



2011 Innovations Awards Application

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Please provide the following information, adding space as necessary:

State: Louisiana

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

1. Program Name LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections Re-Entry Radio
2. Administering Agency LA DPS&C – Division of Probation and Parole
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9. Please provide a two-sentence description of the program. Reentry Radio is a weekly radio program co-created and co-hosted by the Department of Corrections that promotes reentry initiatives not only to offenders being released from prison, but also helps all members of the community with their needs and problems and educates the community on the Department's reentry initiatives. The program is broadcast on the air almost entirely throughout Louisiana, is picked up in several surrounding states, and can be listened to nationwide by logging onto the KAYT website or the DOPSC website.
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 28, 2011 to be considered. The program began in May 2010.
11. Why was the program created? What problem[s] or issue[s] was it designed to address? The program was created in partnership with DOPSC (Mike Wynne Supervisor in Alexandria District Probation and Parole) and Candy Christophe of Reentry Solutions (a treatment partner in the community) to provide information on the Department's reentry efforts. The information is provided to offenders in prison and to the community via the weekly radio program.
12. Describe the specific activities and operations of the program in chronological order. The weekly program is broadcast live from KAYT 88.1 FM radio station in Alexandria. It is also carried on FM 92.5 (Shreveport) and 98.9 (Monroe) and can be picked up "live" during the broadcast on the KAYT website. Some of the recent programs can now be listened to anytime on the Louisiana Department of Corrections website, under the category of RE-ENTRY INITIATIVES, subcategory RE-ENTRY RADIO. This program is broadcasted every Wednesday from 1 PM to 2 PM CST. This program is also broadcasted (close circuit) to inmates in many of the prisons in the state and many state DOC offices. The actual broadcast

range is from northwestern Mississippi, southern Arkansas, northeastern Texas, to the gulf south of Lake Charles and as far southeast as the edge of Lafayette, but we are in the planning stages of broadcasting 100% statewide "on the air". We have received comments from people throughout the United States and many of our out-of-state listeners that listen to the program on the internet. We are also planning to make the broadcasts available by CD and also maybe have dual broadcasting via local community access television programming.

Mr. Wynne and Ms. Christophe co-host the weekly program, which airs for one hour. Mr. Wynne finds a speaker or speakers for each program, usually experts on various criminal justice issues. Attached is a list of the programs that have aired since the beginning of the program.

13. Why is the program a new and creative approach or method? While the program began as a way to launch the Department's reentry initiatives, it has developed into a forum for getting out information on a variety of criminal justice issues that are important to the offender and the community. It educates the offenders and community on issues that are sometimes difficult to explain. At first it was broadcast in one city, and then several stations picked up the broadcast via NPR, now it is available statewide. It is also a partnership between DOPSC and a business, and is now being funded by the inmates through the inmate clubs in the institutions. It is truly a collaborative effort involving many entities all focused on educating people on criminal justice issues and the Department's programs.

The speakers on the show, as evidenced by the attached list of programs broadcast, include the Secretary of Corrections, James Le Blanc, Sheriffs, Judges, a District Attorney, a State Senator and many other criminal justice professionals.

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.) Mr. Wynne, Ms. Christophe, and others who speak on the program donate their time. The cost to operate the program is about \$380.00 per month, and originally Reentry Solutions sponsored the program. Various inmate programs at Hunt Correctional Center and Louisiana Correctional Center for Women have donated money and now help sponsor the Reentry Radio program.

15. What are the program's annual operational costs? Annual costs are about \$5,000.00 a year.

16. How is the program funded? As noted above, the program was originally funded by Reentry Solutions, and is now also supported by Inmate Welfare Club funds.

17. Did this program require the passage of legislation, executive order or regulations? If YES, please indicate the citation number. No legislation was needed to establish the program.

18. What equipment, technology and software are used to operate and administer this program? All equipment is provided by the KAYT radio station.

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. As far as we are aware this particular program, a weekly radio broadcast on reentry and criminal justice/Corrections issues operated by the DOPSC in partnership with a business in the community, originated in Louisiana. As noted above, the co-creators were Mike Wynne and Candy Christophe.

20. Are you aware of similar programs in other states? If YES, which ones and how does this program differ?

Not aware of any programs like this in other states

21. Has the program been fully implemented? If NO, what actions remain to be taken? While the program can be heard statewide via the radio station's website (and via the DOPSC website), we are trying to get a station in the New Orleans area to pick up the broadcast. Several stations in north and central Louisiana have already done so, which allows the program to be

heard live in not only Louisiana but parts of border states Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas as well.

22. Briefly evaluate (pro and con) the program's effectiveness in addressing the defined problem[s] or issue[s]. Provide tangible examples. The Reentry radio program has done a wonderful job of communicating reentry initiatives to offenders and the community. A mother of an offender released from prison called into the show to say how wonderful reentry was and how it had helped her son; the change she had seen in him. This type of testimonial was heard across the state by offenders in prison and in the community. People get to hear about the programs in Corrections from Corrections staff. The expansion of the program into other criminal justice issues has raised the awareness of these issues and educated offenders and the public. When the "bath salts/drugs" issue exploded onto the scene the radio program was able to get an expert speaker on the show within a week to talk about the impact of using these bath salts. Mr. Wynne has also been able to get experts in sex offender issues to talk about sex offender laws, registration and notification. A victim advocate talked about victims issues.

23. How has the program grown and/or changed since its inception? As noted, the program originally was a partnership with P and P and Reentry Solutions and was going to be one show about Reentry efforts primarily focusing on issues regarding supervision on Probation and Parole. It was so popular it was expanded to include additional correctional and Probation and Parole staff, and issues, and then extended to other community justice professionals. Originally the broadcast was aired in Alexandria, La., and has since spread statewide and into other states. It can be heard on the internet thru KAYT's website and also on the Corrections website. Reentry Solutions paid for the program at the onset; however, several inmate organizations now contribute to the costs and help pay for the program. It is heard by inmates in DOC institutions, in parish jails, and citizens in the community.

24. What limitations or obstacles might other states expect to encounter if they attempt to adopt this program?

Other states wishing to implement something like Reentry Radio program have to find a station willing to broadcast the show on a regular basis, stations across the state willing to air the program, and find a partner willing to fund the program. Mike Wynne works very hard to find speakers for the program, and it takes a lot of work to make sure the broadcast is on time and successful (sometimes there are cancellations), but usually people are excited and eager to appear on the show once they hear what it entails.

Here is a complete list of DOC "Re-Entry Radio Programs" so far:

- (1) 5/12/10- DOC Re-Entry
Participants- Michael Wynne, Jerry Williams, and Tommy Girlo (by phone)
- (2) 5/19- Sex Offender Matters
Participant- Michael Wynne
- (3) 5/26- Victim's Issues
Participants- Michael Wynne and Jerry Williams
- (4) 6/2- Conditions of Probation & Parole
Participants- Michael Wynne and Cole Gralapp
- (5) 6/9- Sex Offender Matters
Participants- Michael Wynne, Milton Alexander and Guy Flanagan
- (6) 6/16- Continuation on Sex Offender Matters
Participants- Michael Wynne, Milton Alexander and Guy Flanagan
- (7) 6/23- Sex Offenders and Community Safety
Participants- Michael Wynne, Milton Alexander, Guy Flanagan and David Gauthier
- (8) 6/30- Drug Court
Participants- Michael Wynne, Jonathan Tassin and Judge Harry Randow
- (9) 7/7- Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office Work Release

- Participants- Michael Wynne, Quintus Smith, and Arthur Labrane
- (10) 7/14- Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office Community Programs
Participants- Michael Wynne, Sheriff Charles Wagner, Jr., Jeff Gaspard and Douglas Hollingsworth
- (11) 7/21- La. Special Olympics/ La. Law Enforcement Torch Run
Participants- Michael Wynne, Ricky Ouber, and Guy Flanagan
- (12) 7/28- Crime Victims
Participants- Michael Wynne, Carol Cunningham, Lisa George, Shauntelle Cooper, Angel Scallon, Becky Lawrence, Stacy Maxwell and Guy Flanagan
- (13) 8/4- Representative Chris Roy, Jr.
Participants- Michael Wynne and Rep. Roy
- (14) 8/11- DOC Transitional Specialists
Participants- Michael Wynne, Tara Poe, Robbi Cohenhour and Cole Gralapp
- (15) 8/18- Convicted Felons Needing Employment
Participants- Michael Wynne, David Gauthier and Guy Flanagan
- (16) 8/25- (Replay of the Crime Victim's Program of 7/28)
Participants- Michael Wynne, Carol Cunningham, Lisa George, Shauntelle Cooper, Angel Scallon, Becky Lawrence, Stacy Maxwell and Guy Flanagan
- (17) 9/1- The Chaplains of DOC
Participants- Michael Wynne, Leslie Draper and emile johnson
- (18) 9/8- The Problems with the Re-Integration with Sex Offenders
Participants- Michael Wynne, Troy Guillory, James Elkins, Derrick Chew, McArthur Raymo, Steve Vorise, David Gauthier, Milton Alexander, and Guy Flanagan
- (19) 9/15- Men's Wearhouse Suit Drive
Participants- Michael Wynne, Johnny Lewis, Elaine Ellerbe, Wes Gralapp, Angie Pearce, Katy Wellman, and Cole Gralapp
- (20) 9/22- Representative Chris Hazel, Jr.
Participants- Michael Wynne, Rep. Hazel, Murphy Rachal and Cole Gralapp
- (21) 9/29- Secretary James Le Blanc
Participants- Michael Wynne and Secretary Le Blanc (by phone)
- (22) 10/6- DOC Re-Entry
Participants- Michael Wynne and Rhett Covington
- (23) 10/13- Senator Elbert Guillory
Participants- Michael Wynne and Senator Guillory (by phone)
- (24) 10/20- Food Programs for Offenders and the Needy- Food Bank of Central Louisiana and Manna House
Participants- Michael Wynne, Ola Rae Chicola, Mary Maud Carr, Michael Jena, Kenneth Carny, Louis Hendrix, Jayne Wright-Velez, and Tony Cifelly.
- (25) 10/27- Parenting Training for Offenders
Participants- Michael Wynne, Elaine Ellerbe and Burnell Williams
- (26) 11/3- Habitat for Humanities
Participants- Michael Wynne and Connie Cooper
- (27) 11/10- Office Of Workforce Development
Participants- Michael Wynne, Dara Antee and Jim Elkins.
- (28) 11/17- Substance Abuse Prevention for Offenders
Participants- Michael Wynne, Chauncy Hardy and Reverend Sterling Terrell
- (29) 11/24- What Resources are Available to Our Offenders from the State and Parish Library Systems in the Local Communities
Participants- Michael Wynne, Jana Friday,
- (30) 12/1- Housing for Homeless Offenders
Participants- Michael Wynne, Kendra Gauthier, Sgt. Linda Hall and Nita Elks
- (31) 12/8- Goodwill Industries and Castaway Ministries of Shreveport
Participants- Michael Wynne, Terry Hawkins and Julie Bass, Gary Cavalier, and Edward Smith
- (32) 12/15- Substance Abuse Treatment for Offenders (out-patient)

- Participants- Michael Wynne, Karen Donahue, Phillip Coco, Victor Carstarphen and Jim Elkins
- (33) 12/22- Speaking Out Against Child Sexual Abuse, Awareness and Prevention
Participants- Michael Wynne and Susan Suafoa-Dinino of Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- (34) 12/29- Helping Our Offenders Survive Back In The Community in Northeastern Louisiana
Participants- Michael Wynne, Pearl Wise, Dr. Woods Watson, and Susan Clark of Goodwill Industries
- (35) 1/5/2011- HIV and Inmates, Probation and Parolees
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- (36) 1/12- The Louisiana Bath Salts' and Plant Fertilizer Misuse Epidemic, Examined From the Health and Law Enforcement Perspectives
Guests- Dr. David J. Holcombe, and Lasalle Parish Sheriff Scott Franklin
- (37) 1/19- The Great Re-Entry Resources of Our State Capitol
Guests- P&P Officer Jill Angelle (BRD), James Windon, and Verna Bradley Jackson
- (38) 1/26- DOC Day-Reporting Center and Pre-Release Programs- What Are They All About
Guests- P&P District Administrator Pam Morgan, Rhett Covington, Terri Ryder, and David Boone
- (39) 2/2- Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation
Guests- Cindy Mann, Ashanti Witherspoon, and Reverend Tracy Mackenzie
- (40) 2/9- Transitional Specialists of Elayn Hunt Correctional Center and EJD Probation and Parole.
Guests- Rochelle Trahan, Heather Price and Steven Lassalle
- (41) 2/16- Dixon Correctional Animal Shelter and Narcotic Dog Certification Program
Guests- Colonel John Smith and Angela Day

Future Program Topics and Speakers:

- (42) 2/23- The Great Resources of Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office and of the Crescent City"
Guests- Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman, Leo Hayden, Jennifer Jenkins, and Rodney Clancy
- (43) 3/2- Financial Planning for Inmates and Releasees
Guests- to be determined
- (44) 3/9-
Guests-
- (45) 3/16-
Guests-
- (46) 3/23- Hiring Convicted Felons- The "BEST" Workers Available In The Community!
Guests- Asst. Warden Tim Turcuit and Troy Rhodies
- (47) 3/30-
Guests-

(April will be devoted to victim issues from all possible perspectives.)

- (48) 4/6-
Guests-

(49) 4/13- Mr. J. D. MacLellan and DOC **Cold Case Cards**

Guests- Dave MacLellan of Lexington, Massachusetts and special guest **Pam Laborde**
of DOC

(50) 4/20-

Guests-

(51) 4/27-

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