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Department of Justice grant continues to strengthen local reentry program for offenders

Center for Self-Sufficiency's efforts focus on reducing recidivism rate and supporting successful transitions back into the workforce

MILWAUKEE, WI—September 30, 2014—The Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) announced today that it is the recipient of one of seven national Department of Justice (DOJ) Second Chance Act, Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors grant awards. The three-year, \$1 million grant provides for CFSS to enhance the mentoring component of its Project 180 program. Project 180, provides services that align with DOJ's aim to improve community reintegration and reduce the recidivism rate among returning citizens.

A key component of the President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative is a call to action for communities to invest in collaborative, multi-disciplinary approaches to build ladders of opportunity and unlock the full potential of boys and young men of color. DOJ's mentoring grant award furthers the President's mission by including comprehensive mentoring services, in order to improve community reintegration after incarceration.

In partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, CFSS will help to prepare individuals for successful reentry by identifying and training mentors to provide support during the reentry process. In addition to mentoring services, CFSS will continue to offer, through Project 180, an array of job training, employment, substance abuse and family support services.

"The funding provides CFSS the opportunity to fully support returning citizens by offering an important element necessary for successful reentry which is mentoring," says Angela Turner, President and CEO of the Center for Self-Sufficiency. "Receiving individual attention from trusted members of the community serving as positive role models is integral for reentry success and community safety."

CFSS has been providing services to returning citizens since 2006. Through community-based partnerships and volunteers, the organization offers assistance in several key areas including, career and employment services, case management, relationship and parenting education, substance abuse, childcare, and transportation.

For more information about Project 180 or to volunteer as a mentor, please visit www.centerinc.org or call 414.332.0050.

About CFSS

Based in Milwaukee, WI 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.