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Upcoming Event: Re-Entry Conference

WRI is organizing a conference on reentry, **Back to the Community**, at which Chancellor Wendell Pritchett and Camden Mayor Dana Redd will welcome scholars, policymakers, public officials and service providers concerned about prisoner re-entry. The event will be held at the Rutgers-Camden Multi Purpose room on April 8, 2010 from 9am- 4pm for a daylong conference on re-entry policy and challenges.

Topics of discussion will include the challenges of reintegrating a growing stream of individuals returning from prison, particularly in our nation's urban areas. Conferees

will discuss policy that can address the increasing stress forced by parole, probation, and social programs serving the reentry population. Please join us for this discussion of how our reentry system can operate more effectively in serving communities, as well as, returning prisoners.



Current Project: Camden Special Services District Study



The Walter Rand Institute was contracted to coordinate a study for the Greater Camden Partnership that will evaluate Camden Special Services District (CSSD) operating structure and analyze their relationship with stakeholders. WRI will focus on the coordination of CSSD operations with key municipal departments.

The Camden Special Services District project is vital to downtown Camden, as it promotes Camden as a clean and safe place to live, work, study, and invest. The CSSD enhances maintenance and security of the city's main commercial areas. The study will assist the Greater Camden Partnership in bringing economic growth to downtown Camden.

Newsletter Spotlight

JOSEPH CASSISI IS NEW PROJECT MANAGER!!!!

Joe joins WRI as a project manager of Opportunity Reconnect- Camden. He comes with a 34 year career in the field of community corrections; Joe's experience includes serving as regional manager for the Juvenile Parole and Transitional Service Unit. Opportunity Reconnect will enhance prisoner re-entry services by collocating services at one site, with the goal of reducing recidivism. The center is expected to be fully operational in March 2010.



