

# The Prisoner's Family

A Conference for Those Who Care to Learn and DO More  
February 23-25, 2011 (Wednesday through Friday)  
Portland, Oregon

## Conference Workshop Presentation Application Guidelines

**DEADLINE for submissions: July 31, 2010**

### Event History

The first-ever Prisoner's Family Conference held in El Paso, TX in February 2009 was considered a resounding success by all in attendance. The conference provided vital information for improving the quality of life for prisoner's families during and following the incarceration of a loved one, and offered ample networking opportunities with those from across the country concerned for the prisoner's family and the reintegrating prisoner. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prisoner's Family Conference held in Orlando, Florida expanded these opportunities and confirmed the national interest in the prison family. Based on feedback from conference attendees, the 2011 conference to be held in Portland, Oregon will be extended to 3 days.

## **Presentation Guidelines**

**Please READ and FOLLOW Guidelines CAREFULLY**

**Conference Mission Statement:** *The Prisoner's Family Conference provides a forum to empower prison families and enhance communication through education and networking to promote positive relationships that reduce risks of incarceration.*

**Conference Tracts:** Presentations must address issues specifically related to the prison family and the reintegrating family member in one of the following areas:

- **Prisoner's Family Perspective** - Presentations should address issues specific to the prisoner and their family, such as the traumatic impact of a loved one's incarceration; maintaining family ties throughout a loved one's incarceration; caring for a child of a prisoner; helping the prisoner family member most productively serve prison-time; family reintegration, etc.
- **Community Perspective** - Presentations identifying effective, especially best-practices programs, organizations and resources specifically beneficial in addressing critical needs of the prison family from a loved one's arrest through incarceration, up to and including family and community reintegration.
- **Legal Perspective** - Presentations on methods and means for improved cooperative relations with criminal justice representatives (from attorneys to jail/prison and government officials) helpful in minimizing trauma for the prison family; legal rights and resources as pertain to the entire prison family.
- **Faith-Based Perspective** - Presentations on what is working; what is not working and what more can be done to spiritually ground and sustain all members of the prison family during and following a loved one's incarceration.
- **Advocacy and Organizing** - Dynamic reports on bringing about positive change to reduce trauma and improve circumstances for the prison family throughout and following a loved one's incarceration.

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- **Special Issues** - A forum to promote positive outcomes on unique factors affecting the prisoner's family. Such topics previously provided include: sensitivity to victims of crimes; the family's role in addiction recovery, the family of the sex offender, signs of gang involvement, working with female vs male prisoners, etc.
- **Note: "Voices from the Inside"** is provided by Community SOLUTIONS to enable presentations from current prisoners on subjects relevant to maintaining healthy relationships with family throughout incarceration and reintegration.

**Target Audience:** The conference is significant for ALL wanting to learn and DO more to improve the quality of life for the prison family and the reintegrating prisoner, including but not limited to:

- Addictions Professionals
- Attorneys
- Clergy
- Criminal Justice Representatives
- Educators
- Ex-offenders
- Government Officials
- Judges
- Mental Health Professionals
- Ministry Workers
- Prison-Family Members
- Social Service Providers
- Victims of Crimes
- Volunteers serving children & families
- Youth Workers & All Who Care to Learn and Wish to DO More

**Conference Format:** The conference offers general sessions and breakout workshops, generally ninety (90) minutes in duration. Presenters should consider the best use of that time-frame to include time for introductions and questions and answers.

Evening networking and guided discussion activities are planned for those wishing to connect and share with others who care deeply about The Prisoner's Family.

Exhibit tables provide relevant resources. There is a charge per 6' table based on final contractual agreements with conference site.

CEU's are being explored for those requiring training hours for licensure. If approved, there will be a charge for CEU's based on costs incurred for obtaining CEU permissions from licensing authority(ies).

**Presentation Selection Criteria:** Workshop presentations will be selected from those believed to be among the most relevant to the mission of the conference, while providing a balanced and broad range of topics for the overall conference.

**FEES: Presenters are expected to register for and attend the full conference** at a 50% discount on the regular conference registration fee. In the case of panels, the reduced fee applies to **NO MORE THAN two (2)** presenters per workshop. Additional presenters pay the full early-bird registration fee. (Exact regular registration fees to be determined based on venue pricing, but usually range around 150.00.)

**NOTE:** Presenters' registration fees are applied to and determine number of partial scholarships provided for prison-family members to attend the conference.

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**CONFERENCE PROMOTION:** Those selected as presenters are requested to assist in promoting the conference both electronically and personally. Electronic and print announcements are distributed at least monthly, between August and February.

**Presentation Selection Process:** Selection of presentations is made by the Conference Steering Committee review of submissions. Factors involved in the selection process include the following:

- Presentation relates specifically to the purpose and goal (mission) of the conference.
- Presentation relates specifically to one conference tract.
- Presentation provides substantial insight into the tract topic.
- Presentation adds to a broad and balanced perspective for the overall conference.
- Presentation substantially inspires action to improve circumstances and/or conditions for the prison family.

**Presentation Application Process** (Also, see Presenter Information Form - Below):

1. Complete the following Presenter Information Form - fully.
2. Include a brief Abstract (overview) of the proposed presentation - no more than one 8 x 11 page. (Note: If selected, presenters will be required to provide a dynamic 7 line paragraph describing their workshop, appropriate for printing in the conference program.)
3. Attach Bio and/or resume, noting previous presentation experience with this and/or other topics. Photo optional. (Note: If selected, a photo will be required for the conference announcement and program.)
4. Provide a brief statement explaining your (personal) interest in the prison family and the mission of the Prisoner's Family Conference.
5. Provide confirmation of your willingness to disseminate conference notices and information in a manner that will promote the conference.
6. Check needs for presentation equipment/materials, if any. (NOTE: Only the equipment listed will be provided. Presenters may bring their own equipment or additional materials and supplies as needed.)
7. Return full Presentation Application Packet **by e-mail** by **July 31, 2010**.
8. NOTE: If the selection committee is interested in a presentation, but has questions, a member or members of the committee may call the proposed presenter to clarify information.
9. *Selection process projected to be completed and acceptance notices sent to selected presenters by **August 31, 2010**.*
10. **Presenter Acceptance Agreement and Registration Form & Fee must be returned by September 15, 2010, to be confirmed as a conference presenter.** NOTE: Selected presenters must complete and return these items by the stated deadline to be confirmed for presentation at the 2011 conference. This confirmation will enable us to know how many prison-family scholarships will be available to offer members of prisoners' families and to begin broadly announcing the conference.

**NOTE:** In as much as possible, e-mail is used for communication. Please provide a valid current e-mail address for contacts and be alert and responsive to Prisoner's Family Conference e-mails in a TIMELY manner.

***Thank you for your interest.***

We look forward to meeting you at The Prisoner's Family Conference -  
2011 in Portland, Oregon.

**COMPLETE PRESENTER INFORMATION FORM – BELOW**

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## Presenter Information Form - 2011

**DEADLINE** for submissions: **July 31, 2010**

**For MULTIPLE Presenters, Submit Separate Forms for Each – by E-MAIL**

Name of Presenter:

Title:

Organization/Agency:

Mailing Address:

#/Street

City

State

Zip

Phone:

e-mail:

Website:

Presentation Topic and Applicable Conference Tract:

Presentation Title:

Target Audience:

Presentation Goals & Objectives:

**ABSTRACT - Presentation Description:** One (1) thorough, yet concise paragraph providing an overview of the proposed presentation. *(Expand this form as needed. Abstracts should be no longer than one 8 x 11 page. If selected, this will need to be reduced to no more than 7 lines for printing in conference programs.)*

**Provide a statement of your personal interest in the Prison Family. (Expand form as needed.):**

**By what means will you help promote the conference? (Expand form as needed.)**

Attach resume/bio, including presentation experience with this and/or other topics. If a PANEL, please provide resumes or biographical sketches for all panel members and explain panelists' role in the presentation.

**Optional:** Attach a photo for use in conference materials, if selected. **Note:** If selected for presentation, a photo is required for inclusion in conference announcements and program.

**Presentation Format:**  Individual Presenter  Panel Presentation  Other

If "Other" please specify:

**Equipment:** Note: Sound systems are provided, as needed. Breakout rooms may **not** have microphones. If using sound on a power-point, presenter will need to provide speakers for amplification. NOTE: Presenters are welcome to bring their own equipment. There will be a charge to the presenter for special equipment requests not mentioned here.

LCD Projector  Laptop (NOTE: Plan to use flash drive only; no discs/CD's)

Include any other pertinent information or special needs, here. *(Expand form as needed.)*

Return this form and all required application materials **by e-mail** to: [solutionsforelpasso@juno.com](mailto:solutionsforelpasso@juno.com) by July 31, 2010 deadline. Please use the word **"Conference"** in the e-mail reference box. Confirmation of receipt will be e-mailed. If one is not received, in 48 hours, please contact Community SOLUTIONS at 915-861-7733 to confirm receipt.

**Thank You.**

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