

# Prisoner Reentry



# HOT SHEET



Prisoner Reentry and other Law Enforcement  
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## Did You Know?

...the US District Court recently ruled in *Poe v. Snyder* that homeless individuals who are on the sex offender registry may be allowed access to emergency shelters. The case was brought after a homeless person froze to death in Grand Rapids after being refused access to the shelter system since the shelter was located within 1000 feet of a school. The court ruled that shelter usage is not "residing" and that sex offender registrants are not barred from accessing shelters located within 1000 feet of a school. The ruling does not cover programs with long-term stays such as transitional housing.

Eligible residents can contact Legal Aid's toll-free intake line to open a file for civil legal services at 1-877-964-4700.

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## Macomb County Warming Center Schedule

MCWC Office: 586.321.0998 Shelter Hours: 8:00 PM through 7:00 am Sunday Through Saturday. No one admitted after 9:00pm.

2/5-2/11 St. Clair Shores Assembly of God, 24905 Manhattan, St. Clair Shores.

2/12-2/18 St. Edmund, 14025 12 Mile Rd., Warren.

2/19-2/25 St. Martin De Porres Catholic Community, 31515 Hoover RD., Warren.

2/26-3/3 Love Life Family Christain Center, 17363 Toepfer Dr., Eastpointe.

## Parent Education Classes

Choose from early childhood (ages 0-5), school age (ages 6-12) and teenagers (ages 13-18). Classes run for 8 weeks and held in multiple locations. To view a complete list of classes and to register visit [www.careofsem.com/parenting\\_ed.html](http://www.careofsem.com/parenting_ed.html) or call 586.451.0033.

## Coat Drive (Adult)

Prisoner Re-Entry is collecting coats for those men and women returning to their communities and neighborhoods from Michigan's Prisons. Last day to drop off coats is Wednesday, February 15. Please drop off clean, gently used coats to Prisoner Reentry at 18A Market Street, Mt. Clemens, 48043 or CARE of Southeastern Michigan, 31900 Utica Rd., Fraser, 48026. For more information call 586.469.7044.

## 17th Annual Parenting Conference - Adventures in Parenting

Saturday, March 3 from 8:00am to 3:30pm at the Macomb Intermediate School District Conference Center, 44001 Garfield Rd., Clinton Twp., 48043. Enjoy a day filled with over 20 specialized parenting workshops and the opportunity to learn about resources in your community. To register and to find a complete listing of speakers and topics visit [www.careofsem.com](http://www.careofsem.com). State Board CEUs Pending and Social Work CE Approved. Tickets are \$35 and also available by phone 586.541.0033.

## 10th Annual Michigan Fatherhood Conference CREATING A LEGACY...the smallest moments make the biggest impact

Featuring Daniel Beaty, award winning actor, singer and writer. February 17 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Center-Pointe Church, 214 E. Brooks Street, Howell, 48833. Tickets \$45 per person. For additional information contact: Pam Jaymes at 734.323.9037 or email [michiganfatherhoodconference@gmail.com](mailto:michiganfatherhoodconference@gmail.com).

## Substance Abuse Support Services (SASS)

FREE monthly educational sessions for people in recovery and family members. Thursdays, February 23th, "Substance abuse and domestic violence both emotional and physical" and March 22nd, "Relapse triggers - how do I cope with them?" from 2:00 -3:30 pm at CARE of Southeastern Michigan, 31900 Utica Road at Masonic, Fraser. No pre-registration required.

## FREE Homebuyer Education Seminar

Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Please arrive 15 minutes early) Southfield Public Library, Meeting Room, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, 48076. Register early, seating limited, call 248.920.6200 or send an e-mail to [deverett@lighthouseoakland.org](mailto:deverett@lighthouseoakland.org). If you have general questions, contact Rhonda Terry at Human Services 248.796.4542.

## Tax Help for Free

Free tax preparation - federal, state and city. Call to determine eligibility and to schedule an appointment 586.294.4673. Hope Center in Macomb, 33222 Groesbeck Highway in Fraser. Just north of 14 Mile Road on the east side of Groesbeck.

To receive monthly Hot Sheets via email or to submit an event (no fundraisers), email [hbattaglia@careofsem.com](mailto:hbattaglia@careofsem.com) or visit [www.careofsem.com/hot\\_sheets.html](http://www.careofsem.com/hot_sheets.html)

## **Project FOCUS Youth Support Winter Camp**

**Families Overcoming Crisis and Understanding Strengths**  
Are you concerned about a family member's use of alcohol or other drugs? Do you have a family member in recovery or are in recovery yourself? Project FOCUS is a FREE support program for parents, caregivers, and youth ages 6-15. Feb. 13, March 19 and April 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. First Presbyterian Church, 168 Cass Avenue, Mt. Clemens, 48043. FREE pizza dinner is provided nightly. FREE Childcare is also available for children ages 3-5 years old. Call for more information and to receive a registration packet. 586.541.0033 or visit [www.careofsem.com](http://www.careofsem.com).

## **Dawn Farm Education Series**

Free programs covering critical issues on addiction and recovery. Visit their website or more information at <http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series>. CE's available.

## **Free Monthly Dinner**

For those in need. Third Sunday of each month. St. Barnabas Church, 24800 Phlox, Eastpointe. From 4:00-5:30 pm. Call Paul at 586.924.7946 for more information.

## **Free Credit Report**

It is important to occasionally review your credit record to be sure it is accurate and to protect yourself from fraud. There are 3 major credit reporting agencies. They are: EQUIFAX, EXPERIAN and TRANSUNION. You can request a free report by calling 1.877.322.8228 or online at: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

## **Agencies Get Grants to Help Residents Stay Warm**

The Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) has awarded grants from the new Vulnerable Household Warmth Fund (VHWF) to agencies to provide temporary heating aid to vulnerable Michigan residents. Salvation Army: Contact the local Salvation Army in your area, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit: 313.393.2930, or The Heat and Warmth Fund, Detroit: 313.226.9465.

## **Problem Gambling Symposium**

March 5 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Double Tree Detroit/Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Expressway Detroit, MI 48228  
Cost: \$25. Register at <http://www.mi-pte.org>.

## **2nd Annual Court Night**

Monday, February 13 from 6:30-8:30pm. 52nd-3rd District Court, 700 Barclay Circle, Rochester Hills. A special presentation with Judges Julie Nicholson, Lisa Asadoorian and Nancy Camiak and local law enforcement to hear hard hitting information about teen drinking, house parties, illegal and Rx drug use and the consequences and effects on our kids and our communities! Teenagers are encouraged to attend this special event and can earn community service hours for attending. Register by emailing [nocc@northoaklandcoalition.org](mailto:nocc@northoaklandcoalition.org) or by calling 248.520.3786.

## **Special Notice**

Dear Reentry Colleagues,

As some of you may have heard from news reports, a decision has been issued in *Poe v. Snyder*, which concerned the ability of homeless individuals who are on the sex offender registry to access emergency shelter. The case was brought after a homeless registrant froze to death in Grand Rapids because he was unable to access the shelter system, since all shelters in Grand Rapids (as in many other cities) are located within 1000 feet of a school.

The judge ruled in our favor, finding that shelter usage is not "residing," and therefore homeless registrants are not legally barred from accessing shelters located within 1000 feet of a school. A copy of the opinion and order are attached.

Specifically the judge held that:

"Under the ordinary meaning of "reside," a registered sex offender does not violate M.C.L. § 28.735(1) by using an emergency overnight shelter under the following conditions: (1) users are admitted to the shelter in the evening and required to leave in the morning; and (2) users have no expectation of obtaining a place in the shelter on any given night. Therefore, registrants may sleep overnight in homeless shelters or drop-in centers located within 1,000 feet of a school, and may spend multiple nights in such shelters, so long as the foregoing conditions apply."

This ruling does not cover programs with long-term stays (e.g. transitional housing), but does apply to night-by-night shelter admissions.

It is important now to get the word out about this ruling. Please share this information with your local shelter and housing advocates.

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## **Need your Personal or Commercial Driver's License Restored?**

### **Driver's License Appeals Evaluations**

For individuals that have been notified by the Secretary of State that they are eligible to get their Michigan or out-of-state Driver's License reinstated.

### **Department of Transportation Evaluations**

For individuals that need to get their Commercial Driver's License reinstated.

### **Substance Abuse Assessments for Court**

For individuals who have been charged with Minor in Possession (MIP), Driving Under the Influence (DUI), or other substance use related offenses may be self-referred, referred by the court, or referred by a lawyer. Call CARE of Southeastern Michigan for more information or to schedule your assessment at 586.541.CARE or 1.877.484.8884.