

2008 Innovations Awards Program APPLICATION

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Please provide the following information, adding space as necessary:

State: *Connecticut*

Assign Program Category (applicant): *Public/Safety/Corrections* (Use list at end of application)

1. Program Name -- *“Connecticut D.O.C. Gang Perspective”*
2. Administering Agency --*Department of Correction*
3. Contact Person (Name and Title) --*John Aldi, Statewide Security Risk Group Coordinator*
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8. Web site Address -- *http://www.ct.gov/doc/site/default.asp*
9. Please provide a two-sentence description of the program. – *A presentation that began to inform first responders of gang trends and activities which has evolved to the educating of Connecticut Government systems including teachers and parents, civic organizations and multiple state agencies.*
10. How long has this program been operational (month and year)? Note: the program must be between 9 months and 5 years old on March 1, 2008 to be considered. –*Program began March 2004*
11. Why was the program created? What problem[s] or issue[s] was it designed to address? –*To raise the level of awareness of Law Enforcement and Community Leaders to Gang activity in their area.*
12. Describe the specific activities and operations of the program in chronological order. – *2004 Informal gang updates provided to DOC staff via Inservice Training at facility level. 2005 Gang training for Pre-Service staff at Academy. Feb 2007 Security Division began compiling intelligence derived from multiple sources and incorporating them in dynamic presentation that is both accurate and informative*
13. Why is the program a new and creative approach or method? – *This program the first of its kind in Connecticut Corrections incorporates the knowledge and information that we are gathering on a daily basis which provide the most accurate and up to date information and then reaches out to governmental branches, civic groups, and law enforcement. We hold the idea that sharing the knowledge of gang intelligence as soon as possible helps us work together safely and effectively.*
14. What were the program's start-up costs? (Provide details about specific purchases for this program, staffing needs and other financial expenditures, as well as existing materials, technology and staff already in place.) — *Initial start up costs the program incurred were the purchase of multimedia video projector, Internet access, and laptop with PowerPoint software including Audio speakers.*

15. What are the program's annual operational costs? *–Costs associated with the program are minimal, The ability to use existing staff to fill the training requirements come from the Connecticut Department of Correction budget.*

16. How is the program funded? *–Program uses existing staff positions to provide service.*

17. Did this program require the passage of legislation, executive order or regulations? If YES, please indicate the citation number. *–No*

18. What equipment, technology and software are used to operate and administer this program?—*MS PowerPoint, Multimedia video projector*

19. To the best of your knowledge, did this program originate in your state? If YES, please indicate the innovator's name, present address, telephone number and e-mail address.—*Yes, John Aldi, Statewide Security Risk Group Coordinator, 24 Wolcott hill Rd, Wethersfield, Ct, 06109, 860-692-7512, John.Aldi@po.state.ct.us*

20. Are you aware of similar programs in other states? If YES, which ones and how does this program differ?—*Unaware of any other state providing same level of training.*

21. Has the program been fully implemented? If NO, what actions remain to be taken? *–Yes*

22. Briefly evaluate (pro and con) the program's effectiveness in addressing the defined problem[s] or issue[s]. Provide tangible examples. *The effectiveness can only be rated by the information gathered via written and verbal feedback from attendees in the program, which has been 100% positive. Due to the raised awareness of attendees the number of gang designations has almost doubled from 111 on 2006 to 204 in 2007.*

23. How has the program grown and/or changed since its inception? *This program has been able to grow with great success due to the positive feedback from past participants.*

24. What limitations or obstacles might other states expect to encounter if they attempt to adopt this program? *–The ability to leverage the in-house knowledge and experience of their staff versus the Gang activity in the geographical area*