

2018 Summer Institute Call for Proposals
August 23 – 24, 2018



2018 Summer Institute hosted in Spokane, WA

The road to rebuilding one's life when serving time is a process from incarceration to reentry and integration. Spokane's Community Partners in Transition Solutions (CPTS) hosted a contest at Airway Heights Corrections Center for those currently incarcerated to create our 2018 Summer Institute theme. Our winner, Mr. Fernando Trejo Ramirez designed the above artwork illustrating his vision for *Picking up the Pieces*. He writes, "This picture depicts the life of a person on a journey. Like a puzzle, step by step, putting his dream life picture together and making it a reality." Spokane CPTS invites you to take part in the 2018 Summer Institute. This annual conference offers an opportunity for reentry service providers, educators, faith-based and community organizations, Tribal Nations, and individuals affected by incarceration to network, share expertise, identify and refine best practices, and foster sustainable partnerships.

With this theme in mind, the Summer Institute Planning Workgroup welcomes your workshop proposal submissions focusing on the following critical areas for successfully piecing together one's path through justice involvement to community integration:

1. Family Reunification
2. Employment and Career Advancement including Education
3. Civil Legal Aid, such as support with Legal Financial Obligations and Child Support
4. Housing and support Solutions
5. Trauma Healing and Integration
6. Culture of Incarceration and the issue of Institutionalization
7. Cultural Dynamics in the Reentry Process
8. Policy, Advocacy and Community Organizing efforts (systemic issues)

Conference Format:

Conference Workshops – 60 or 90-minute format with time built in for question and answer period. We encourage proposals that demonstrate ample opportunities for audience participation, are experiential and/or hands on and provide scenarios for collaborative case planning. We encourage proposals to highlight programs or resources that data-driven and evidence-based that also show strong collaboration between community partners. We may ask you to present more than once. Please do not submit proposals that use the words “offender” or “ex-felon.”

The second day of the conference will provide a track for community organizing and support for individuals and families impacted by the justice system. We encourage proposals that provide a workshop certification, for example, in Responsible Renters, Peer to Peer Mentoring skills or Building a Grassroots Movement, or allows for the facilitation of trauma healing through the demonstration of a restorative circle.

Conference Audience – Attendees in federal, state and local agency staff and administrators vested in the reentry process, agencies and individuals involved in reentry services and advocacy, faith-based community organizations, educators, Tribal Nations, and individuals affected by the criminal justice system.

Submission Information

Workshop proposals submissions are due by Friday, June 8, 2018. The Summer Institute Planning Workgroup will review all submissions. Final decisions will be based on quality, level of expertise, and relation to the conference theme. You will be notified of the selection process via email no later than June 29, 2018. Submit proposals to jpace@doc1.wa.gov.

Registration is required for all presenters at a reduced cost of \$50/person and must be completed by July 20th, 2018. Failure to register by the deadline may result in cancellation of your session. Please be available to present at any time scheduled during the conference dates of August 23 – 24, 2018.

Presenters are responsible for handouts. On-site photocopying will not be available. Each classroom will be equipped with a laptop and overhead projector. Internet will be accessible.

Please submit your proposal in the following format:

1. Title of Presentation (MUST relate to the theme and be 100 characters or less)
2. Program Description
 - a. Abstract (50-word summary to appear in the conference program)
 - b. Description of the information to be presented in the session to include which of the areas of focus the session will address specifically
3. Presenter Information
 - a. Name, title, organization (1st person listed will be the point of contact)
 - b. Phone and email
 - c. Additional bios for all presenters
 - d. Number of panelist if applicable (scholarship options available by request)
4. Room Needs – please identify the classroom set-up i.e. laptop, overhead projector, panel discussion, internet access, preferred seating arrangements
5. All submissions must be electronically submitted in Word format to Jennifer Pace, jbp pace@doc1.wa.gov by Friday, June 8, 2018.