

A Newsletter by Advocates Community Justice Services for the Framingham Regional Reentry Center

Facts From the Field

- **Since July 2005, the Substance Abuse Coordinator has been referred 55 different individuals...**
- There was a 25% recidivism rate for those offenders who *did not* follow through with initial recommendations.
- There was an 11% recidivism rate for those who *did* follow through with initial recommendations.
- Treatment recommendations most commonly made are substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, 12-step programs (NA & AA), and employment referrals.

Updates

I have recently been informed of a program that can provide free eye glasses for individuals that need them. All that is required is a recent eye exam with script. Please let me know if you know of anyone who could use this service.

Also, I have recently spoken with some people about *the 6 stages of change* and how they can be used in assessing an individual's readiness to work on issues. There is a book on this subject that has been floating around the office. It has been the basis for such great work as motivational interviewing. I will try to find a great abstract I once had on the subject and put it in everyone's box.

Resource Spotlight

Employment and Training Resources
201 Boston Post Road West, 2nd Flr.
Marlboro, MA 01752
Main: 508-786-0928

This resource offers a career resources library, including the following:

- computers, printers, and fax machines
- internet job search access through JobQuest and Career Information System
- job search guides
- education and training catalogs
- a workshop calendar
- career guidance
- a computer learning lab
- education/training opportunities
- internet access
- job referral/placement
- resume development

Workforce Central
14 Beach Street
Milford, MA 01757
Main: 508-478-4300

This resource is the old unemployment office. Now it provides the following in employment assistance:

- referrals to training opportunities
- career planning
- resume development
- job search workshops
- access to America's Job and Talent Bank
- self-direct job search at the center resource library
- counseling
- referrals to other agencies and supportive services

Who to Contact

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