Member, Catholic Charities
- ♦ Jeff McBride, Board Member, Waukegan Public Schools #60
- ♦ Johnny Outlaw, Board Member, Chicago Torture Justice Center

Agencies Members:

- ♦ Catholic Charities
- ♦ College Of Lake County, Grayslake
- ♦ Harbor Lites Chapter, Links Inc.
- ♦ Lake County State's Attorney's Office
- ♦ Lake County Sheriff's Office
- ♦ Nicasa Behavioral Health Services
- ♦ National Assoc. of University Women
- ♦ Waukegan Housing Authority
- ♦ Schneider for Congress
- ♦ Lake County Workforce Development
- ♦ Lake County Veterans & Family Services
- ♦ Tenth Congressional District Democrats
- ♦ UMMA Center

- ♦ Community Renewal Society
- ♦ Community Action Partnership of LC
- ♦ Southwire
- ♦ Faith in Place
- ♦ Building Families Together
- ♦ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- ♦ Warren Township Democrats
- ♦ Indivisible Lindenhurst

Municipal Members:

- ♦ Waukegan Township
- ♦ Zion Township
- ♦ City of North Chicago
- ♦ Shields Township
- ♦ Libertyville Township
- ♦ Benton Township
- ♦ Grant Township
- ♦ Vernon Township
- ♦ West Deerfield Township

Faith Base Members:

- ♦ First Baptist Church of Lake Forest
- ♦ Mount Sinai Baptist Church

Corporate Members:

- ♦ Harris & Harris

The Legal Help Desk Benefits Lake County Repatriates

People with criminal records can now receive free advice and assistance through the Legal Help Desk, offered by the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism in partnership with Waukegan Township.



Arrests and acquittals are expungable. Guilty pleas, probation, supervision and convictions, are not. The filing fee for an expungement is \$60.

Information on how to file for an expungement is available through the Lake County Clerk's Office, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, or online at:

www.lakecountyil.gov/CircuitClerk/CivilCriminal/Pages/Expungements.aspx.

Help is also available at: www.illinoislegalaid.org

The Coalition's Legal Help Desk is comprised of attorneys who offer free legal advice to people with criminal convictions to help determine their eligibility for expungement and sealing. Hours are: **1st Friday of the month from 8:30am – 12:30pm & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12:30pm - 4:00pm.** Walk In Preferred (No Appointment).

The Legal Help Desk is located at Waukegan Township Supervisor's Office, 149 S. Genesee Street Waukegan, IL 60085. For information call 847-244-4900 or email coalition2rr@waukegantownship.com.

Please bring your RAP SHEET and CRIMINAL HISTORY

For adult criminal Lake County cases: Request your rap sheet at the Lake County Clerk's Office, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, Basement Floor. Office open from 9am-5pm. Service fees required. For more information, please call (847) 244-4900.

Volunteer Attorneys To Assist You:



Attorney Kathryn Vanden Berk



Attorney David Weinstein

We Spotlight a Coalition To Reduce Recidivism Member Agency: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Phi Zeta Chapter



From its inception in 1920 at Howard University, Zeta women have rejected the status quo. Our founders dared to be different by establishing a sorority that would 'chart a course of action, raise the consciousness of their people.' Ninety-seven years later, their courage continues to inspire us to take a stand against injustice and become beacons for positive change.

Through our GET ENGAGED™ social action program, launched under the leadership of International President Mary Breaux Wright, our sisterhood has mobilized to find new ways to solve old problems that plague the communities we serve. In these uncertain times, we must take action.

The Lake County Zetas are excited to be apart of the Coalition and we look forward to supporting it's services that enable repatriates in becoming self-sufficient.



ZetaConnect TV



Voter Registration



Community Activists





Patricia Jones, M.ED
Founder, Chairperson
Waukegan Township
Supervisor

Make Your Voice Count

The last few years have been good for repatriates hoping to regain the ability to vote. It's one thing to make it legal for people to vote again, and another to ensure they know about it. Voters and even local officials may not realize what's changed.

In all but two states, voting age citizens convicted of a felony are barred from voting for some period of time. Laws vary in each state. While many states restore voting rights to individuals automatically after they exit jail or prison, others continue the bar on voting even while on probation or parole. Some even permanently disenfranchise people with a past conviction or require they petition the government to have their right restored.

In Illinois, individuals incarcerated for a felony conviction are ineligible to vote. Voting rights are automatically restored upon release from prison, and people on parole or probation can vote. Ex-offenders should re-register to vote. Make sure you know your rights and make your voice count.

Repatriates, Ex-Offenders, House Arrest

YOU CAN VOTE!



ACCORDING TO ARTICLE II. SECTION 2. OF THE ILLINOIS STATE CONSTITUTION, EX-OFFENDERS RIGHT TO VOTE ARE RESTORED UPON SENTENCE COMPLETION. THIS INCLUDES THOSE WHO ARE ON PAROLE OR PROBATION.

For more information,
contact the Lake
County Clerk's Office
at 847-377-2400 or
visit
www.lakecountyil.gov/countyclerk

Register to Vote! at Waukegan Township's Administrative office -
149 S. Genesee Street or Park Place - 414 S. Lewis Ave, Waukegan



Dr. Mary Roberson,
President
Coalition to Reduce
Recidivism

Greetings Coalition to Reduce Recidivism community partners and friends. We are so excited about the 15th Annual Luncheon. This year's theme Honoring the Past and Shaping the Future of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism speaks volumes to the work that has been accomplished and the work that continues to be needed. With the support of the Board of Directors, as well as the agencies and individual memberships the lives of the formerly incarcerated are improving.

Our communities are continuing to be impacted by the opioid epidemic and mental health crisis, however our partnership with service providers, the States Attorneys office and Workforce Development gives individuals an opportunity to have a hand up.

Over the past 15 years quite a bit has been accomplished, both on the local and state levels to reduce the rate of recidivism for families and individuals impacted by incarceration. We have gained strides with our youth, solidified relationships with the legal communities, recognized our veterans and started work on a strategic plan to carry us into the future.

I offer a heartfelt thank you to all who have fought the good fight of faith along side us at the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism. I count it an honor and a privilege to be on battlefield with such an outstanding organization and fantastic group of individuals. In the words of Maya Angelou I say, people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

**Thank you to the Coalition Executive Board
for your steadfast and commitment to change.**