

Dear Reentry Roundtable on Education Participants:

We are excited to share with you the long-awaited monograph of the Reentry Roundtable on Education convened on March 31 and April 1, 2008 at John Jay College of Criminal Justice by The Urban Institute and the College's Prisoner Reentry Institute. The report, *From the Classroom to the Community: Exploring the Role of Education during Incarceration and Reentry* synthesizes and documents the timely opportunity with which we were provided to examine the current state of education during incarceration and reentry and identify promising programmatic and policy directions. As you know, the Roundtable, sponsored by the Achelis and Bodman Foundations, the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Justice of the United States Department of Justice, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education of the United States Department of Education, Louis and Susan Reese, and Jim Grenon, brought together leaders such as yourselves who are experts in the fields of education and corrections.

From the Classroom to the Community is the first resource to comprehensively address correctional education through the prisoner reentry lens. It includes:

- Recent statistics on the state of correctional education in the United States;
- A summary of research findings on the effects education has on the incarceration and reentry experience; and
- A discussion on the various challenges and opportunities associated with providing education to this population, during and after incarceration.

Access the full report is available here:

http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/extra/pri_pdfs/Roundtable_Monograph.pdf

Hard copies of the report are on their way to you as part of a general mailing to key stakeholders from around the country.

We hope this document provides a basis for a continued conversation on the numerous issues surrounding the important issues of education, incarceration and reentry. We greatly appreciate your contribution to this landmark report and the continued movement to successfully transition individuals who are incarcerated from classrooms in correctional facilities around the country to classrooms in the broader community. If you have any questions or request additional hard copies of the report, contact Anna Crayton, Deputy Director of Research of the Prisoner Reentry Institute, at (646) 557-4534 or acrayton@jjay.cuny.edu.

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