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## **New Department of Justice grant builds on successful re-entry program**

*Program aids offenders making the transition back into the workplace, family life*

MILWAUKEE – September 22, 2011. The Center for Self-Sufficiency is the recipient of a new \$300,000 two-year grant from the Department of Justice aimed at reducing the recidivism rate among criminal offenders and improving their positive life skills for re-entering society.

“This grant will build on our five years of experience in providing key pre-release programming for offenders to support their successful reintegration plan,” says Angela Turner, president and CEO of the Center for Self-Sufficiency. “We are very pleased that we will be able to continue these efforts.”

With this funding, the program is expected to aid about 120 Milwaukee-area participants within three to six months of their release from the criminal justice system. The programming relies on the assistance of about 30 volunteer mentors and 18 community organizations that offer a variety of specialized services, from teaching the participants employment skills to providing help with substance abuse, child care and transportation issues. Participants are also taught skills to assist in their employment efforts. Partner organizations that will provide leveraged resources for the project include:

- Community Advocates
- 4-C for Children
- Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc./Interfaith Employment Services/Wisconsin Seasonal Workforce Coalition
- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Meta House
- Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) – Workforce Investment Act
- Milwaukee Continuum of Care
- Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD)
- My Father’s House (Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative)
- MICAH (Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope)
- Milwaukee Visitation and Family Support Services
- Northcott Neighborhood House
- Penfield Children's Center
- St. Charles Youth and Family Services
- United Migrant Opportunity Services/UMOS
- Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.

- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
  - WIDOC Reentry Program
  - Felmers Chaney Work Release Correctional Center
  - Marshall Sherrer Work Release Correctional Center
  - Milwaukee Women's Work Release Correctional Center
  - Division of Community Corrections - Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WTRP)/BIGSTEP
- YWCA of Greater Milwaukee

Based in Milwaukee, Wis., and founded in 1997, the Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) is a nonprofit organization that promotes and facilitates the design, delivery, and growth of high- impact programs and partnerships that increase the self-sufficiency of individuals, families, organizations and communities. Under the leadership of President and CEO Angela Turner, CFSS partners with federal agencies, states, local governments and school districts, as well as community and faith-based organizations to develop effective service delivery models nationally in the areas of healthy relationships/marriage, teen pregnancy prevention, offender reentry, mentoring children of prisoners, green jobs and organizational capacity building.