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TLN Expands Schedule to 18/7!!

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On Monday, March 3, TLN launched its 18-hour broadcast day format, and expanded programming days to seven days a week. This expanded schedule will provide for enhanced use throughout correctional facilities in six time zones. TLN now commences broadcasts much earlier for the Eastern time zone and concludes daily programming

much later for the Alaska and Hawaii subscribers. "It's been something we've been hoping to do for a long time," says TLN Director Anne Charles. "We want to provide maximum use for every subscriber. And we will expand again to maximize every moment of transponder time." This means that offenders working within a facility during the day

will be able to participate in everything from parenting skills to GED preparation and post-secondary courses on the new TLN schedule. Evenings and weekends open up a whole new world of options for use. What does the new schedule mean to you and your participants? Drop Anne a note at acharles@ceanational.org and let her know!

TLN...Membership Has Its Privileges!!

Anne Charles, TLN Project Director



When a site subscribes to TLN, what, exactly, do you get? If over 6500 hours of satellite-delivered staff and offender programming for \$1195 isn't enough (that's less than 20 cents an hour!!), let me share with you some other "membership benefits." Most importantly, TLN is YOUR NETWORK. We want to provide the programming that you need and can use at your site. It's like having your own personal "Request Line." Let me know what it is that you're looking for, and I'll do the searching to provide it. We are constantly working to increase our offender education offerings, and when it comes to staff development topics, we have access to programs from more than 26 national and federal agencies. "Increasing access" is what it's all about. The luxury of time and resources are reduced considerably when the gate locks behind you. TLN's mission is to enhance those opportunities, even given the limits at your location. We want to make your life **easier!** Additionally, we're there when you need us. Programming has now been expanded to 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Hopefully, this, again, increases access. Technical help is available, and I am also available to answer all your programmatic questions. Please feel free to contact me at my direct number: 208-773-7866 or drop me a line at acharles@ceanational.org. Of course, you can also contact me through my CEA voicemail (800-783-1232, ext. 16). I want to provide you with a speedy response, so don't hesitate to email or call. It's important to CEA that we maintain and grow our network **and** our educational offerings. We can continue to do this by your sustained subscriptions. Look for your invoice at your site, and as you work through the process to pay it, know that TLN is YOUR NETWORK, and we're right here, working for YOU!!!

College of the Air

Associate of Arts Degree Open to Correctional Staff!



Betsy Rezel, Interim Asst. Dean Teaching & Learning Technology Milwaukee Area Technical College

Have you been thinking of getting your Associate of Arts Degree but never quite get around to it? Through a partnership between CEA/TLN and MATC offenders have been offered courses leading to an Associate of Arts Degree. Staff are now offered the same courses at the reduced contract price of \$325 for a three-semester credit class and \$425 for a four-semester credit class. Courses are regular Freshman/Sophomore level college courses and are generally transferrable to any four-year college or university. SOCSCI 217 Valuing Diversity and PHYED 201 High Level Wellness will be offered during the Summer 2008 session on the Transforming Lives Network. Registration will be accepted from April 4 through May 19, 4, 2008.

During the Fall semester, 2008, seven courses will be offered. Registration will be accepted from June 6 through August 11 and classes will be held from August 25 through December 8.

- **ENG 201 English I**
- **HIST 211**
America Through 1877
- **SPEECH 201**
Elements of Speech I (*student must have access to a video camera and DVD burner*)
- **SOCSCI 221** American National Government and Politics Today
- **SOCSCI 201**
Introduction to Ethical Issues
- **ECON 202**
Principles of Macroeconomics (*new course*)
- **PSYCH 232**
Abnormal Psychology (*new course -- prerequisite: Psych 231*)

To register, visit the registration page on the program website <http://coa.matc.edu/registration.asp>. The registration form should be printed, completed, and mailed along with payment for the course fees to:

MATC COA

700 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Courses are taught by regular MATC instructors. Students watch videos in lieu of lectures. Assignments are emailed, faxed, or mailed to instructors who will return the work in the same way. Tests must be taken at a supervised site. The proctoring of the tests may be done within the corrections institution, in a public library or an area educational institution. Arrangements should be cleared with the instructor in advance. Staff desiring more information, please email Barbara Geddes (geddesb@matc.edu) or call her at 414.297.7323. Start realizing that degree today!

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Coffee County Family Services' Butterfly Project Comes to TLN!

A commitment to ensuring that no woman is left behind is what drives Lucille Latham to spend more than ten hours per week traveling the roads of Alabama with Sheriff Bryce Paul, carrying a message of Hope and breast self-care to women in jails who may not be reached through other methods. Now that message is coming to TLN.

Lucille lost her grandmother to breast cancer. In 1988, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to fight the fear and hopelessness, self-image issues alone. Lucille reflected on the fact that "women did not have the support they receive today." When, five years later, she was diagnosed with breast cancer in her second breast, she prayed for a way to turn her experience into something

positive. Today if you hear and see the enthusiasm and wit she uses as she describes her own experience in educating women on self-breast exams, breast cancer risk, mammography and how they can get free screenings, and the financial support if they need treatment, you can see that her request was answered.

She has found that women don't know that early detection is key. Once her own story gets their attention, she uses her Beads of Hope that are the actual sizes at which breast cancers may be found at various stages. She tells women not to be afraid of what they find, but of what they don't find.

Lucille and Coffee County Executive Director, Judy Crowley have brought together a team of state, local and

private providers in Coffee County and throughout the state of Alabama to support outreach to women in jails. In the past seven years, as an Avon grantee, Coffee County Family Services has provided education to more than 1800 women in local jails throughout the state. She and Sheriff Bryce have presented at national conferences where other states have expressed interest in bringing the Butterfly Project to their states.

The Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund is proud to support the Coffee County Family Service Center and Lucille's personal vision for the Butterfly Project to give women the information and courage to seek early detection services and to make sure that "no woman is left behind." Look for the Butterfly Project on TLN in May! Thanks, Avon! Thanks, Coffee County!

Site In The Spotlight: Wildwood CC

TLN-How Do I Use Thee? Let Me Count The Ways!

Lloyd M. Steward, Education Coordinator
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In prison education, the name of the game is to do what you can with what the budget limitations impose on you. Beg everything you can from any source you have at your disposal, borrow materials from existing programs, and steal everything else that isn't nailed down and make it work for your institution.

In the past that may have been the case. After all, we are in the 21st century and we are supposed to be better prepared, and have endless resources available from education, prison, and government organizations. One of those resources stands out from all others in material content, and the ease by which we are able to use it. I am talking about the Transforming Lives Network.

When I first started as an education coordinator for the corrections system all I had to work with were a lot of old courses in print form. These courses had been written and prepared by my predecessor for her teaching style. I tried to use them, tried to modify them to fit my teaching style and audience and failed miserably. I knew that I needed an adult education resource of superior quality, and I needed it yesterday.

Almost to the date that I came to that realization, I was introduced to Ms. Anne Charles. She was working with our drug and alcohol treatment unit setting them up with the Corrections Learning Network equipment and programs. This chance introduction to Ms. Charles and the Corrections Learning Net-

work was a true blessing. Since then I have used the CLN / TLN programs over and over in all types of corrections classes.

When Anne started working with the Transforming Lives Network (TLN) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA), I had a good feeling about it. I knew that we could

expect many great education programs to come from this partnership. With great anticipation I bought recording equipment for the DVD format and had just finished getting it installed when the early schedules came out. I started recording on that first week and I haven't stopped recording yet.

I know Anne is listening to the needs of the corrections educators by the variety and quality of the programs I have been recording and using in my classrooms. I started using the TLN materials from the TV-411 series to augment my existing pre--release materials. The materials have added a level of understanding of what is needed to live from day to



day for the younger inmates in the classes. Most of them have not had to face the daily job and family responsibilities. These classes help them to realize that if any change is to happen in their lives, it's up to them to make the needed changes.



Lloyd Steward, WCC Education Coord.

Our GED tutors have been using the GED series in their classroom and individual tutoring sessions. These TLN programs are also being included in classes for the general population throughout the month. We teach a combination of pre-apprenticeship, GED, Job Search, and Parenting classes every Monday through Friday every month. The GED final test scores have improved as a result of using this material.

I have to confess that I have managed to stretch my budget way beyond what I ever expected to get from it. The variety of materials that I have for use in my classes is high quality, easily understood, and is recognized by the probation officers as quality education for the inmates. We track the individual inmate's education classes in a corrections education database. This has become a valuable tool for the Probation Officers to use when considering probation or parole for the inmates.

If the past is any indicator of the quality of education materials we are receiving from TLN, our jobs could hopefully get somewhat easier. Our budgets can be stretched much further and we always hope that the inmates we teach will never return to our classes. My future plans include using TLN programming as an in-house channel televised program that will run seven days per week. I want to personally thank the TLN staff for the many great changes they have made in their programming and the additional hours of TLN broadcasting.

"I knew that we could expect many great education programs"

From CEA's Executive Director

Late on the night of March 12th the Second Chance Act passed Congress after Senator Shelby of Alabama released his hold on the bill. Senators have tremendous power -- even on bills that have passed the House and have majority support of the Senate. Around noon on the same day, during the CEA visit to Capitol Hill, Gene Guerrero of the Open Society, who had spearheaded this bill for the last two years, told our CEA delegation how crucial it was to get Senator Shelby to release his hold. John Stewart and Susan McKee went to Senator Shelby's office and had an impromptu face-to-face meeting with him. Magically, Senator Shelby took away his hold within the next hour or two and the bill passed.

Gene emailed everyone about this great news and I informed him about John and Susan's meeting. Here is what Gene wrote back to me last night on his Blackberry, "Please thank your people from Alabama. My guess is that their lobbying with Shelby made a big difference."

If anyone has any doubts about the efficacy of CEA on the Hill please take note. John and Susan were there at the right moment. As far as I am concerned "you gotta be there" in order to make a difference. One never knows when the magic moment pops up. No matter how much hard work is done

Many times, in the past, various CEA members, officers and directors of correctional education have



Washington, DC area. What happened to the Second Chance Act is the best example of the importance of working on Capitol Hill. Democracy is not simply voting; it is advocating for your cause. There are so many issues that Senators and Congressmen have to deal with and for which they have little or no preparation and information.

w o n - d e r e d why we always hold the annual CEA Forum in t h e

"Democracy is not simply voting"

Their legislative aides depend heavily on groups on each side of an issue to provide them with accurate information. That is, the CEA and other groups have to maintain a presence on Capitol Hill. Call it lobbying or call it advocacy, whatever. CEA has to communicate with legislative leaders.

As I write this column in late March we have to go forward and finish the major business at hand. The Higher Education Act, both the Senate version and the House version called College Opportunity and Affordability Act, contain favorable amendments to the current Grants for Youthful Offenders. And both have been passed and sent to the House and Senate conference committee. This is the farthest we have ever gotten with any amendments. The House version is more generous in that it eliminates all age and sentence restrictions while the Senate version moves the age eligibility up to age

35 and maintains the requirement that inmates must be within 5 years of release to qualify. CEA representatives met with House and Senate legislative aides and listened to the justifications for each amendment. The Council of Directors of Correctional Education headed by John Nally and the CEA Executive Board President Owen Modeland both joined the meetings. In the end we would like the House amendments to pass, but we were urged by the staff of Senator Specter to be careful. There are Senate enemies of any college aid for inmates and we may stand a better chance of changes by supporting the Senate version. We are hopeful that the Higher Education Act will be completed in late April and sent to President Bush for signature.

I would like to thank all those folks who journeyed down to Washington, DC on March 12th as well as C-Tech who sponsored the bus to take us back and forth. And thank you, John and Susan, big time, for being in the right place at the right time!

TLN Chooses TBC as Equipment Provider

TBC Integration has been chosen as the equipment provider for TLN. A link to the e-commerce site is provided on TLN's homepage. TLN will ultimately update equipment to an MPEG-4-capable receiver. This will allow for a potential second channel and the potential for the technology to de-illuminate offender decoders on staff development days. If you've been having problems with your decoder, or wish to update your receiver before you have problems, visit the TBC Integration website: <https://secure.tbcingegration.com/cea/>



Specifically Staff Development . . .

Albany Medical College Presents: Rapid HIV Testing & Diagnosing Acute HIV Infection



On **Wednesday, April 16**, TLN will broadcast “live” **“Rapid HIV Testing & Diagnosing Acute HIV Infection”** from 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m., Pacific Time (12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Eastern). This program is part of an ongoing satellite videoconference series entitled *The Management of HIV/AIDS in the Correctional & Community Setting*, which addresses clinical issues in the management of HIV-infected patients. This series is a unique, collaborative venture among Albany Medical College, the New York State Department of Correc-

tional Services and the private pharmaceutical industry. Each program addresses a different clinical aspect of HIV infection using the same format: didactic lectures, case presentations and a panel discussion. Who should attend? Physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists and other interested health care providers. CMEs and CNEs are available. To register and for more information: Visit Albany Medical College’s website at: www.amc.edu/hivconference, Email ybarraj@mail.amc.edu, or call 518-262-4674.

National Institute of Corrections 2008 Broadcast Schedule

Overview of NIC (tentative)

May 14, 2008
9:00 am–12:00 pm

Leadership Management

June 4, 2008
9:00 am–12:00 pm

Gangs Management

June 25, 2008
9:00 am–11:00 am &
12:00 pm–2:00 pm

Preparing for a Flu Pandemic

July 9, 2008
9:00 am–12:00 pm

Correctional Industries

August 20, 2008
9:00 am–12:00 pm

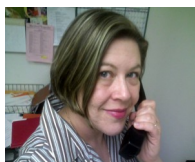
Women Offenders Workforce

September 23 –25, 2008
9:00 am–11:00 am &
12:00 pm–2:00 pm

Register at <http://nicic.org/Broadcasts>

CEA Office Corner

Heather Comstock, CEA Asst. Director



The CEA Executive Office has mailed invoices for 2008-2009 broadcast year. The information that we had in the previous invoice file has been duplicated as our subscriber records are still incomplete. If you have not received your renewal invoice, please contact CEA at 800-783-1232 and let us know!

Please, please contact the CEA office to update your site contact information! We need points of contact for staff training, inmate education, and billing! Current information helps us ensure you get the information you need in a timely manner! If you have any questions about your account, please contact the office at 800-783-1232!

Did you know . . .
A TLN Subscription costs
less than twenty cents per hour?

CEA Plans 63rd Annual Conference . . . Soaring to New Heights Through Education!

Join us in our Mile High Setting as we celebrate the 63rd Annual Correctional Education Association International Conference on July 13-16, 2008. Denver in summer promises to be a fabulous place to energize our efforts to educate our country’s most challenging students. The conference will commence at Denver’s largest hotel — The Sheraton (formerly Adam’s Mark Hotel). Call (888) 627 8405 for more information.

Register now at <http://ceanational.org/events/denver08.htm> to guarantee your attendance at the largest and most informative correctional education conference in the

United States. Over ninety workshops are being scheduled, accompanied by over fifty vendors of correctional education products committed to the success of your educational programs.

Thinking of presenting? If you would like to share specific instructional strategies, research projects, activities or effective learning modules, please consider presenting at the conference. Just complete the online Call for Presenters on the Denver Conference website and you may be selected as an official workshop presenter. The deadline for proposals is April 1, 2008.





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