



## Save the Date/RSVP: December 6, 2006

### "NYS, Reentry and Employment: A Current Snapshot and Recommendations for the Future"

This free day-long conference will take place on **December 6, 2006 from 8am to 3:30 pm EST, at New York University's prestigious Vanderbilt Hall in the Greenberg Lounge**. This event will be a series of facilitated panels between practitioners, advocates, people directly affected by the criminal justice system, New York State and New York City criminal justice and workforce development policymakers and other stakeholders. To ensure meaningful community participation and make the event more engaging, we have carved out time from each session for questions from the audience.

We hope to engage state and city-level policymakers in discussions about the current state of prisoner reentry and the barriers to employment and licensure faced by the tens of thousands of men and women returning to New York State's communities from prisons and local jails each year. During the conference we will highlight and distribute a forthcoming report, **The Independent Committee on Reentry and Employment: Report and Recommendations to New York State on Enhancing Employment Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated People**. One panel will look at the results of facilitated focus group research conducted with small to medium sized NYC employers--commissioned by the Independent Committee on Reentry and Employment--on their hiring practices, especially as they relate to jobseekers with criminal records. New York City is disproportionately impacted by these issues since it has the largest number of people returning from prison and jail to its communities each year. Therefore, there will also be a significant amount of time devoted to the City's response to this problem.

Some of the invited speakers include Chauncey Parker, Director of the Division of Criminal Justice Services for New York State, Charles Hynes, Kings County District Attorney, Martin Horn, NYC Commissioner of Correction and Probation, John Feinblatt, Criminal Justice Coordinator for New York City, Anthony Ellis, Executive Director for the NY State Division of Parole, Jeffrion L Aubry, Chairman of the Assembly standing Committee on Corrections, Barry Kamins, President of the NYC Bar, Elizabeth Gaynes, Executive Director of the Osborne Association, Mindy Tarlow, Executive Director of the Center for Employment Opportunities, Patricia Gatling, Commissioner of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, Clyde Haberman, NY Times Journalist, Dawn Hoffman, Vice President of Global Strategy Group, Inc., and Miguel Martinez, Chairperson, City Council Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services.

We hope you will be able to take advantage of this early notification and plan to join us at Vanderbilt Hall on December 6, 2006. **Please RSVP as soon as possible to [gmartin@hirenetwork.org](mailto:gmartin@hirenetwork.org), as seating for this event will be limited and reserved on a first-come basis.**

**Note:** *If your organization is interested in making resources available during the conference, please make note of this with your RSVP.*