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UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECT REENTRY WORKSHOP LIFE MAPPING & SELF CARE

Wednesday, December 13
SADO Office
645 Griswold, Suite 3300
Detroit, MI 48226
5:30-7:30 PM
FREE

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

African Rhythms with Wendell Harrison
Sunday, December 10
1:00 PM
DIA Rivera Court,
5200 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48202
FREE

SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES

13th, From Slave to Criminal
Sunday, December 10
2:00pm-5:00pm
Repair the World Workshop
2701 Bagley Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48216
FREE

THE EASTERN HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 17
Holiday Market featuring local art,
handicrafts, and merchandise.
3434 Russell St.,
Detroit, MI 48207
FREE ADMISSION

BERT'S MARKETPLACE KARAOKE

Every Saturday, 11AM-8PM
2727 Russell St.
Detroit, MI 48207
FREE

LISTEN

360 Degrees of Billy Paul, album
by Billy Paul
Available on Spotify, iTunes,
YouTube, or your local library

READ

Tyree Guyton creates in Philadelphia,
renovates in Detroit
Available in The Detroit News
detroitnews.com



360° A LEGAL REVIEW ON JUVENILE LIFERS

by Edward Sanders, released July 2017

In the cases of *People v. Skinner* and *People v. Hyatt*, argued on October 12, 2017 in Lansing, the Michigan Supreme Court questioned the parties concerning the Sixth and Eighth Amendments, with the Sixth Amendment right to jury found facts (*Apprendi*) being the concern in *Skinner*. Hyatt concerned the level of review required of life sentences under the legislative enactment of MCL 769.25 post *Miller v. Alabama* and *Montgomery v. Louisiana*. The

outcome of Hyatt and Skinner will affect the future legal landscape for the imposition of life without parole against juvenile offenders. Skinner will determine whether the imposition of life without parole against a juvenile offender has to be done by a judge or jury. The decision in Hyatt will determine the appropriate level of appellate review after a life without parole sentence is imposed.

The state's position seemed to contradict the U.S. Supreme Court's recent cases and subsequent Michigan Legislative enactment. The state argued there is no Sixth Amendment constitutional protection requirement during the factual finding hearing proceedings when the state seeks more than a term of years for juveniles who commit first-degree murder.

Some of the Justices reacted strongly to this position with focused questioning. The State's oral argument consisted of explaining its key position seemingly independent of relevant case law, or analysis of legislative enactments post *Miller* as they relate to the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Unlike the Michigan Court of Appeals, the state attorney and county prosecutors disagree with the notion that sentencing a juvenile to life without parole is "inherently suspect" and probably disproportionate.

The state's view is still the same as it was before *Miller*, MCL 769.25, *Apprendi*, and *Montgomery*. When Justice Richard H. Bernstein asked why the state opposed a jury decision on the question of life or a term of years sentence, the state replied there was no such requirement under MCL 769.25 or *Apprendi*. The defense position was opposite. The defense argued a Sixth Amendment constitutional protection requiring that juries find facts in the trial court under both *Miller* and legislative enactments post-*Miller*.

The Court asked about the requirements of a Sixth Amendment constitutional factual finding by trial judges vs. juries, and the status of the Sixth Amendment vs. the Eighth Amendment. Responses by the defense were on point regarding the due process required under the Sixth Amendment and proportionality requirements via the Eighth Amendment. The final decisions have not been made.

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

HOMETOWN
Detroit, MI

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Fishing at Kensington Park, roller skating, watching sports—especially football (his favorite team is the New England Patriots and is inspired by Tom Brady—he's 40 and still playing!). Darrell loves spending time with his 5 year old granddaughter, whether it's playing games on his phone, going to trampoline parks, or laser tag. His favorite place to shop? Citi Trends.

SUCCESSES SINCE RELEASE

Voting in the general election, getting his driver's permit, obtaining a Bridge Card, being able to support his daughter, and shopping at Citi Trends. Overall, he sees his biggest success as being on the outside and being able to spend time with his family again.

STRUGGLES SINCE RELEASE

Finding transportation outside of family members and finding part time work, especially in time for the holidays.

MESSAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY

"When you get out, take your time. It's a blessing we've got a second chance. Don't let people press you into anything you're not ready for. Enjoy the freedom. If it is meant for you to have, you'll get it. If you have any problems, you have SADO's number."



DARRELL JOHNSON
RELEASED JANUARY 10, 2017

MIND MATTERS

by Antonio Williams, released July 2017



Confinement does not end at the prison fence. The challenges faced by returning citizens continue well into their reintegration process. Life can be a daily struggle. We find ourselves forced to take jobs that overwork and under pay us, and somehow we are supposed to find the capacity to continue smiling and be grateful for the opportunity. In an attempt to address some mental health issues related to PTSD, I looked for help from a particular mental health service in my area. It was not a positive or a pleasant experience for me.

At this point, most of us would be turned off to the idea of seeking help when there is already so much stigma and shame attached to receiving mental health treatment. The reality is, though, that we should afford ourselves every opportunity for success, and our family and friends—while they love us—are not always the most qualified people to help put the overwhelming, but normal emotions we face as returning citizens into the proper perspective. Though my first attempt going to a mental health service met me with some unpleasantness, it is important that we address our issues in a healthy way.

I continued to look for a program that I felt comfortable with and found that in the Michigan Rehabilitative Services (MRS) program through Michigan Works. Through the rehabilitative services within the program, there are many ways that returning citizens can be helped. There are educational opportunities, help with funding, transportation assistance, and housing assistance. Beyond those, there are mental health services. These individuals seem to be the type of people that inspire confidence in me—they could help put those overwhelming emotions into the proper perspective. You may have to look for the right program and the right person, but it is important to continue to look until you find that. I continue to look back at the years I spent incarcerated. I think about the dreams and aspirations I had that I thought would never see the light of day and I use that to push myself forward when I feel like the way is too difficult. I am also learning to take time with myself to be patient. There is no clock on this process. It takes as long as it takes.

Visit your local Michigan Works and ask about MRS to access these resources.

JOBS

GOODCAKESANDBAKES

Seasonal Customer Service positions
Part time, \$15.00/hour
Send resume to:
jobs@goodcakesandbakes.com
NO WALK IN RESUMES OR APPLICATIONS

LITTLE CAESARS ARENA

Late Night Cleaning Crew Member
\$11.00/hour
Bring resume to and apply at:
407 Brush St.,
Detroit, MI 48226

AUTOZONE

ALL LOCATIONS
Full or Part Time Sale Positions
Call or stop by nearest store to check hiring status or drop off resume

MEIJER

ALL LOCATIONS
Cashier, Cake Decorator, or Team Leader
Apply online: <https://jobs.meijer.com/>

UPS

Driver Helper, Package Handler, or Car Washer
Apply online: www.jobs-ups.com

FINGERLE LUMBER CO.

Counter Sales
Apply in person:
617 S. 5th Ave.,
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

GORDON FOOD SERVICE

ALL LOCATIONS
Multiple Positions Available
Apply online: gfs.com

O'REILLY AUTOPARTS

ALL LOCATIONS
Retail Sales Specialist, Retail Cashier
Apply online:
corporate.oreillyauto.com

NATION OUTSIDE Facebook Group
The Voice of the Formerly Incarcerated
www.facebook.com/nationoutside/

CIAO LINE Facebook Group
Tri-County Job Resource
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ciaoline/>

ACCESS FOR ALL

Building and Construction Trades
Apprenticeship Readiness Training
Call an Access for All representative:
(313) 945-5200 ext. 4317
www.facebook.com/detroitnationoutside

RESOURCES

COMMUNITY TIPS

DON'T HAVE A DEBIT CARD? NO WORRIES.

When buying something online, etc., sometimes a credit or debit card is required. You can purchase VISA Gift Cards from Meijer, Kroger, or a gas station and load cash onto that card. As long as it has enough money on it to cover the entire cost of the purchase, it will operate like a debit card.

FREE ADMISSION AT THE WRIGHT MUSEUM EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

315 E. Warren Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48201

HAVE QUESTIONS OR SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

Send your letter to:
**PROJECT REENTRY
STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
645 GRISWOLD, SUITE 3300
DETROIT, MI 48226**

Call:

**THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
(313) 256-9833**

and ask for a Project Reentry Team Member

or e-mail:

REENTRY@SADO.ORG

All questions will remain anonymous unless you say otherwise

SELF CARE

Activities & practices to reduce stress & enhance well-being

DRAWINGS BY ELIZABETH STAPLETON

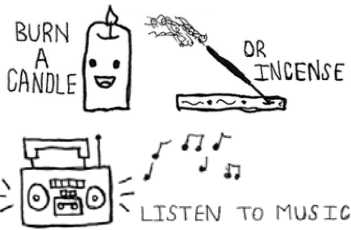
PHYSICAL WELLNESS



INTELLECTUAL WELLNESS



EMOTIONAL WELLNESS



SOCIAL WELLNESS



SPIRITUAL WELLNESS



BEST WISHES!

THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY GOODBYE TO THREE OF OUR TEAMMEMBERS—ALEC, ALISON, AND OLIVIA—AND THE PROJECT REENTRY COORDINATOR, MOTOKI TANIGUCHI. THEY'RE GOING TO GO ON TO DO GREAT THINGS, BUT IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO IMAGINE PROJECT REENTRY WITHOUT THEM. TEAM, WE THANK YOU FOR THE INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME, PASSION, AND INSPIRATION YOU POURED INTO THIS PROJECT. WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS IN 2018, BUT YOU WILL BE TERRIBLY, TERRIBLY MISSED!



MOTOKI TANIGUCHI

REASON FOR LEAVING

I have to go back to Japan. I really want to stay here to continue to support you and to see your successes. My visa, however, doesn't allow me to stay any longer than the end of January.

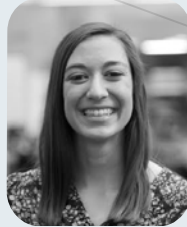
FUTURE PLANS

I will continue to battle against social exclusion and isolation as a lawyer and a social worker.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

When I came to this country three years ago, I never imagined I would have made such great friends who would make me feel so sad to leave. I really appreciate the opportunities to witness the special moments you experience as you courageously re-enter society. I am also so thankful for the opportunity to work with such passionate and sweet team members. May luck always follow you. May you achieve success as you walk through. I love you, my friends.

Motoki's position as Project Reentry Coordinator will be filled by Elizabeth Stapleton



ALISON BROKKE

REASON FOR LEAVING

I am graduating from University of Michigan with a Master's of Social Work degree!

FUTURE PLANS

Hopefully to find a job working on gang prevention, prison reform, and reentry.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

I want to thank you all so much. I have learned from all of you during my year at SADO. You have made this job so enjoyable. I wish all of you happiness and success and hope to hear about all the great things you will do.



ALEC DENUCCIO

REASON FOR LEAVING

I am leaving because my internship with Project Reentry has ended. I wish I could stay longer—I'm hoping to still attend future workshops.

FUTURE PLANS

I plan to work in prison diversion or prisoner reentry either for a non-profit organization or a state agency like the MDOC. I want to continue to help individuals with a criminal history realize the significant role that they play in the lives of their family members, mentors, and employers.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Never undervalue the training and work experience that you have obtained in prison. You have done some very great things in prison that can be transferred to your community in the form of employment and mentorship.



OLIVIA HAAS

REASON FOR LEAVING

I am leaving to focus on my last semester of undergrad at Wayne State.

FUTURE PLANS

After graduation in May, I plan to begin grad school at Wayne State and obtain a Masters degree in Criminal Justice. Aside from school, I will continue to be an advocate for prisoners' rights and prison reform.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

You have the capability of accomplishing great things. It might take longer than you thought or prove to be more difficult, but do not let that discourage you. Do not be hesitant to ask for guidance when needed, there are plenty of people who are willing to help.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DECEMBER 2017

DETROIT, MI

Arts & Scraps

Project Description: Arts & Scraps recycles tons of materials for creative learning. Help sort and stock new materials, organize displays, and assist staff with keeping things tidy.

Date/Hours: Drop in on Tuesday (11 AM-6 PM), Thursday (11 AM – 6 PM), or Saturday (11 AM – 4 PM).

Call (313) 640-4411 x4 for more information.

Holiday Hugs

Project Description: "Each year on Christmas Day Hugs Community Resource Organization distributes gift bags to individuals experiencing homelessness."

Date/Hours: Monday, December 25

1:00-3:00 PM

Gleaner's Food Bank

Detroit Distribution Center

Project Description: Volunteer activities at our distribution centers involve sorting and packing nonperishable food and fresh produce, folding plastic food drive bags, picking partner orders, and more.

Date/Hours: Go to gcfb.volunteerhub.com to sign up for a shift!

JACKSON, MI

Our Neighbor's Keeper

Project Description: Deliver furniture to formerly homeless individuals who were recently housed.

Date/Hours: Saturdays, hours vary.

Contact: Patricia

Phone: 517-262-3189

Email: ourneighborskeeper@aol.com

AUGUSTA, GA

Faith Food Factory

Project Description: Volunteer during Master's Table, in the Agency Shopping Area, Faith Food Factory, during Food Drives in the Mobile Food Pantry, or the Office Area.

Date/Hours: Varied

Address: 3310 Commerce Dr., Augusta, GA 20909

Phone: 706.736.1199

Sign up to volunteer at: <https://goldenharvest.org/volunteer/opportunities/>

MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2018