



### Maryland Restorative Justice Initiative

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September is the pre-filing month for legislation. Walter Long is gearing up as we move into the 2011 legislative session. Let's hope for a victory this year that will permit a person who has served a current life sentence, has received a favorable evaluation from the prison board, and a favorable evaluation from the prison board to appear before a three judge panel for parole. Currently, the governor is not granting parole for people with a life sentence.

Since being in office, the current governor Martin O'Malley has cases before him for approval, but has not ruled on even one of them. You might factor this into your election decision this year.

### The Family Information Center

Provides resources and information for issues that can help your family, regardless of your circumstances or lifestyles. There is a whole section for families of the incarcerated. Find help here:

- [Prison Families](#)
- [Under Arrest](#)
- [Staying in Touch](#)
- [Helping the Children](#)
- [Dealing with the DOC](#)
- [Death Row Families](#)
- [What's New in Prison Issues?](#)
- [Share Solutions](#)
- [Tips for Teachers](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [What About the Victims](#)

[www.thefamilyinformationcenter.com](http://www.thefamilyinformationcenter.com)

### Maryland's Third Restorative Justice

Conference, Expanding The Circle: Schools, Communities, Courts

November 18-20  
Hosted by Howard Community College in Columbia, MD, November 18-19 with Advanced Learning Institute hosted by Towson University November 20.

#### Conference Goals:

- To increase understanding and awareness about restorative justice.
- To promote restorative principles, practices, and initiatives for communities, organizations, institutions and individuals.

For more information, contact [Kathyrockefeller@howardcc.edu](mailto:Kathyrockefeller@howardcc.edu)

### Important Book to Read

**The Church of the Second Chance, A Faith-Based Approach to Prison Reform**, Jens Soering, 2008, [www.lanternbooks.com](http://www.lanternbooks.com) – author's website – [jenssoering.com](http://jenssoering.com) – author's address --

**Jens Soering #1161655  
Buckingham Correctional Center  
P.O. Box 430  
Dillwyn, VA 23936-0430**

This book was written by an inmate and is used as the text for the Just Faith Prison Reform Module. It's an excellent book to immerse yourself in the facts of our broken justice system with a Christian perspective.

"Each of Jens Soering's books is a gem, and the *Church of the Second Chance* is his most interesting and unique work yet. His tour through the Scriptures, showing Jesus' passion for helping prisoners, is profound in its insights. No Christian can read it and not be compelled to care for and assist our brothers and sisters in prison."

**Pat Nolan**, Prison Fellowship Ministries

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## One-Stop Career Centers

Did you know that all over the country there are One-Stop Career Centers ready, willing and able to help "returning citizens" and anyone who is unemployed or underemployed. To find a Center near you, go to <http://www.servicelocator.org/> and enter your zip code. These are federally funded Centers. There is no cost to you for these services.

We visited a Center in Columbia Maryland and were so impressed with the facility and the quality of the counselors. Computers, telephones, fax machines, Xerox machines and counselors were available to the clients. With 60 other job seekers, we attended an all day workshop which covered setting employment goals, learning job search strategies, how to create and tailor your resume and interview techniques. We learned that only about 20% of the available jobs are ever posted. The other 80% can be found through the important skill of networking.

We also learned about available assessment tools, internet sources of information and jobs, and other special offerings available at the Center. The Professional Outplacement Assistance Center provides high quality outplacement services to executive, professional, technical, managerial and scientific works. After a two-day JUMPSTART program, individual counseling is available along with affinity groups.

Other special programs were available for Veterans and disabled individuals/. Training assistance may also be available for all categories, pending eligibility, funding, and labor market demand.

Spread the word to all who need to know. These One-Stop Career Centers are absolutely the place to go for the job seeker!

## Maryland CURE Meeting Schedule

**Saturday Dec 11, 2010**  
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Wilde Lake Interfaith Center**  
10431 Twin Rivers Road  
Columbia, MD 21044

NOTE: MD CURE meetings will be held quarterly on the third Saturday of March, June, September and the second Saturday of December

*Maryland CURE is a Chapter of CURE, a national grass-roots organization dedicated to reducing crime through reform of the criminal justice system.*



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The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to *matter*, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all. ~Leo Rosten

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