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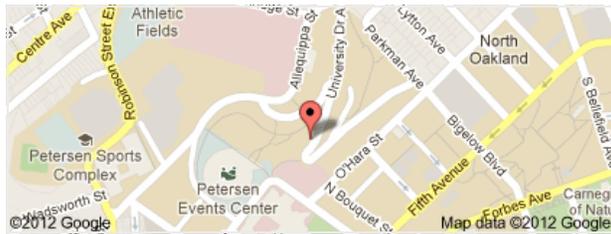
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Individual Pricing for Conference – \$25.00  
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Please Register Early to Guarantee



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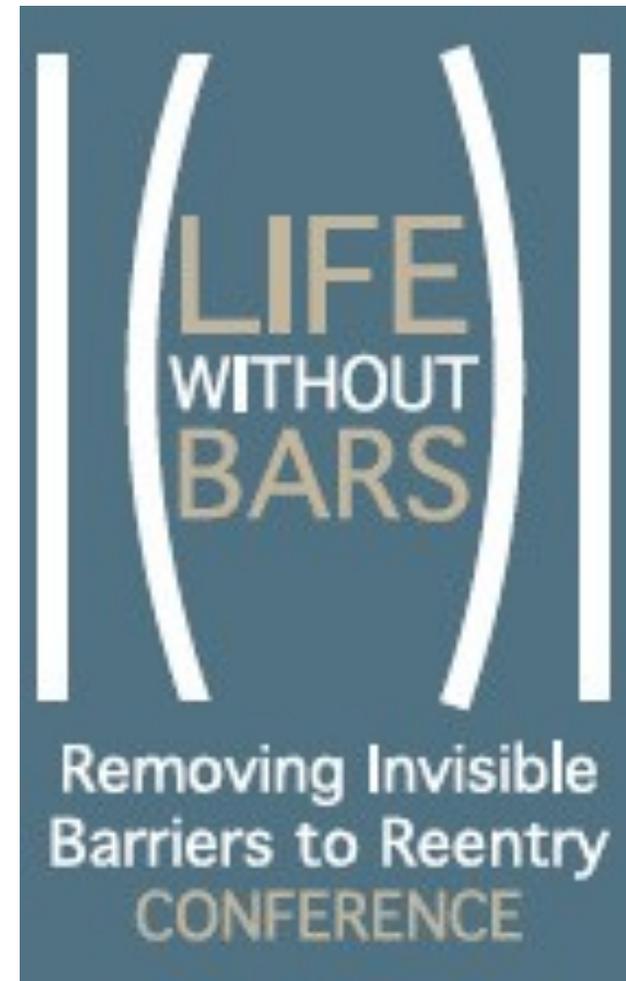
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**September 21, 2012 is the deadline for registrations!**

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**Invitation and Registration**  
**SOUTHWESTERN PA**  
**RE-ENTRY CONFERENCE**  
**Friday, September 28, 2012**  
**University of Pittsburgh School of Law**



## Conference Overview

A conference on national, state and local strategies and solutions to effectively reintegrate individuals with criminal backgrounds into communities in Southwestern PA addressing the areas of:

- Efforts to Mitigate Barriers to Reentry
- Criminal Justice System (Judicial and Law Enforcement)
- Public Policy/Legislation
- Reentry Best Practices

## Southwestern PA Reentry Coalition

The mission of SPARC is to foster collaboration among agencies in SWPA who provide services to individuals whose criminal record creates barriers to self sufficiency.

SPARC is a coalition of workforce development, social service and criminal justice agencies committed to serving job seekers with criminal records and linking them to employment opportunities and supportive services.

SPARC has identified six priority areas, which hold the best potential for improving employment opportunities for individuals with criminal backgrounds in our region:

- Identify appropriate career paths, excluding those from which individuals with criminal backgrounds are banned by law
- Increase the number of employers willing to hire individuals with criminal backgrounds through education of incentive programs
- Train and prepare individuals using surveys, workforce development curricula, best practice learning methodology, and vocational training
- Qualify for support and resources through the Second Chance Act
- Address policy issues, such as the practice of asking job seekers about criminal records on initial application forms
- Increase connectivity across three levels of the justice system - County, State, Federal

**For more information regarding SPARC, please call Nigel A. Smith, MSW—SPARC Coordinator at (412) 464 – 4000 ext. 4034.**

## SOUTHWESTERN PA REENTRY CONFERENCE Friday, September 28, 2012 University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Schedule of Events	
7:45am - 8:15am	<b>Registration/ Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
8:45am – 9:55am	<b>Panel Discussion: PA State Justice Reinvestment Initiative</b>
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>Panel Discussion: Efforts to Mitigate Barriers to Reentry</b>
11:20am – 12:30pm	<b>Panel Discussion: Justice System</b>
12:30pm – 1:45pm	<b>Lunch/Networking Keynote Speaker David Hickton—US Attorney</b>
2:00pm – 3:15pm	<b>Panel Discussion: Faith Based/ Community Reentry Best Practices</b>
3:20pm – 3:50pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: Joseph Sestak— Former Congressman</b>
4:00pm – 5:30pm	<b>Networking Reception</b>

## Continuing Education Credits Available

5.5 Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) Credits are available through the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at University of Pittsburgh

LSW, LCSW, LMFT, and LPC Continuing Education Credits are Available Through The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

## The Presenters

### Master of Ceremonies:

**Tracy M. Soska, MSW, LSW** – University of Pittsburgh

### Opening Remarks:

**Jeff Brooks**, Director of Workforce and Business Development, Mon Valley Initiative, Southwestern PA Reentry Coalition

### Panel - PA State Justice Reinvestment Initiative

**Moderator:** **Ted Johnson**, Former Chief U.S. Probation Officer, US District Court, Western District of PA  
**Panelists:** **John E. Wetzel**, Secretary of the PA Dep. of Corrections; **Mike Potteiger**, Chairman of the PA Board of Probation and Parole; **Stewart Greenleaf**, PA State Senate - 12th District  
**Reaction to Panel:** **Rodger Jay**, Manager, Willingness Recovery

### Panel - Efforts to Mitigate Barriers to Reentry

**Moderator:** **Larry Ludwig**, District Director, Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole  
**Panelists:** **Alan Pelton**, Manager, Allegheny Co. Adult Probation; **William K. Cimino**, U.S. Dep. of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons Mid-Atlantic Regional Reentry Affairs Administrator; **Michele H. Morris**, Director of Corrections Services, and **George Jones**, Director of Treatment Services, of The Program for Offenders, Inc; **Latoya Warren**, Administrator, Allegheny County Jail Collaborative

### Panel - Justice System

**Moderator:** **Jeffrey Shook**, MSW, JD, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
**Panelists:** **Joy Flowers Conti**, Judge, US District Court (W.D.); **Alfred Blumstein, PhD**, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz School; **Kim Clark**, Judge, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; **RaShall Brackney**, Commander, City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police

### Panel - Community Reentry Best Practices

**Moderator:** **Belinda Ashley**, Chief, U.S. Probation Officer  
**Panelists:** **Dean Williams**, Director, Formerly Convicted Citizens Project; **Anna E. Hollis**, Executive Director, AMACHI Pittsburgh; **Randy Castriota**, President/Owner, Castriota Metals; **Hidenori Yamatani, PhD**, Associate Dean of Research, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work; **Scott Albert**, Owner/Operator, The Albert Institute

### Special Thanks to:

**Conference Co-Facilitator  
Judge Doris A. Smith-Ribner (Ret.)**