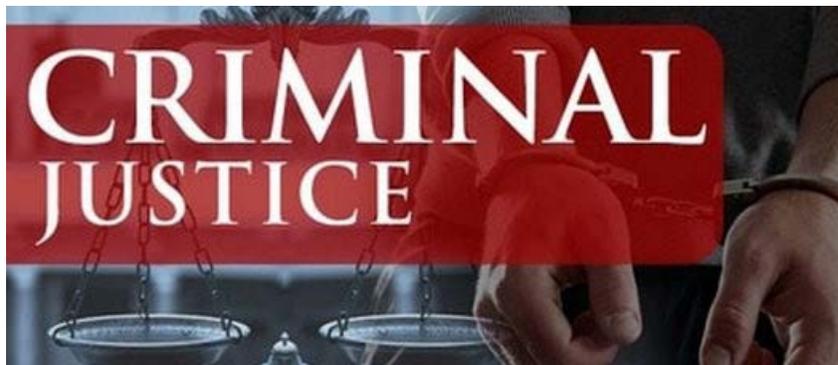


# TRANSFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY



Saturday, November 18, 2017  
Trident Technical College Conference Center  
7000 Rivers Avenue North Charleston, SC 29406

Sponsored by The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina in collaboration with:

- Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
- City of Charleston's Illumination Project
- Faith-Based Communities
- Community Partners



## CONFERENCE GOAL

The goal of this conference is to increase awareness, obtain commitment and motivate action to transform our criminal justice system.

South Carolina and Charleston County have been leaders in the implementation of criminal justice reform programs. Community involvement and aggressive funding are now needed to scale up proven evidence-based programs that reduce prisons, prisoners, recidivism and total cost.

This conference seeks to energize support for this transformation among all citizens and faith based organizations. The goal is to serve the common good while reducing cost with an improved criminal justice system.

The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina (EFSC) has sponsored public conferences related to spirituality and social justice since 2004. EFSC is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation under the auspices of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Welcome to this conference.

Lynn Pagliaro  
Vice President, The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina  
Conference Chair



## The Episcopal Church in South Carolina



November 18, 2017

Dear Conference Attendees,

Greetings and welcome as you have come together for this significant and necessary conversation among people of good will, as we together seek to bring transformation to the criminal justice system. If it were not for the consecration of a new priest on this day, I would be right there with you. I especially want to thank The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina for its leadership in planning this event, as well as our friends with the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the City of Charleston's Illumination Project, and other folks of various faith-based communities and community partners.

My hopes for this day include finding ways to deepen relationships, develop avenues of mutual trust, promote understanding with solid education, and commit to working together to bring a vision of justice and hope that will serve our communities well. The goals of reconciliation, rehabilitation and healing, albeit with appropriate accountability, are achievable, if we commit to them.

Christians pray often the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. One of the petitions in that prayer is: "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." Today's gathering has an opportunity to participate in that prayer as we make possible a reality that brings a vision of God's mercy and justice to all. It is good to visit those in prison. It is even better to re-imagine and transform the system that too often leads to that end.

Blessings, wisdom and peace to all,

Bishop Skip Adams

The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III  
Bishop Provisional  
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

## MORNING PROGRAM

- 8:30 – 9:00            **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:10            **Welcome**  
Warren Mersereau, Episcopal Forum of South Carolina, President
- 9:10 – 9:25            **Getting Connected: Table Group Discussion #1**  
Facilitated by LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston
- 9:25 – 9:40            **Seeing the Whole Picture: Polarity Thinking**  
Margaret Seidler, Illumination Project
- 9:40 – 10:05           **Faith-based Communities and the Criminal Justice System**  
Archdeacon Callie Walpole, The Episcopal Church in SC
- 10:05 – 10:20           **Table Group Discussion #2**  
Facilitated by LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston
- 10:20 – 11:10           **Local and Statewide Perspectives on Current Justice Systems Strengths  
and Opportunities for Improvement**  
Kristy Danford, Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)  
Bryan Stirling, Director, South Carolina Department of Corrections and  
representative of the South Carolina Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee
- 11:10 – 11:25           **Table Group Discussion #3**  
Facilitated by Margaret Seidler, Illumination Project
- 11:25 – 11:50           **Local and Statewide Panel Response**  
Kristy Danford, Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)  
Bryan Stirling, Director, South Carolina Department of Corrections and  
representative of the South Carolina Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee  
Facilitated by LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston
- 11:50 – 12:00           **Recognition of Criminal Justice Service Providers**  
Warren Mersereau, Episcopal Forum of South Carolina, President
- 12:00 – 12:45           **Lunch**  
Boxed lunches provided.  
Please take this time to visit with our exhibiting criminal justice service providers.

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM

- 12:45 – 1:30            **Matters of Pretrial Justice that Align with Legal Foundations and Best Practices**  
   Honorable Leroy Linen, Chief Magistrate, Charleston County  
   Ashley Pennington, Ninth Circuit Defender (Charleston and Berkeley counties),  
   Mitch Lucas, CJCC Chairman and Assistant Sheriff, Charleston County
- 1:30 – 1:45            **Table Group Discussion #4**  
   Facilitated by LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston
- 1:45 – 2:10            **Pretrial Justice Panel Response**  
   Honorable Leroy Linen, Chief Magistrate, Charleston County,  
   Ashley Pennington, Ninth Circuit Defender (Charleston and Berkeley counties)  
   Mitch Lucas, CJCC Chairman and Assistant Sheriff, Charleston County,  
   Facilitated by Margaret Seidler, Illumination Project
- 2:10 – 2:30            **BREAK**
- 2:30 – 3:05            **Addressing the Needs of those Living with Mental Illness, Addiction, and/or Homelessness**  
   Dr. Chanda Brown, Charleston Center Director and CJCC Co-Vice Chair  
   Deborah Blalock, Charleston Dorchester Community Mental Health Center Director and CJCC Co-Vice Chair  
   Jeff Yungman, One80 Place Legal Services, Director
- 3:05 – 3:35            **Proven Practices to Reduce Re-offending in High Risk Populations**  
   Gregory Mullen, Retired City of Charleston Police Chief  
   Amy Barch, Turning Leaf Founder  
   Turning Leaf Student  
   Kristy Danford, Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- 3:35 – 3:50            **Table Group Discussion #5**  
   LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston
- 3:50 – 4:05            **Call to Action: Engaging Community**  
   Dr. Kylon Middleton, Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Charleston
- 4:05 - 4:30            **Connect with Criminal Justice Service Providers**

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

### **Amy Barch, Turning Leaf Founder**

For more than a decade, Amy has been involved in jail programs and offender reentry work. She has studied various programs throughout the country that attempt to reduce recidivism, learning from them what has worked and what has failed. In 2011, Amy founded the Turning Leaf Project, a reentry and rehabilitation nonprofit organization serving the formerly incarcerated population in Charleston, SC. Before moving to Charleston in 2010, Amy lived in Washington, D.C. and worked on a juvenile justice advocacy campaign. Amy is a graduate of the University of Washington with a major in Law, Societies and Justice.

### **Deborah Blalock, Charleston Dorchester Community Mental Health Center Director and CJCC Co-Vice Chair**

Deborah Blalock is employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. She has worked for the Department since 1993. In August of 2004, Mrs. Blalock became the Executive Director of the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center, one of the largest of the Department's seventeen mental health centers. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, Debbie was the center's Director of Acute Services – those services that directly focused on people in crisis such as a Mobile Crisis Team, South Carolina's first Mental Health Court, a Crisis Stabilization Center, and services in the local detention centers. Mrs. Blalock has extensive training in crisis negotiation, crisis intervention, and critical incident management. She received her Master's degree in Clinical Counseling from The Citadel in 1993. Debbie is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor and a Certified Public Manager. She has lived in Charleston for the past 56 years, and she and her husband have raised their five children in this community.

### **Dr. Chanda Brown, Charleston Center Director and CJCC Co-Vice Chair**

Including her 6 years as the Director of the Charleston Center, Dr. Brown has worked in the addiction field for over 24 years, with a broad background in social work and addictions, working across populations to include women, adolescents, criminal justice populations, aging populations, and minority populations. Dr. Brown has received specific training in research methods, motivational interviewing supervision, ethics, and quality assurance work. Her interests and areas of focus include addictions, dual disorders, biracial identity development, racial socialization, diversity and cultural competency. Dr. Brown has not only presented at various seminars and events, but is also published in the areas of biracial identity development and racial socialization, mental health care needs of multi-ethnic families, trauma and substance use disorder focused interventions, and motivational incentive programs for persons with substance use disorders. In addition to her Ph.D. in Social Work from University of South Carolina (Research area: Biracial Identity Development), Dr. Brown also holds a Masters in Social Work from State University of New York at Buffalo (Concentration: Clinical Social Work and Addiction) and a Bachelors of Arts from University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, PA. (Major: Human Relations).

## **LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston**

Lavanda Brown brings more than 20 years of on-the-ground experience in social services, including an early career in social work, to our team. She has led and advised several Savannah-area nonprofit organizations, including Family Promise of Greater Savannah, Union Mission, and Greenbriar Children's Center, as well as others in the behavioral health, employment, and community services arenas. A passionate advocate for causes including the promotion of gender equality and diversity and helping at-risk teens and homeless populations, she envisions a world where differences are not just tolerated but celebrated. "The mission of the YWCA is one that is very much in line with my personal mission of empowering women and celebrating differences," she says. During her time in the nonprofit field, LaVanda has developed strategic plans resulting in more positive community interventions; created a homeless case management system, life skills curriculum, and after-care program to help the homeless transition to independence; instituted permanent housing for the mentally ill homeless population; and obtained more than \$3 million in federal, state, and local grants. Her work has garnered awards including the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Best Practices Award for Transitional Housing and Case Management, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Magnolia Award for Excellence in Housing. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Wesleyan College and a master's degree in counselor education from Georgia Southern University. LaVanda is the mother of 2 young men (Ethan Jeremiah and Emmanuel Joseph) and the proud grandmother of Canaan Gregory. Joining the YWCA of Greater Charleston in February, 2016 brings her full circle as her very her first paid job at 13 years old was as a junior life guard and camp leader at the YWCA of Savannah, Georgia. "Charleston and Savannah have a lot in common as well some distinct differences," she says, adding that she feels very much at home in the Holy city.

## **Kristy Pierce Danford, Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), Project Director**

Kristy Pierce Danford, Project Director, Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), facilitates the collaborative efforts of local justice system leaders and community representatives working to improve the County's criminal justice system. Her dedication to improving public safety and the administration of justice through evidence-based and cost-effective means has given her the honor of serving in a variety of jurisdictions. Her experience includes serving as a probation and parole agent in SC, court administrator in CT, and as a Senior Associate with the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI), a national, nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to improving public safety. During her tenure with CJI, she worked on legislative reforms in several states including South Carolina's 2010 Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act and Kentucky's 2011 Public Safety and Offender Accountability Act. She has also guided transformational changes within justice organizations seeking improved outcomes. Other contributions to the field include the development of related training and publications. She has also successfully competed for grant funds such as Charleston's \$2.25 million John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Safety + Justice Challenge Award. Her education includes a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Urban Affairs from the College of Charleston, a graduate certificate in Public and Nonprofit Administration from the University of Connecticut, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Charleston Southern University.

### **Honorable Leroy Linen, Chief Magistrate, Charleston County**

The Honorable Judge Leroy Linen is a native of Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina. After graduating high school in 1968, he spent three years in the United States Army and is a Vietnam Veteran; he was honorably discharged in 1971. Judge Linen attended Palmer College in Charleston, South Carolina and studied Criminal Justice. Judge Linen was appointed magistrate for Johns and Wadmalaw Islands in 1973. While serving as magistrate he also studied Criminal Justice at the Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, South Carolina, the National Judicial College in Las Vegas, Nevada and at Strayer University in North Charleston South Carolina. He is the longest serving Charleston County Summary Magistrate Court Judge. He has been serving as judge for Johns and Wadmalaw Islands for the past 44 years and as of July 1, 2017, has been appointed to serve as Charleston County Chief Summary Court Judge. He is married to Carrie, the father of one daughter, four sons, the proud grandfather of twelve and great-grandfather of two.

### **Mitch Lucas, CJCC Chairman and Assistant Sheriff, Charleston County**

Mitch Lucas is the Assistant Sheriff of Charleston County, South Carolina. He is originally from Louisville, Kentucky, and came to South Carolina by way of the United States Marine Corps. Mitch is a 34-year veteran of South Carolina law enforcement, beginning his career in 1983 with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. In 1997, Mitch became the Public Information Officer for Sheriff Al Cannon and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. Five years later, he was promoted to Major, overseeing the Administrative Services Division. In 2005 he was again promoted, this time to the rank of Chief Deputy and became the Jail Administrator, a position Mitch still says is the best job he ever had. In 2012, Mitch became the Assistant Sheriff of one of the largest Sheriff's Office in South Carolina, with 950 employees, an annual budget of over to \$70 million dollars, a 2,100-bed jail, and full primary law enforcement capabilities, as well as support services to other local agencies. Mitch is a Past-President of the American Jail Association, where he continues to work on FCC regulations and other important corrections related legislation. He also serves on committees of the Major County Sheriffs of America, the National Sheriff's Association and the American Correctional Association. He has presented at a number of state and national conferences and served as a consultant for the National Institute of Corrections. Mitch has received a number of professional awards, including being named the 2012 Jail Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Jail Administrators Association.

### **Warren Mersereau, The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina, President**

Warren Mersereau is President of The Episcopal Forum of SC. Warren wrote his senior thesis at Amherst College on institutional racism and has been involved in social justice causes ever since. One of his life lessons came from being raised in the Dutch Reformed Church (of America). This was the most progressive house of worship in Warren's hometown and, consequently, known as the community church. Years later when Warren had the opportunity to travel to South Africa to meet Nelson Mandela, he had to confront the fact that the Dutch Reformed Church there had been an advocate for apartheid; once again demonstrating the negative impact of institutional racism. Warren joined The Episcopal Church upon moving to South Carolina. He is President of The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina and a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Warren owns a sports marketing consultancy and in his spare time loves golden retrievers, volunteering with non-profit organizations, and being with family and friends. He is currently Chair of the Bishop Gadsden Community Board.

**Dr. Kylon Middleton, Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Charleston**

Dr. Kylon Middleton is Pastor of Mount Zion AME Church Charleston, SC. He graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Communications. He holds a Master of Divinity (Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary), Doctorate of Education (University of NC), Master of Theology and Doctorate of Philosophy (Duke University) and has served as a high school principal and as Director of Undergraduate Admissions at the College of Charleston. Dr. Middleton is Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Clementa C. Pinckney Foundation.

**Gregory Mullen, Retired Chief Charleston Police Department**

Chief Gregory G. Mullen has over 30 years of law enforcement service and proudly served as the Chief of Police of the Charleston (SC) Police Department from October 1, 2006 until August 1, 2017. He previously served as the Deputy Chief of Police of the Virginia Beach (VA) Police Department. He has extensive experience in the administrative, investigative and operational aspects of policing, and has demonstrable success in working with issues such as crime control policies, strategic planning, and community outreach. Chief Mullen is an experienced leader with a proven record of community involvement, cultivating relationships and using teams to create opportunities and solve problems. During his tenure as Chief of Police in Charleston, he and his staff were deeply committed to community partnerships aimed at reducing crime and improving the quality of life in the City of Charleston. He is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard's Kennedy School, Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia, the Senior Management Institute in Policing at Boston University and the FBI National Academy. He received a Bachelor Degree in Criminology from Saint Leo College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University. He has served on the executive boards of the Trident United Way, Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center, and South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association. He is an active member of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and International Association of Chiefs of Police. Due to his commitment to the continued professionalization of policing and reduction of family violence, he was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley to serve on the Governor's Commission on the Advancement of Public Safety (2015) and the South Carolina Domestic Violence Advisory Committee (2016).

**Christina Parnall, Esq., CJCC System Utilization Manager**

Christina Parnall is an attorney working with the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council as the System Utilization Manager. Since joining the South Carolina Bar, Christina has worked in several areas of the law. Most recently, she provided several years of indigent criminal defense with the Charleston County Public Defender's Office. Christina previously worked in private practice, handling matters that ranged from appellate law and post-conviction relief to civil litigation. Christina graduated Cum Laude from the Charleston School of Law in 2009, where she was an Associate Editor-in-Chief of the Federal Courts Law Review and a member of CSOL's Moot Court Board. Prior to that, she graduated Cum Laude from the Truman State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Anthropology.

### **Ashley Pennington, Ninth Circuit Defender (Charleston and Berkeley)**

Ashley Pennington is the Public Defender for Charleston and Berkeley Counties. He is a graduate of the College of Charleston and the University Of South Carolina School Of Law. Pennington is a member of the Bar in both South Carolina and Illinois. He is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the SC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the ABA. In June 2002, Governor Jim Hodges awarded him with the “Order of the Palmetto”, and was named to the Best Lawyers in America list in 2005. He also founded the SC Crime Reduction Coalition (originally the Greater Charleston Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative) in February of 2006.

### **Margaret Seidler, Illumination Project**

Margaret, a native Charlestonian, has provided the consulting leadership that has been the backbone for the Charleston Illumination Project since its inception. Her earlier work with Police Chief Greg Mullen on a polarity-based strategic planning process laid the groundwork for this innovative police/citizen initiative. Her partnering with Jake Jacobs on a Late Night Activity Review project that enabled bar and restaurant owners and surrounding businesses and neighbors to reach win-win agreements about how to foster late night economic success AND peaceful neighborhoods provided strong evidence of the power of a polarity-based approach to community differences. Margaret is a nationally recognized Organization Development consultant, master trainer, and author. Her practice focuses on creating higher performance in both organization and community systems. Central to her work is Polarity Thinking®, a set of principles and method to help people see, map and tap the power of “both/and” thinking for better, more sustainable results. Her interest in helping other professionals become more effective leaders began in the early 1990s, when she recognized the need to improve her own leadership skills. Her areas of expertise include managing complex opportunities and challenges, increasing leaders’ self-awareness/self-management, team-building, resolving conflict and interpersonal communications skills. Since returning to her hometown of Charleston and establishing her consulting practice in 2001, she has published numerous articles.

### **Bryan P. Stirling, Director South Carolina Department of Corrections**

Bryan P. Stirling was appointed by then Governor Nikki Haley as the Interim Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) on October 1, 2013. He was later confirmed by the South Carolina Senate on February 19, 2014. With a staff of 5,000, Stirling is also responsible for more than 20,400 inmates currently serving time in one of the 21 penal institutions across the state.

Director Stirling has made quite a mark on an agency that over the years has seen its fair share of financial hardships, officer shortages and media scrutiny. Under Stirling’s leadership, the agency has closed six institutions. The inmate population has declined due to a reduction in the recidivism rates, sentencing reform, successful programs and services within the institutions. Once in office, Stirling helped settle a landmark mental health lawsuit that plagued the agency and its leadership for more than a decade.

Stirling has been recognized for his passion and dedication to making each institution a safe, secure and productive environment where offenders are given the educational tools and resources they need for a future

that spans far beyond their prison cell. In 2016, Director Stirling received the Stephen G. Morris Nelson Mullins Social Justice Award from the Columbia Urban League, and the William D. Leeke Aware of Excellence.

Prior to joining the correctional system, Director Stirling served Governor Nikki Haley as her Chief of Staff from October, 2012 to September, 2013., during which he oversaw management of the governor's cabinet and the Office of Executive Policy and Programs.

For nearly six years, Director Stirling reported directly to the SC Attorney General during his time as a Deputy Attorney General. Director Stirling entered public service after working as a lawyer in the private sector from 1996-2006, working as an attorney for Tompkins and McMaster, LLP, and later McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC. An active community volunteer, Stirling has given his time and talents to help protect victims of criminal domestic violence. He serves on the executive committee for Children's Chance and the Share Our Suzy Cancer Assistance program. He also spent many years supporting his alma mater, the University of South Carolina, serving as a board member for the Gamecock Young Alumni Association.

### **Archdeacon Calhoun "Callie" Walpole, The Episcopal Church of South Carolina**

Callie Walpole is Vicar and Sub-Dean of Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston and Archdeacon of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Along with the Reverend Dr. Kylon Middleton, she coordinates the weekly Grace-Mt Zion Book Study and serves as coordinator of "Okra Soup: Unite!" She serves as editor of the occasional journal Carolina Grace: Gold for the Soul.

Callie graduated from The University of the South with a Masters of Divinity degree. She has taught Spanish at Burke High School and at Bishop England and has served on the board of Georgetown County's Habitat for Humanity. Before coming to Grace she served as assistant rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church on Pawley's Island. She is a native of John's Island, SC.

### **Jeffrey Yungman, One80 Place Legal Services, Director**

Jeff Yungman is the Director of One80 Place Legal Services in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1980, after leaving the New Orleans Police Department, Jeff obtained a Masters in Social Work and a Masters in Public Health from Tulane University. He held a variety of social work jobs until 1999 he became Clinical Director of One80 Place (formerly Crisis Ministries), the homeless shelter in Charleston. In 2004, after recognizing the need for legal services for the residents of One80 Place, Jeff enrolled in the inaugural Class of the Charleston School of Law. While attending law school, Jeff started the One80 Place Legal Clinic in partnership with the law school and local law firms. Upon graduating, he remained at One80 Place and the legal clinic evolved into One80 Place Legal Services providing free civil legal services to any individual in the Charleston area who is homeless. In addition, it was instrumental in establish in Homeless Court in Charleston. Jeff has made presentations on legal issues affecting the homeless at local, regional, and national conferences. In 2010, he was appointed to the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and is currently a liaison with the Commission. Jeff is also an adjunct professor at the Charleston School of Law.

## EXHIBITORS

## PAGE NUMBER

---

American Civil Liberties Union South Carolina (ACLU)	13
Alston Wilkes Society	14
Charleston Center	15
Charleston Country Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)	16
Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center (SCDMH)	17
Charleston Illumination Project	18
Charleston Legal Access	19
Father to Father, Inc.	20
FreshStart Prison Ministry	21
Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.	22
LowCountry RISE	23
M.A.D. USA, Inc.	24
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center	25
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	26
StepUP Network/STRIVE Charleston	27
Turning Leaf Project	28

---

## PROFESSIONAL CREDITS AVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES

- 3.41 CLE for legal practitioners
- 4 CE for LPC, LMFT and social workers

## VIDEO CREDITS

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Directed by Ava DuVernay, Kandoo Films, 2016
- News Clips – Station Websites
- Video Role Plays – Charleston County Videographer
- Sally Yates - [www.law.columbia.edu/public-integrity/thoughts-criminal-justice-reform-video](http://www.law.columbia.edu/public-integrity/thoughts-criminal-justice-reform-video)



The ACLU is our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the rights and liberties that the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee.

## **WHAT WE DO**

### **Court Battles**

The ACLU fights to protect civil liberties and rights for all Americans in courts across the country.

### **Supreme Court**

The impacts of the ACLU's landmark cases in front of the Supreme Court are felt by everyone in America.

### **Public Policy**

We work with federal and state lawmakers to move legislation that protects civil liberties.

**The rights guaranteed to the accused, defendants, offenders and prisoners are fundamental political rights that protect all Americans from governmental abuse of power. These rights include the guarantee against unreasonable search and seizure, the right to reasonable bail, the right to due process of law and the right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment. They are indispensable to a free society.**

**The ACLU of South Carolina works to ensure that our state's prisons, jails, and other places of detention comply with the Constitution, state law, and international human rights principles. We are committed to ending the policies that have given the United States the highest incarceration rate in the world.**



## *Rebuilding Lives for a Safer Community*

[www.alstonwilkessociety.org](http://www.alstonwilkessociety.org) • 803.799.2490

**The Alston Wilkes Society (AWS)** is a multistate nonprofit organization that provides those most at risk with hope for a brighter future. AWS gives hope and rebuilds lives through rehabilitative and prevention services. The agency was founded in 1962 as a nonprofit organization led by a group of dedicated volunteers working under the direction of the Reverend Eli Alston Wilkes, Jr. Rev. Wilkes was a Methodist minister who labored as a tireless and devoted worker in helping those less fortunate. Today, the Alston Wilkes Society is providing direct services in South and North Carolina to not only offenders, but also the homeless, at-risk youth, veterans, and families in crisis.



### **Adult Reentry & Community Services**

#### **Residential Reentry Centers:**

Four adult Residential Reentry Centers (RRC) house federal offenders through contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. We have facilities in Columbia SC, Charleston SC, Florence SC, and Fayetteville NC. AWS provides 24-hour supervision, housing, food, and intense case management. Programs are offered to help residents make a smooth transition into the community.

#### **Community Services:**

Ten regional Community Service Coordinators serve all 46 counties in the state, providing case management, counseling and employment services to offenders, former offenders, the homeless and families in crisis. The Alston Wilkes Society helps clients make a successful transition into the community by providing services or referrals in the following areas: clothing, food, education assistance, employment placement, employment training, housing assistance, counseling referrals, & transportation.



### **Veterans Services**

#### **Veterans Transitional Home:**

The Alston Wilkes Society Veterans Home is a valuable project that was a first in South Carolina. It has proven its worth in both our community and state. Beyond providing the essentials of food and shelter, the facility and its staff help to reaffirm Veterans' self-worth and give them a chance to contribute to the community and society overall.

#### **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program:**

The Alston Wilkes Society is the recipient of the SSVF grant that promotes housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.



### **Youth Services**

AWS offers a continuum of care provided by a diverse and experienced staff that includes residential, academic, clinical, and home based community services. Smaller caseloads allow for more intensive services.

**High Management Group Home / Residential Facility:** The focus of the AWS residential youth home in Columbia, SC is to transition young males to a less restrictive environment and promote family reunification.

**Intensive Family Services (IFS):** Provides in-home counseling for at-risk youth and their families.

**Treatment Foster Care (TFC):** Assists with training and licensing foster families to accommodate the special needs of at-risk youth.

# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



*Charleston Center offers a continuum of care for adult and women's services.*

## Inpatient Services

- ⇒ Withdrawal management includes medically and clinically managed treatment for adults who are withdrawing from alcohol and other drugs.
- ⇒ Transitional Care Unit offers 24-hour medically monitored treatment services for adults who require continuous therapeutic care in recovery from chemical dependency.
- ⇒ New Life Unit provides medically monitored care for pregnant and parenting women who are chemically dependent. Women can bring two children (ages newborn to 5 years) who will be cared for through Therapeutic Child Treatment Services.

## Outpatient Services

Outpatient Services are provided in a variety of confidential, comfortable and convenient formats.

Individual and group counseling is available, including evening sessions to accommodate work or school schedules.

Special programs are available for Adolescents, Women and Persons Incarcerated Entering Recovery (PIER).

### Adult Walk-In Assessment Hours

8:30 a.m.—10 a.m., Monday through Friday

1 p.m.—2 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

### ADSAP Intakes

8:30 a.m.—2 p.m., Monday through Thursday

## Medication Assisted Treatment

Charleston Center's MAT service specifically focuses on medically monitored medication assisted treatment utilizing Methadone, Suboxone, Vivitrol, or oral Naltrexone. These options are combined with individualized counseling services.

## Prevention/Education Services

Charleston Center's Prevention department works with schools, coalition and community organizations to provide alcohol and drug education, and risk reduction activities.

Prevention programs include Palmetto Retailers Education Program (PREP), Tobacco Education Program (TEP) and Life Skills curriculum.

*Speakers for community and school events are available at no charge.*

## ADSAP Services

The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP) offers education and treatment services for persons required to complete ADSAP due to a DUAC/DUI/BUI conviction, or who have had their driver's license suspended due to the ALR or Zero Tolerance Laws.

## Therapeutic Behavioral Services

Therapeutic Behavioral Services is a child development program designed to meet the needs of children who may have developmental delays due to the alcohol and drug use of their parents.

**FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRALS**  
**24-HOUR HELPLINE**  
**(843) 722-0100**  
**[cchelp@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:cchelp@charlestoncounty.org)**



Funded in part by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



CHARLESTON COUNTY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

DATA-GUIDED CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

WHO WE ARE:

We are a collaboration of elected and senior officials, law enforcement leaders, judicial and court leadership, behavioral health professionals, victim and legal advocates, and community leaders. Our mission is to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to the local criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being throughout Charleston county.

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

The CJCC is implementing a comprehensive transformation plan developed through an exhaustive effort to analyze data from across the local criminal justice system, study racial and ethnic disproportionality and/or disparity, assess jail use, and review successful practices in other jurisdictions. The plan includes six strategies designed to improve Charleston's criminal justice system. These strategies include:



Implement a risk assessment for law enforcement officers that enables greater uniformity in arrest decisions for low-level charges.



Implement a pretrial risk assessment for bond setting to be more risk-based and less dependent upon the financial circumstances of defendants. Public defenders are available to provide representation at bond hearings for those that qualify.



Identify and create appropriate real-time alternatives to jail for individuals living with addiction, mental illness, and/or homelessness through a triage service located within the Tri-county Crisis Stabilization Center.



Redesign expectations for the timeliness of case processing in General Sessions (felony and high-level misdemeanor) cases with the leadership of a Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes, expedited movement of core case processing milestones, and technology.



Launch an automated court date reminder system to increase court appearances and lower the need for criminal bench warrants.



Create a centralized database where all agencies can share information and use data analysis to guide ongoing improvements.

**Every decision matters and every decision maker matters.**

CJCCs help to enhance public safety  
and improve cost-effectiveness.

[cjcc.charlestoncounty.org](http://cjcc.charlestoncounty.org)

Follow us





# CHARLESTON DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

hope. healing. recovery.



## CHARLESTON DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

hope. healing. recovery.

Your **First Choice** in **Mental Health Care.**

- ◆ Innovative Outpatient Counseling 
- ◆ Psychiatric Treatment
- ◆ Emergency Services
- ◆ Evidence-Based Programs & Practices
- ◆ Case Management/Care Coordination
- ◆ Treatment for Children, Adults, & Families

**Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center** is one of the largest and most innovative treatment centers operated by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

Our clinics in Charleston and Dorchester counties offer you and your family some of the very best mental health treatment available.

**The Charleston Clinic**  
2100 Charlie Hall Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29414  
(843) 852-4100

**The Dorchester Clinic**  
106 Springview Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485  
(843) 873-5063



[www.charlestondorchestertermhc.org](http://www.charlestondorchestertermhc.org)  
Call today: 843-414-2350  
TTY: (800) 647-2066

### WHO WE SERVE

We offer mental health treatment for *children, adolescents, adults, and families*. Our team consists of highly trained therapists, counselors, psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses. Below is a snapshot of some of the mental health problems we treat successfully in our clinics and in the community.

- ◆ Anxiety
- ◆ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- ◆ Bipolar Disorder
- ◆ Depression
- ◆ Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- ◆ Suicide Risk
- ◆ Thought Disorders (e.g., Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective)
- ◆ Trauma

### ACCESSING OUR SERVICES

We offer same day/walk in mental health assessments for routine, emergent, and urgent patient needs. Calling us first to let us know you are coming is recommended, but not required.

**24-Hour Emergency Line:** (843) 414-2350

**Charleston Clinic:** (843) 852-4100

**Dorchester Clinic:** (843) 873-5063

**Tri-County Crisis Stabilization Center (TCSC)**

**& Triage Service:** (843) 953-2390

### INSURANCES ACCEPTED

- ◆ Medicare
  - ◆ Medicaid
  - ◆ Several Private Insurance Programs
- (Call for a detailed list of accepted providers)



**Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center** provides affordable behavioral healthcare regardless of your financial situation.

[www.charlestondorchestertermhc.org](http://www.charlestondorchestertermhc.org)  
Call today: 843-414-2350  
(general information, new patients & emergencies)



## **Charleston Illumination Project**

The mission of the Illumination Project is to further strengthen citizen/police relationships grounded in trust and legitimacy. Trust is a key part of healthy relationships, especially because citizens want to live in a safe community safety while also protecting their individual rights. Legitimacy means that police exercise their authority appropriately and citizens believe they are treated fairly.

The Illumination Project is based on the principles and practices of Polarity Thinking™, a way to positively understand differences that usual might polarize people. Polarity Thinking can help people to move beyond the typical win/lose arguments when dealing with difficult situations.

A five-phase process guided decisions and actions throughout the year-long Illumination Project:

- Phase 1 | Planning the Project
- Phase 2 | Developing the Steering and Resource Groups to provide Leadership
- Phase 3 | Engaging the Community
- Phase 4 | Setting up Measure to Evaluate the Project
- Phase 5 | Making the Model Available for the Rest of the Nation

A three-year Plan developed through The Illumination Project has five goals that are related to recent National Studies in effective policing. Each goal has objectives, strategies and important measures of success.

- Goal 1 | Develop better understanding between police and the community
- Goal 2 | Build mutually respectful, trusting relationships between citizens and police
- Goal 3 | Train police and citizens to understand each other's roles and responsibilities
- Goal 4 | Develop Police Department policies and procedures to improve relationships
- Goal 5 | Expand the concept of community-oriented policing in all segments of our community

Within these five goals, 86 strategies were adopted to improve citizen and police relationships. Of these 86 strategies, 66 came from citizens, 12 from National Study recommendations and eight from the Charleston police staff. In addition, four strategies have already been implemented.



# CHARLESTON LEGAL ACCESS

## Picking up where free legal services leaves off

Programs that provide free legal services generally serve those up to 125% of the Federal Poverty Line. For a single person, this is \$15,075 a year. For a family of four, it is a total household income of \$30,750 per year. Families with incomes above these thresholds are often turned away from free legal services programs but cannot afford the rates of private attorneys.

## Hybrid Funding

Our hybrid funding model where low-rate fees are supplemented by philanthropic dollars allows donor dollars to go farther and CLA attorneys to serve more clients. It also insures that we are only pursuing claims that both we and our clients think are worth the resources.



## South Carolina's First Sliding-Scale Law Firm

Charleston Legal Access provides low-cost legal representation and assistance to the working poor and others of modest means who do not qualify for free legal services but who cannot afford a private attorney. Thousands of our neighbors go unrepresented in times of need because they fall into this “justice gap.”

### *Our Model*

We serve those between 125-400% of the Federal Poverty Line. We provide advice and counsel sessions over the phone for free, 1-2 hour in-depth, in-person consultations for \$50, and full legal representation on a sliding scale. This means all our full representation clients pay fees, but the amount they pay is based on their income and family size. Our sliding scale model provides legal assistance at low, accessible rates of \$50-100 per hour (15-30% of the cost of hiring a private firm), with the rate determined by the individual's income and family size.



## **Father to Father, Inc.**

Father to Father, Inc. is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization, which one of a network of 15 statewide fatherhood programs with ties to the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina. Our mission is to help low-income, non-custodial fathers overcome the barriers that are preventing them from reconnecting with and becoming involved in the lives of their children. We service Charleston, Berkeley & Dorchester areas with plan to expand our coverage areas

Specifically, what Father to Father, Inc. does to address the issue of father absence is equip fathers with the knowledges and skills to improve their ability to parent effectively in the areas of parenting, economic stability, healthy relationships & men's health. These areas/components (i.e. parenting, economic stability, healthy relationships & men's health) are addressed weekly during our program's weekly peer support session, which occur twice weekly. Additionally, Father to Father, Inc.'s professional staff helps fathers with the creation of goals and plans to reach them through the fulfillment of his One-Man Plan. The One-Man Plan consists of 1-3 goals, created by the father with the help of an Intervention Specialist. In short, Father to Father, Inc.'s secondary aim is to help fathers overcome barriers that impedes their ability to be good dads. These barriers might include helping a dad to obtain visitation for his child, assistance with child support modification, employment and etc. Our emphasis is the children. We strive to positively impact children's lives through building strong & engaging fathers.

We currently serve Charleston, Berkeley & Dorchester areas with plan to expand our service outreach to include Walterboro and Colleton County.

The FreshStart Prison Ministry is a remarkable in-prison rehabilitation and in-community reentry program which is changing our world for the better, one community at a time. Recently founded in Charleston, SC, this ministry is revolutionizing the way ex-convicts reenter society and the workplace.

**In-prison curriculum program**

The curriculum of the FreshStart program is based upon the Christian philosophy of redemption and restoration. During their last two years of incarceration, FreshStart program inmates study a highly structured intensive transition program where they are encouraged to think about their future, and how that might be more important than their past.

FreshStart's "Men in Transition" curriculum is an ongoing inside-the-prison spiritual ministry rooted in Christian character building, leadership training, soft skills, and hard skills training, including classes such as grammar and writing skills, computer skills, and vocational training. Each participant is coached to help them achieve their GED and work keys certification.

Participants must learn how to constructively deal with the three issues which most often cause a return to prison:

1. *Dealing respectfully with authority.*
2. *Becoming transparent – working with a mentor to isolate behaviors.*
3. *Taking responsibility for their actions, both past and present.*

While still imprisoned, FreshStart participants live in character housing units which are less restrictive dorms where they are allowed to move more liberally and govern themselves. They learn to live in their community productively and to hold one another accountable for their actions. They learn how to collaborate and they begin helping one other.

**In-community post-release program**

After release from SC Dept of Corrections, FreshStart in-prison curriculum graduates are provided with four key reentry supports:

1. *Essential documents (driver's license, probation/parole) and clothing*
2. *Employment: the best jobs matching their skills*
3. *Housing in a supportive and structured Christian home, and*
4. *A structured network of support through mentors and a church community.*

FreshStart purchases and restores houses for renovation and either uses them for additional program space or leases or sells them and reinvests the proceeds into the FreshStart Program.

Moreover, FreshStart participants are taught job skills (carpentry, electric, plumbing, HVAC, painting) as they work to restore old properties that FreshStart acquires; FreshStart program participants may then use these learned trade skills in the marketplace or to start their own business.

Initial plans call for renovating dozens of homes in the 'Charleston Neck' between North Charleston and Charleston. This will provide 'workforce housing,' or 'affordable housing' for preachers, teachers, policemen, firemen and service workers who cannot otherwise afford to buy or rent a home in the Charleston area. We plan to invite young law enforcement officers into the community (and they will park their police cruisers in the neighborhood). Having this police presence will help police officers build relationships in the community to discourage drug and property crimes, and it will give the police officers affordable housing.

# Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.



*Changing Hearts  
Transforming Lives  
Impacting the World*

## Our Mission

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

## One Ministry, Three Programs

### Kairos Inside

The Kairos Inside program goal is to build a continuing Christian community inside the institution through Prayer and Share accountability groups, and monthly Reunions organized by Kairos Graduates and volunteers. The initial Weekends, held in both male and female institutions, are 3½ days based on a series of talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and music.

### Kairos Outside

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relative/friends who are or have been incarcerated. The goal is to provide a safe place to encourage the sharing of one's life journey, to create an opportunity for a relationship with God, and to promote participation in Support Groups.

### Kairos Torch

Kairos Torch is a mentoring program for incarcerated offenders, ages 25 and under. The Weekend introduces incarcerated youth to Christian concepts as a means of making better choices for their lives. The Weekend is then followed with an established six month one-to-one weekly mentoring program that encourages the youth to remove their masks and see themselves as God sees them.

*What I learned at Kairos is that God doesn't hate me, He just hates my sins; the volunteers taught me that He is a forgiving God— no matter what.  
Kairos Graduate*

*Kairos is a stepping stone to changed lives... there is evident change in those who've attended. They now have tools to make better decisions and choices in their lives.  
Brian Owens, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Corrections*

## How Can I Help?

1. **Be a Team Member** - Volunteers share a desire to follow Christ's admonition of Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison and you visited me."
2. **Be a Prayer Partner** - All Kairos Ministry activities are covered with prayer. You can volunteer to be a part of that effort. Visit our Prayer page for more information.
3. **Be a Ministry Financial Donor** - All Kairos activities are funded by donations. To make a donation today, visit [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org) to pay online or send your check to Kairos Prison Ministry International.
4. **Be a Support Volunteer** - Each Weekend has opportunities for outside support, such as baking cookies, creating artwork (agape), or preparing meals.

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.  
100 DeBary Plantation Boulevard, DeBary, FL 32713  
407-629-4948 | [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org)



CoFounders: LaShea McBride-Birds and Shavonne Martinez



LOWCOUNTRY

REBUILDING : REINTEGRATING : RESTORING

95% of state prisoners will be released.  
80% will be released to parole supervision.  
HOW DO YOU WANT THEM TO RE-ENTER SOCIETY?  
5 Million children have a parent incarcerated.  
WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE THEIR EXAMPLE?

OUR MISSION is to use education, mentoring and the creative arts to reach the incarcerated, the recently released and the community in an effort to strengthen families and break the cycle of a destructive lifestyle. WE INVEST IN PEOPLE!

*We believe in an asset based approach to elicit the strengths of our RISERS in order to cultivate their potential!*

**HELP US INVEST  
IN THE PEOPLE  
RETURNING TO OUR  
COMMUNITIES!**

COME VISIT US TO LEARN HOW!

[www.LowCountryRISE.org](http://www.LowCountryRISE.org)

PO Box 40372 | North Charleston, SC 29423-0372

### HOW IT ALL WORKS TOGETHER

#### Within A Birds Eye View

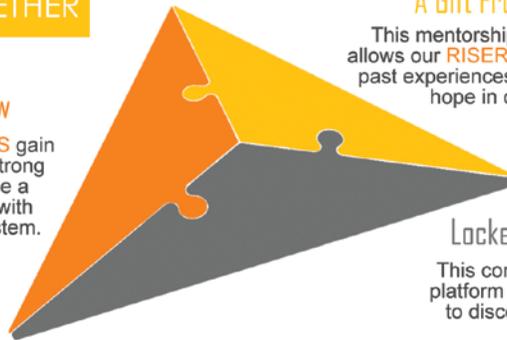
This component helps RISERS gain a healthy identity rooted in a strong support system, which can be a deterrent to getting involved with drugs, crime and the legal system.

#### A Gift From GAB

This mentorship component allows our RISERS to share their past experiences while igniting hope in others.

#### Locked Up Talent Unleashed

This component serves to provide a platform for the incarcerated RISERS to discover their talents, strengths and abilities.



**VOICES  
OF  
RISE:**

*"...I still have what you [LaShea] have taught me. I'm helping others talk about their problems and encourage them to release their feelings and not to hold back." D.S.*

*"I appreciate you [Shavonne] taking the time to make me become more self-aware and more humble." C.W.*

*"I appreciate everything you helped me with...you encouraged me, you pushed my mind from thinking one way. You all let me know that there is still a chance at life. And right now I have motivation." G.B.*

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Anthony Johner, Robert Pickering, Latosha Jenkins-Fludd, Corius Johnson, Timothy Mose, Demetrius Sansom



# M.A.D. USA

Men Against Domestic Violence

**“Real Men Delivering the Difference”**



## Our Mission

Our Mission is to end all forms of violence to females and males. Also to promote peace in our homes, schools and communities.

In addition, we seek to provide proactive strategies that intervene on the cycle of abuse and violence and to reduce the impact of domestic violence on children and the next generation.

[www.madusa.org](http://www.madusa.org)



**SC APPELEED FIGHTS FOR LOW INCOME SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO  
OVERCOME SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL INJUSTICE.**

---

**OUR WORK:**

SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center is a forceful and respected advocate for low-income South Carolinians on issues such as housing, education, hunger, public benefits, domestic violence, immigration, health care and consumer protection.

---

**CURRENT CAMPAIGNS:**

- Quality, Affordable health care for all South Carolinians
  - Fairness and protections for DREAMers and all immigrants in SC
  - Criminal justice reform to reduce over-incarceration and improve reentry outcomes
- 

**OTHER FOCUS ISSUES:**

- Child Welfare
  - Consumer Protection
  - Education
  - Hunger
  - Impact Litigation
- 

**AT THE INTERSECTION OF SC COMMUNITIES, THE STATEHOUSE  
AND THE COURTHOUSE.**



SOUTH CAROLINA APPELEED LEGAL JUSTICE CENTER IS A NONPARTISAN, 501(c)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.



# SCCADVASA

## South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

### MISSION

SCCADVASA is the collective voice promoting the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault in South Carolina.

---

### VISION

A South Carolina free from domestic violence and sexual assault.

---

### STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1. ADVOCACY & AWARENESS:** Position SCCADVASA as the statewide leader and spokesperson for public policy, public funding and systems change regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.
- 2. COLLABORATION:** Build coalition among member agencies and expand relationships with stakeholders.
- 3. EDUCATION & TRAINING:** Strengthen the capacity of member agencies and community stakeholders to provide victim-centered and trauma-informed care.
- 4. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:** Generate \$85,000 in unrestricted funds by 2019 to support advocacy, collaboration and education activities.
- 5. ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT:** Build a strong infrastructure of board and staff to guide the organization, ensure sustainability and fulfill the mission.

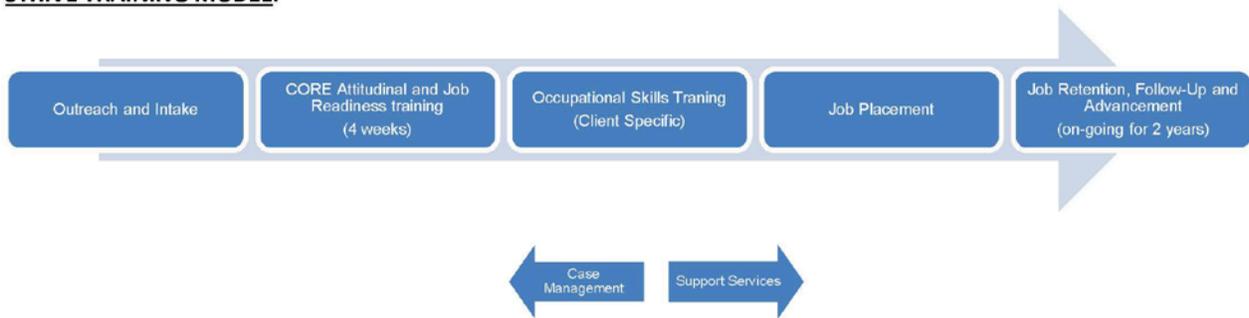


**Mission:** To empower individuals living in the Tri-County region to improve their economic standing by providing soft skills and career readiness training, supportive services, vocational training, and job placement and retention services.

Our programs and services are geared towards harder to serve populations. We strive to find those who are motivated to help themselves, but who face life barriers that continue to make economic stability a difficult reality. Our participants must be 18 years of age or older and reside in one of our three service counties: Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester. Populations served throughout the last 5 cycles have included veterans, domestic abuse victims, victims of sexual abuse, ex-offenders, single mothers, the homeless, the chronically unemployed, and those in recovery of drug and alcohol abuse.

**Program Overview:** - The StepUP Network is a career readiness program that utilizes the STRIVE INTERNATIONAL training model and operates as South Carolina’s sole STRIVE affiliate. The STRIVE Core Training Program's emphasis on job training has become a national model, and has been proven to increase participants' job placement and retention. The model is a 2 year model that utilizes a Social/Emotional learning platform to increase motivation and self-esteem as a means to increasing workplace ethics and accountability. [www.striveinternational.org](http://www.striveinternational.org)

**STRIVE TRAINING MODEL:**



Those participating in the Step UP Network begin with the **STRIVE CORE** 4 week Training. **STRIVE CORE** has three phases: 1) attitudinal training, including problem solving, critical thinking, self-awareness and interpersonal skills; 2) professional skills, including communication, decision-making, workplace ethics and professional etiquette; 3) work readiness, including career planning, labor market information, resume writing, and interview skills.

Following CORE and the development of an Advancement Plan, Clients either progress towards Vocational Training (either supported by The Step UP Network Scholarship or through WIOA Federal funding dollars) and/or move into Job Placement Services. After a client is placed, they remain engaged with Step UP for a minimum of 2 years. Clients receive on-going support, case management, and potential Educational Advancement at least quarterly for at least 2 years beyond CORE Graduation.

**Outcomes/Impact Measurements:**

Currently, our performance percentages are: **83%** of our graduates are employed and/or engaged with a training and **83%** percent are still engaged (our first class was held in Sept. 2016, so we do not have quite a full year of data yet).



Turning Leaf is a Charleston based nonprofit organization providing reentry and rehabilitation services to former inmates. **Our mission** is to serve those who are at the highest risk of re-arrest to change their attitude, thinking and behavior so they can complete probation and stay out of prison.

## CLASSROOM TRAINING

Students attend daily skill building classes at our reentry center in N. Charleston for a minimum of 10 weeks. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is proven to reduce recidivism. Skills are not just taught, but practiced and role-played. This takes time and repetition. Individuals likely to re-offend need 150+ hours of CBT to adopt new thinking habits.



## TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Our students who have the biggest barriers to success are hired to work in our screen printing business. This temporary job extends the length of program involvement and gives the person additional job training and support. Men who complete their temporary job in the screen printing shop are transitioned into employment within the private sector.

## JOB PLACEMENT

After completing 10 weeks of skill building classes, students not hired in our screen printing shop are transitioned into temporary employment with one of our government work partners: City of Charleston, City of North Charleston and Charleston County. Men who are successful on their job placement are hired on permanently by that agency.



## SPONSOR

Make an immediate impact on our bottom line with a gift of any size.

- **\$50** helps us keep the lights on and puts gas in the van.
- **\$100** buys classroom supplies and incentives.
- **\$250** buys job training supplies for a month so our screen printing business can grow.
- **\$500** funds more staff hours to building relationships with new job partners.
- **\$1,000** sponsors a student through 10 weeks of classes.

## VOLUNTEER

- Hold a **supply drive** at your office or school. Grab a bin and give your coworkers a challenge!
- Donate your **talent**. Experts in any field are welcome. Bonus points for video, social media, and web design aficionados.

## PARTICIPATE

- Sit in on a **class** at the center. See what the guys are learning.
- Share your story. We're always looking for inspiring professionals for our **speaker series**.

## SCREEN PRINTING

We offer custom screen printing services for your business, school or group. No job is too large or small. We offer competitive pricing. Need help designing a logo? We can do that too. For a free quote give us a call or email.  
**843-202-5002**  
[jevans@turningleafproject.com](mailto:jevans@turningleafproject.com)

## CONTACT

**843-297-4980**  
[www.turningleafproject.org](http://www.turningleafproject.org)

## EXHIBITOR AND OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATION WEBSITES

ORGANIZATION	WEBSITE ADDRESS
ACLU	<a href="http://www.aclusc.org/">www.aclusc.org/</a>
Alston Wilkes Society	<a href="http://www.alstonwilkessociety.org/">www.alstonwilkessociety.org/</a>
Charleston Center (CC Dept of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services)	<a href="http://cc.charlestoncounty.org/">cc.charlestoncounty.org/</a>
Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	<a href="http://cjcc.charlestoncounty.org/">cjcc.charlestoncounty.org/</a>
Charleston County Sheriff's Office of Victim Assistance	<a href="http://www.charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1371">www.charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1371</a>
Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center/SCDMH	<a href="http://www.charlestdorchestertermhc.org/">www.charlestdorchestertermhc.org/</a>
Charleston Legal Access	<a href="http://www.charlestonlegalaccess.org/">www.charlestonlegalaccess.org/</a>
Father to Father, Inc.	<a href="http://www.scfathersandfamilies.com/programs/father_to_father_project/">www.scfathersandfamilies.com/programs/father_to_father_project/</a>
FreshStart Prison Ministry	<a href="http://freshstartvisions.org/">freshstartvisions.org/</a>
Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.	<a href="http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/">www.kairosprisonministry.org/</a>
LowCountry RISE	<a href="http://lowcountryrise.org/">lowcountryrise.org/</a>
Lowcountry Community Chaplains	<a href="http://lowcountrychaplains.org">lowcountrychaplains.org</a>
M.A.D. USA, Inc.	<a href="http://www.madusa.org/">www.madusa.org/</a>
My Sisters House	<a href="http://www.mysistershouse.org/">www.mysistershouse.org/</a>
NAACP	<a href="http://naacpcharlestonbranch.org/">naacpcharlestonbranch.org/</a>
Project Unity USA/REAL MAD	<a href="http://www.projectunityusa.org/charleston-branch.html">www.projectunityusa.org/charleston-branch.html</a>
S.C. Department of Corrections (SCDC)	<a href="http://www.doc.sc.gov/">www.doc.sc.gov/</a>
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center	<a href="http://www.scjustice.org/">www.scjustice.org/</a>
Second Chance Program	<a href="http://dew.sc.gov/tools-resources/skill-training-initiatives/second-chance">dew.sc.gov/tools-resources/skill-training-initiatives/second-chance</a>
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	<a href="http://www.sccadvasa.org/">www.sccadvasa.org/</a>
South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department	<a href="http://scvrd.net/">scvrd.net/</a>
StepUP Network/STRIVE Charleston	<a href="http://www.stepupnetwork.org/">www.stepupnetwork.org/</a>
Sustainability Literacy Institute (College of Charleston)	<a href="http://sustain.cofc.edu/">sustain.cofc.edu/</a>
Turning Leaf Project	<a href="http://www.turningleafproject.org/">www.turningleafproject.org/</a>

# RECOGNITION

Thank you to local faith leaders for introducing today's panels.

- The Rev. Dr. James. Yarish, Chaplain and Vicar at St. Philips' Chapel, Voorhees College
- The Rev. Cress Darwin, Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston
- Bourouis El-Idrissi, Imam of Central Mosque of Charleston
- Rich Robinson, Chaplain, Senior Chaplain, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

Thank you to the members of the CJCC for joining forces to assist in improving public safety and community well-being.



## Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Members

Charleston County Council	S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
Charleston County Sheriff's Office	Veterans Justice Outreach (Veterans Affairs)
Charleston Police Department	American Civil Liberties Union
North Charleston Police Department	Community Representatives from the following:
Mt. Pleasant Police Department	Civil rights
Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office	Faith
Ninth Circuit Public Defender's Office	Hispanic
Charleston County Clerk of Court's Office	Nonprofit
Charleston Center (DAODAS)	Healthcare
Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center	Business
Victim Advocacy	Defense bar
Judiciary including Circuit, Magistrate, Municipal and Probate Leadership	Graduate program in related fields of study
Chief Justice (ex-officio)	Community at-large
	One designated liaison from any other entity deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee

It is easy to join our email list. Text CHSCJCC to 22828 to get started.



