

The New York State Department of Correctional Services held a one-day forum May 12, 2008 on developing partnerships for post-secondary education in New York correctional facilities.

The forum, held at DOCS' Training Academy in Albany, brought together interested stakeholders to start a conversation about forming partnerships among facilities, institutions of higher education, community groups and charitable foundations to sponsor college programs as an integral component of DOCS' reentry initiatives.

Commissioner Brian Fischer and New York State Higher Education Services Corp. President James Ross opened the forum by expressing a vision for changing offenders' lives through education and enhancing public safety with evidence-based post-secondary programs to prepare ex-offenders to enter the job market.

The New York State Education Department, State University of New York community colleges, the U.S. Department of Education, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Prisoner Reentry Institute, Bard College and the College and Community Fellowship Program at the City University of New York Graduate Center offered presentations. About 80 participants representing colleges, facilities, community organizations and formerly incarcerated individuals attended.

The afternoon session was dedicated to an open discussion to generate strategies for addressing the need for expansion of post-secondary programs for the incarcerated population and a summary of the next steps for potential partnerships.

The following chart summarizes college programs currently operating within the Department:

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES COLLEGE PROGRAMS
FACT SHEET

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| ALBION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marist College* - Federally funded through the Workplace and Community Transition Training for Incarcerated Youth Offenders Grant. • After July 1, 2008, Medaille College. |
| ARTHURKILL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising Hope, Inc. - 1 year certificate in Ministry & Human Services. Credits can be transferred to Boricua College. Privately funded. |
| AUBURN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornell University - College credits and transcripts. Volunteer Instructors. Privately Funded. |
| BAYVIEW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bard College - The Bard Prison Initiative - Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees. Privately funded. |
| BEDFORD HILLS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marymount Manhattan College - The Women's Prison Education Partnership - A consortium of 13 schools. Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees. Privately funded. |
| EASTERN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bard College - The Bard Prison Initiative - Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees, Privately funded. |
| ELMIRA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bard College - The Bard Prison Initiative - Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees, Privately funded. |
| FISHKILL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising Hope, Inc. - 1 year certificate in Ministry & Human Services. Credits can be transferred to Boricua College. Privately funded. |
| GREEN HAVEN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising Hope, Inc. - 1 year certificate in Ministry & Human Services. Credits can be transferred to Boricua College. Privately funded. |
| GREENE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marist College - Federally funded through the Workplace and Community Transition Training for Incarcerated Youth Offenders Grant. |
| MID ORANGE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising Hope, Inc. - 1 year certificate in Ministry & Human Services. Credits can be transferred to Boricua College. Privately funded. |
| SING SING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hudson Link - Mercy College and Nyack College - Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees. Privately funded. • New York Theological Seminary - Masters of Professional Studies Program. Privately funded. • Rising Hope, Inc. - 1-year certificate in Ministry & Human Services. Credits can be transferred to Boricua College. Privately funded. |
| TACONIC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nyack College - Liberal Arts credits. Funded through the College Mission. |
| WASHINGTON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marist College - Federally funded through the Workplace and Community Transition Training for Incarcerated Youth Offenders Grant. |
| WYOMING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Consortium of the Niagara Frontier - Niagara University, Canisius College & Daemen College. - Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees. Funded through Legislative Member Items. |
| WOODBOURNE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bard College - Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees programs. Privately funded. • Rising Hope, Inc. - 1-year certificate in Ministry & Human Services. Credit can be transferred to Boricua College. Privately funded. |