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UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECT REENTRY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Sunday, August 11th

2:00PM - 4:00PM

State Appellate Defender Office

645 Griswold St. Suite 3300

Detroit, MI 48226

Join us for a workshop designed to equip formerly incarcerated individuals with the tools to navigate various healthy relationships and maintain healthy boundaries within those relationships.

FREE | Refreshments provided

SAFE & JUST- DETROIT COMMUNITY MEETING

Friday, August 16th

6:00PM-8:00PM

7246 W. McNichols Rd.

Detroit, MI 48221

Enjoy refreshments, identify your elected officials at the state and local level, and hear from panelists involved in organizing and policy making. Moderated by Sloan Gibson of Safe & Just Michigan.

CLEAN SLATE MICHIGAN REGIONAL CONVENING

Tuesday, August 13th

5:00PM-9:00PM

Capital Area District Library

401 S. Capital Ave.

Lansing, MI 48933

Saturday, August 17th

9:00AM-1:00PM

Fresh Coast Alliance

1128 Roberts St.

Muskegon, MI 49442

Tuesday, August 27th

5:30PM-9:00PM

Body of Christ Church

9555 St. Mary's

Detroit, MI 48227

Join the Clean Slate Michigan campaign and learn more about the importance of expungement. Meet with leaders from Nation Outside, Safe & Just Michigan, Fresh Coast Alliance, and A.R.R.O. Engage in discussion and share your opinions.

UNTITLED

BY BRANDON HARRINGTON

At 17 years old (just shy of my 18th birthday), I sat charged with murder facing the very real prospect of spending the rest of my life in prison. I thought about all the things I would miss and the fact that I was an expecting father. Unfortunately, the fact that I'd killed a young black man not much older than I, was not at the forefront of my mind.

Incarcerated for life, all I wanted to do was obtain freedom somehow. I completed correspondence courses on legal research and legal writing. My family hired several attorneys, and I tried my best to stay out of trouble. I began to love reading and learning, this passion became my motivation. I also became a man of faith and I used this faith as a guiding principle.

Freedom is what I desired more than anything. I became a father shortly after my incarceration. As far as I could tell this baby was the most precious human being on earth. The joy and pride of parenthood can only be experienced not explained. I kept seeking my freedom through the courts and spent more than my fair share of time in the law library.

The day Miller was decided I was back in level IV for an assault and on the verge of giving up my fight for freedom. From there things became hectic. It felt like I was on an emotional roller coaster. In 2012, the Michigan Court of Appeals determined that Miller was not retroactive. In 2013, the Michigan legislature determined that the new law would only have retroactive effect if one of the High Courts said so. In 2014, the Michigan Supreme Court held that Miller was not retroactive. In 2015, the United States Supreme Court (after many denials and one previous acceptance), decided to hear the retroactivity question. I was resentenced in 2017, to 32 total years. My perseverance paid off, I now had a release date and I hadn't given up.

Since then I went back to school and have focused on my future. I talk with ex-juvenile lifers and learn from their experiences upon release. Their successes have become my new motivation. I am not a "happy go lucky" type of person but since I've been given a second chance my outlook on life has completely changed, for the better. I'm even more motivated to work hard and succeed for others that are going through this process. I've determined what I would like to do with my life and I am working towards reaching several goals. Life is much different without a life sentence. Even though I wanted to give up, I never did. I fought, I studied, I learned, I strived to be free. I never forgot how lost, hurt, and beaten down I felt during the early years in prison. Those memories of my past drive me to help others today.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

RECOVERYPARK HYDROPONIC ASSOCIATE

\$11-13\$/hr
5470 Chene St.
Detroit, MI
The Hydroponic Associate reports to the Hydroponic Manager. Standard hours of operation for the farm are 6am until 6pm, including weekends and holidays. Scheduled hours will be dependent on crop cycles and customer demand for product. Promptness to schedule and readiness for work are of the utmost importance. For more information visit the "Ciao Line" Facebook page. In order to be considered, you MUST submit a COVER LETTER AND RESUME to akohn@recoverypark.org.

STAR FISH FAMILY SERVICES: HIRING FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Locations in Inkster, Westland, Livonia, and Redford Twp.
Apply online at starfishfamilyservices.org/career or email resume to hr@sfish.org
Employment Highlights:
- Medical, Prescription, Dental, Vision
- Short & Long Term Disability
- Life Insurance
- 13 Paid Holidays
- 15 PTO Days (Increase With Seniority)
- Employer Matching Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
- Pet Insurance
Requirements:
- Valid driver's license
- High School Diploma
- 2 years of maintenance experience
- Insurable driving record

DETROIT AT WORK AND FCA

FIAT Chrysler Automobiles Basic Job Requirements:
-18 years of age or older
-High school diploma or equivalent
-Pass a drug screen, including recreational and medical marijuana
- Basic math and mechanical reasoning assessment
- Federal or State Photo ID
Step 1: Complete the pre-registration questions at detroitatwork.com.FCA and sign up for a Detroit at Work Pre-Application Prep Event.
Step 2: Attend and complete the Pre-Application Prep Event.
Step 3: Complete follow-up activities from the event. This could include applying for social security card and qualifying ID, math testing supporting classes, and/or high school graduation or equivalent documentation.
If you complete all 3 steps and qualify based on FCA requirements, you will be notified on how you can apply early.

Note: Interviews and conditional job offers- Oct/Nov 2019

OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS

Michigan Works!
2100 Pontiac Lake Rd
Waterford, MI 48328
P: 248-858-0516
Walk-in hours: M-F 9AM-5PM
Drop by or call the office to get help from career management experts and take advantage of other opportunities for a bright future. A variety of job search, technology, social media, career management, training and education resources as well as workshops, events and job/career fairs are offered.

CDL- A TRAINING

Michigan Works! Eastern Campus Regional Training Center!
5901 Conner St.
Detroit, MI 48213
P: 313-496-2809
No Cost CDL-A training. During training participants will receive classroom and hands-on instruction, field training, State of Michigan test and endorsement preparations, and driving simulations. Day and evening classes are available to complete your training in 4-8 weeks. Call today to register!

FOR ASSISTANCE APPLYING TO JOBS OR TO BE CONNECTED TO EVENTS AND RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PROJECT REENTRY.

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT CHRIS MACHACEK CAME HOME APRIL 2019

HOMETOWN

Dexter, MI

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Hanging out with family and being there to help with all the things I could not all those years. I also enjoy going on hikes with my greyhound.

SUCCESS AFTER INCARCERATION

My successes have been rebuilding family ties and bringing honor back to my name.

STRUGGLES AFTER INCARCERATION

My biggest struggle has been getting my health care in order. It has also been difficult getting my credit rating up as I have zero credit, which makes it hard to make purchases.



MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Since I've been free I've been a guest speaker at the Greyhound GEM event, participated in the Crohns and Colitis walk in Southfield, and have just been willing to work hard to show that people can and do change. I give back whenever I can and will continue to represent all those brothers and sisters still incarcerated, in hopes they get a chance as well.

RECONNECTING ON THE FARM



Michael Perry came home in November 2018 after serving 28 years in prison for a crime he committed when he was 16. Now, he lives in Holland and is working part time with the Escape Ministries Youth Program. Escape Ministries is a non-profit focused on serving youth and their families and providing positive mentorship and a space for personal growth and progress. Mr. Perry is pictured here with former SADO Project Reentry intern Brook Wolters, who is also working with Escape Ministries.

THE SCARY REALITY OF BIPARTISAN EFFORTS

BY LISA ROCHOW

A recent Mother Jones article highlights the problematic reality of Congress' agenda. The First Step Act, signed by The President in December 2018 seemed rather revolutionary for those with their eye on prison reform. However, of the 3,000 individuals released in July, roughly one-third won't be returning home. Instead, these individuals will be sent to immigration detention, likely face deportation proceedings, and be deported to their country of origin due to the near impossible chances given to those who are not US-born citizens. This process, which started less than a month ago, is expected to take years for hundreds of people.

The First Step Act encourages those reentering society to get involved in counseling, trades, or job training programs by allowing extra time in halfway houses or home confinement. Many immigrants, due to offenses like illegal reentry, cannot utilize this type of rehabilitation. Immigrant advocacy groups urged lawmakers to revise rules about halfway houses, to include immigrants, but Republicans refused, and in an effort to compromise, Democrats did not pursue revisions. Rules on not allowing immigrants to access halfway houses was once just a rule, but thanks to The First Step Act, this exclusion is now a federal law, perpetuating the incarceration cycle for a huge portion of the United States population.

Nearly 750 individuals, some of whom have lived in the United States for many years, will be sent to immigration detention facilities. Some will have the option to request bonds, but will likely be denied due to criminal convictions. Others will be eligible for immigration hearings to build a case, but the fate of many will result in quick preparation for immediate deportation. This searing reality reminds us that many "bipartisan efforts" like The First Step Act are limited in scope and often include many revisions and additions, deviating from the idea of true reform.

Michaels, S., Endicott, M., Allen, M., Echavarri, F., Friedler, D., Friedman, D.,... Friedman, D. (2019, July 19). Congress helped thousands of people get out of prison early. Some of them will probably be deported right away. Retrieved from <https://www.motherjones.com/crime-justice/2019/07/congress-helped-thousands-of-people-get-out-of-prison-early-but-many-of-them-will-probably-be-deported-right-away/>

WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

By: Sharron Rochow

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES

SERVES: 3-4

INGREDIENTS

2-3 Cups of cooked and cubed chicken breast
2-3 Cans or 48 oz. Jar of Great Northern Beans
¼ teaspoon of Tabasco Sauce
3 Cans or 49½ oz can of chicken broth
1 Small chopped white onion
1 Garlic clove
1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
1 Teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 Teaspoon oregano
1 Teaspoon cumin
1 Cup chopped green chilis

MATERIALS

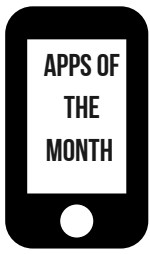
1 Large pot
1 Stirring spoon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pot cook onion, garlic, and olive oil over medium heat until the onion is clear in color
2. Add remaining ingredients to pot, stir, and cook until how.
3. Serve immediately or allow to cool before refrigerating.

NOTES

Add some cheddar cheese when serving for an even better taste!



COUCH TO 5K "C25K"

Sometimes looking for ways to get active can be overwhelming. Couch to 5k (C25K) makes exercise easier. You can download the free app to access running workouts that help you build your endurance over 8 weeks until you're able to run a 5K. Use your App Store to download C25K. There is a free version as well as a paid version with a few more features, so be sure to pay attention to which one you'd like to download. Then, put headphones in to hear the instructions and get running!

DUOLINGO

August is said to be the month of new beginnings, so why not begin the month by learning a new language! Duolingo helps you learn any new language you want for free and in a fun way! Choose a language you'd like to learn, set daily goals for yourself, work through the free guided step-by-step lessons and become closer towards being multilingual!

READ/WATCH/LISTEN BY TAYLOR BONNER

READ



DON'T CALL US DEAD BY DANEZ SMITH

This award winning book of poetry imagines an afterlife for black men shot by police, a place where suspicion, violence, and grief are forgotten and replaced with the safety, love, and longevity they deserved here on earth.

WATCH



FINDING JUSTICE

Finding Justice exposes racial, economic, environmental and political inequality in underserved communities across America. The BET documentary series travels around the country to follow the heroes, leaders and activists who battle to bring change to the cities they call home.

LISTEN



BROWN SKIN GIRL BY BEYONCE

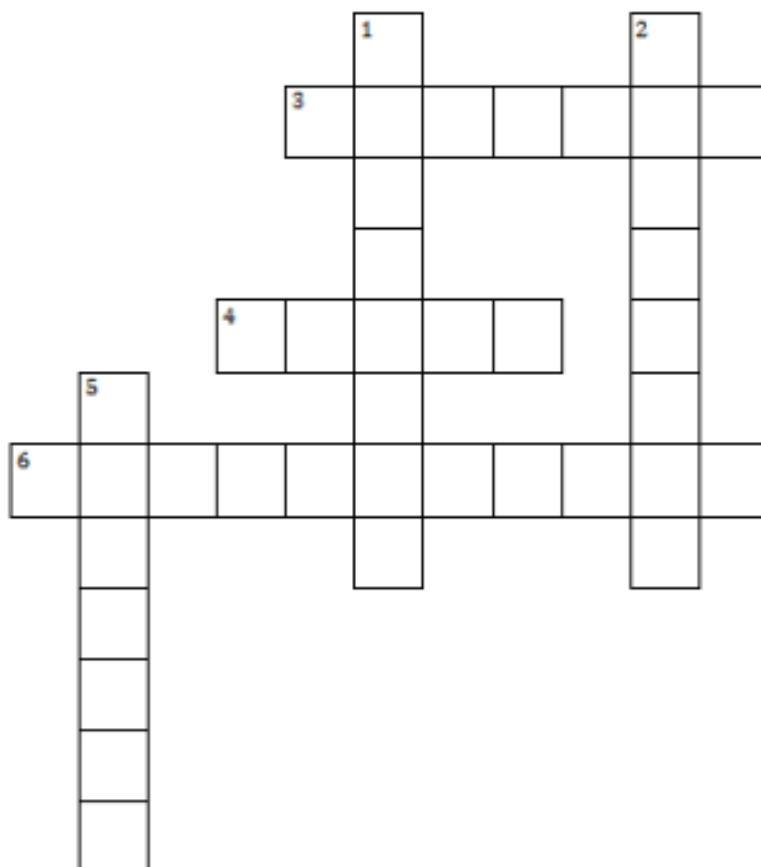
This song featured in the newest Lion King movie, beautifully challenges colorist ideals and encourages society to celebrate darker-skinned women.

ART BY MICHAEL ANDERSON



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August Crossword



ACROSS

3. The gemstone representing August birthdays
4. American football player who was wrongfully convicted; a movie about his story premieres August 9th
6. Famous restaurant chain opening a new Michigan location in Royal Oak in this month.

DOWN

1. Come play this French sport for free any weekday between Noon-1PM in Campus Martius Park through November.
2. Classic car "Dream Cruise" will take place on August 17th on this avenue in Detroit.
5. Eid al-Adha begins on August 10th to celebrate the end of _____.

To see past versions of The Drum,
visit www.sado.org/go/drum
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HAVE QUESTIONS OR SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?
CALL (313) 256-9833
AND ASK FOR A PROJECT REENTRY TEAM MEMBER
OR EMAIL US AT
REENTRY@SADO.ORG
OR SEND A LETTER TO
PROJECT REENTRY
STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
645 GRISWOLD, SUITE 3300
DETROIT, MI 48226



PRESENTS
LIFE
MAPPING
WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop led by Anna Kohn, nonprofit manager of the reentry organization, RecoveryPark, where formerly incarcerated individuals will acquire tools to successfully make decisions and set personal and professional goals for the future•

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2019



2:00-4:00 PM

645 GRISWOLD ST

33RD FLOOR

DETROIT, MI 48226

ALL ARE WELCOME. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE RSVP TO
MARILENA DAVID-MARTIN AT MDAVID@SADO.ORG OR

313-670-0309