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**Preparing the
incarcerated to be
successful returning
citizens**

**Based on
Getting Ahead While
Getting Out**

**A reentry model that
gives citizens returning
from incarceration a
community and
relationship-based
approach that begins in
pre-release and follows
through with long-term
support.**

**SATURDAY
MAY 19, 2018
8:30 AM- 3:30 PM
PRISONER REENTRY
TRAINING
St Paul Parish
Lakeland Drive
5971 Highway 25
Flowood, MS 39232**

**REGISTER by
calling:
Marvin Edwards:
601-594-8254
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213-215-6103**

**PRESENTER:
Philip E. DeVol, Co-author**



<https://www.ahaprocess.com/solutions/criminal-justice-system/getting-out/description>

In partnership with Sr. Madeline Kavanagh we have acquired a small grant from her order to institute this re-entry program in the prison system. This can be a very exciting and beneficial project for the returning citizens as well as for the communities they are returning to. The system is very lacking in any functional reform efforts as it stands now. Lack of funds and budget cut continue to challenge MDOC in their efforts to provide these very necessary programs for offenders. MDOC has offered the opportunity for volunteers to aide in the effort to improve the chances of success to those entering back into society.

This program has been used in other States with very good results. There are great testimonials available on u-tube and other web sites. www.gettingaheadnetwork.com

As concerned and active Catholic Parishes in our State we have the opportunity to have an important affect on individuals and on our communities by answering the call of our faith to offer the peace of Christ to all, especially those who are in great need of that peace.

Please offer your time and talent to tis effort to make our presence known in this project.

The attachment has all information of the upcoming training/workshop opportunity.

We are privileged to have Philip DeVol who is the co-author of this program and a nationally known speaker on poverty and prison reform. He is with the AHA groups who also authored ; *Bridges out of*

Poverty, a nationally used program to work to help those held in the bonds of poverty learn how to work toward freedom from that bondage.

This could be a very rewarding opportunity for our communities and also fits very well with the Dioceses Envisioning plan.

Please take this time to come to the event. Even if you do not want to be certified as a facilitator you are welcome to hear what the program has to offer and volunteer opportunities outside the prison system will be available in this program

Please contact me or Sister as soon as possible so that we can be prepared. You must be signed up to attend.

Thank you and may God bless this endeavor.

Chaplain Marvin Edwards OFS

COALITION FOR SUCCESSFUL REENTRY OF RETURNING CITIZENS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The **Reentry Program for citizens returning to society in Mississippi** will provide people already working in the MS prison system, as well as returning citizens, with the tools needed to initiate an effective and long-term prison reentry program. This model is based on the GETTING AHEAD WHILE GETTING OUT REENTRY MODEL THAT REDUCES RECIDIVISM THROUGH LEARNING, BUILDING RESOURCES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND COLLABORATION. This model can be found in the Getting Ahead Network www.gettingaheadnetwork.com

The reentry program trains facilitators who in turn will work with prison collaborators who have some formation as chaplain associates.

The program will include:

- Recruit facilitators and investigators (term used for participants who will be responsible for discovering what influences shaped their lives and who will be planning their future) Together they are considered CO-FACILITATORS
- Organize the orientation that is provided by the Getting Ahead program
- Work toward forming a reentry coalition which will include partnerships with people of influence

This entire process will be permeated with efforts to inculcate a deeper understanding of the dignity of each person on the part of all participants.