



## Neglected and Delinquent Youth Technical Assistance Center Conference

### Updates from the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

#### **Trump Administration participation in correctional education**

Secretary DeVos visited a correctional facility as part of National Reentry Week:

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/secretary-education-betsy-devos-recognizes-national-reentry-week-montgomery-county-correctional-facility-maryland>

In recognition of National Reentry Week, on April 26, 2017, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos visited Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Boyds, Maryland, to learn about the facility's education programs.

#### **New Improved Reentry Education tools**

The Improved Reentry Education (IRE) project support demonstration projects in prisoner reentry education that develop evidence of reentry education's effectiveness. IRE seeks to demonstrate that high-quality, appropriately designed, integrated, and well-implemented educational and related services—provided in institutional and community settings—are critical in supporting educational attainment and reentry success for previously incarcerated individuals. The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education is expecting to release several tools that were developed through this project which may be of interest to NDTAC coordinators. This includes tools focused on career pathways, evaluation, needs assessments, strategic partnerships, and program assessments. Also included are two case studies looking at the effect of correctional education on individuals.

When these tools are posted, they will be available here: <https://lincs.ed.gov/reentryed/>

### **Non-degree credentials in correctional education report**

This report is on programs that prepare individuals for non-degree credentials in adult correction facilities. Focusing on feedback from individuals in 8<sup>1</sup> states correctional facilities, this report provides examples of job training programs that states are implementing and is available at this link:

[http://ctecenter.ed.gov/reports/nd\\_correctional\\_ed](http://ctecenter.ed.gov/reports/nd_correctional_ed)

### **Existing Department of Education resources**

The Perkins Collaborative Research Network (PCRN) provides resources and tools for state directors and state staff who administer career and technical education, and is available at this link <http://cte.ed.gov/>.

A useful resource is the state profiles, <http://cte.ed.gov/grants/state-profiles>, which contains contact information for state directors of career and technical education. Connecting with these state directors and their staff is an excellent way to learn more about available resources in your state.

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<sup>1</sup> Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, and Vermont.