



State of New Jersey
NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD

JON S. CORZINE
Governor

PO Box 862
TRENTON NJ 08625-0862
(609) 292-4257
www.state.nj.us/parole

PETER J. BARNES, JR.
Chairman

YOLETTE C. ROSS
Vice-Chairwoman

April 23, 2008

David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer
State House Annex
P.O. Box 068
Trenton, NJ 08625-0068

Dear Mr. Rosen:

The following is in response to Chairman Greenwald's questions following the State Parole Board Assembly Budget Committee hearing:

Assemblyman Johnson:

- Please provide the committee with information on collaboration with community colleges and state universities to provide education to parolees.

The New Jersey State Parole Board has had ongoing relationships with the community college network over the past several years. Examples are as follows:

Essex County College "Project Next Step" is in its third year of providing educational opportunities to our residential program parolees on campus.

Union County College will start a new program in the fall of 2008 based on the Essex County College model.

Brookdale Community College has six parolees enrolled on campus and provides interns to one of our day reporting centers.

Passaic County College has a certificate program on reentry.

Assemblyman Schaer:

- Please provide the committee with information on the Parole Board's efforts to help parolees obtain employment.

The New Jersey State Parole Board has had a long time professional relationship with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, which has been formalized in two separate Memorandums of Understanding over the years to provide a partnership in having all parolees report to and register at their local respective ONE STOP Career Center. We have also collaborated on joint training initiatives for "offender employment specialists" and grants with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

We have established and shared a statewide database of "offender friendly" employers for job referrals to our population.

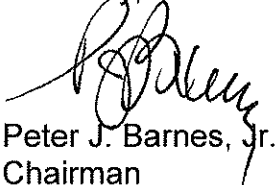
We have organized and participated in regional and local job fairs that benefit our populations.

Each local District Parole Office also maintains a localized bank of employment referrals.

We have also established a statewide employment coordinator for the Division of Parole to act as liaison with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The liaison is also establishing relationships with local statewide unions to uncover apprenticeships for parolees.

Should you require additional information please contact my office at (609) 292-0845.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Barnes, Jr.
Chairman

PJB/cg

c: Mr. Rousseau, Treasurer
Ms. Holzbaaur, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Mr. O'Connor, Assistant Treasurer
Ms. Messenger, Assembly Democratic Office
Ms. Schermerhorn, Assembly Republican Office
Ms. Raughley, Office of Legislative Services