

**Proposal from Don Hawkins of
Other Peoples Properties, LLC & Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc.
To
Indiana Department of Correction &
Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility (PREF)**

Working (very rough) Notes for a Proposed Conference on Re-Entry
By Don Hawkins (Initial Proposal 5Jul07 to Mike Lloyd) (Revised 3Jun08 at 20:30)

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DOC/PREF/PFC - Contact Information: - [looking for suggestions here](#) –

David Burch, Directory of ReEntry, IDOC

Mike Lloyd, Superintendent of the Educational Facility – PREF

Latoya Lane, Assistant Superintendent - PREF

Becky Stegemiller, Assistant to the Superintendent - PREF

Judy Helms, Community Services Coordinator – PREF

Dalton Haney, Public Information Officer - PREF

Jody Shell, Re-Entry Job Developer – PREF – now gone

Wendy Knight, Superintendent of Correctional Facility - PCF

John George, Assistant Superintendent of ReEntry for – PREF – now at PCF

Dennis Ludwick, Community Services Coordinator – PCF – now gone

I would like to get the women’s prison reentry team involved to

Organizers - Contact Information: - [looking for suggestions here](#) –

[After further consultation with my limited political mind I think I just want to deal with a very limited number of Organizers that are “Information & Referral Services” based with no \(political, financial or otherwise\) hidden agendas expect to help PREF and the ex-offenders getting out of prison– if that is possible!](#)

Indiana DOC -

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce – contacted – (they will participate, but on limited level)

WorkOne – contacted (PREF and WorkOne directly)

Don Hawkins, PREF Community Advisory Board Member & Ex-Offender - 317-519-9764

Kim Boyd, The H.O.P.E. Team – 317-931-3055 ????? - Not sure about this one now but I will ask

Connect 2 Help – contacted Wendy and ready to go

State - Indiana OFBCI - Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives – David Liebel

City - Indianapolis - Douglas Hairston, Faith Based Coordinator – contacted

City – Indianapolis - Khadyah Muhammad, ReEntry Director – contacted

CICF - Central Indiana Community Foundation – contacted

The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis – contacted

Will Higgins - Indianapolis Star (because of the 11Feb07 article – 317-444-6043 ??????)

(very interested - he wants to be kept up to date on our progress)

Don Hawkins’ personal notes for a proposed Conference for Ex-Offenders
Please contact me at 317-519-9764 for Suggestions or email me at: Mr@DonHawkins.com

1. I own the web site names: HomelessHelpers.com | ReEntryHelpers.com | IndianaHelpers.com | IndianaReEntry.com & HomelessReEntryHelpers.com – they are currently all pointing to the same place. The only name I am promoting now is the ReEntryHelpers.com but I want to change that to IndianaHelpers.com.
2. My (Don's) personal goal is to get every potential mentor, volunteer, teacher, tutor, instructor, Organization, employers and other business leader I/we can think of to this meeting/conference that can hear the D.O.C. ReEntry/PREF story and what PREF needs to make it successful.

Needless to say I would also expect case workers, specialists, probation officers, parole officers, etc. to be there too.

During and after the conference it should be PREF's "team members" that are responsible for convincing the attendees on how they can help and/or work together with PREF. I am not qualified to pick and choose anyone for the speakers – that would be DOC's & PREF's job.

3. **The main goals of this proposed conference is to secure faith, and community based persons, and/or organizations help D.O.C., PREF (and later PFC, Pendleton, etc.) succeed:**
 - a. Mentors
 - b. Volunteers
 - c. Teachers
 - d. Tutors
 - e. Instructors
 - f. Social Service Organizations/Partners
 - g. Employers
 - h. Business/Private Sector Partners

Collectively the above, with the help of existing mentors, volunteers, etc. will help PREF find solutions on finding jobs, housing, education, etc. to build on what has already been started at PREF.

We want this conference to be a working conference with actual offenders, actual mentors, actual teachers and actual organizations, etc. that are already making a difference at PREF. This will be a show-and-tell conference. PREF will inform the attendees of the conference on the benefits of helping out in our community and telling them what PREF has, and can accomplish if it is properly implemented with all the tools it needs, letting them know that PREF can only achieve its goals with community involvement.

Remember, ever body wants to be part of a successful venture. We need to make PREF a project that people can participate in, that is successful, of which they can be proud to be a part of. We have to show them that even though PREF has only been in operation for less than two years, it already has many successes, and explain to them why it could even be a bigger success if they and/or their organization would get involved.

Our goal (this conference) will be to secure “existing” private service organization, that are already working with; the homeless, e-offenders, veterans, etc. Organizations that would be interested in working with the PREF residence “inside the fence” as well as “outside the fence” on a daily/weekly basis so they can create a built-in client base so when the resident leaves PREF they already have someone and somewhere to get help from that they already know.

4. We do not want this conference to be just another information conference, where people stop, look, listen, pick up brochures, swap business cards, file the information away, and do nothing.

We will be there taking applications and telling them about the screening process they have to go thru and asking them when, and where they can start mentoring, volunteering, teaching, etc.

5. I/we need to make up a questioner/survey sheet that will be sent out to all potential persons and organizations that are in our data bases that may have an interest in PREF, and asking them if they would be interested in participating in our proposed conference.
 - a. By Email
 - b. By Mail
 - c. By Fax
 - d. By TV public service announcements
 - e. By Radio public service announcements
 - f. BY Newspaper public service announcements
 - g. By word of mouth
 - h. By Press Releases
 - i. By
6. If we can get enough positive responses to “fill a room” we can then decide when and where to have it.
7. Then, we need to make up Flyers, Posters, Brochures, etc. for the Conference and get the word out to the media and everyone else we can think of.
 - a. Add to the web site in .PDF files
 - b. Who will pay for these?
8. I would suggest that this Conference not be for the general public at this time (but I’m still open for suggestions). It should be for existing private and government social service type people and organizations, and community business leaders. I believe that there are enough existing people and organizations out there, that if they were to be made aware of what PREF is and what they can do, would come forward and help fill the current void. It will be the conferences job to “get the word out”.

I think (and I think you do to) the private sector is the “missing link” to this and any successful reentry program.

9. Title and Theme of the proposed conference:

a. Ex-Offenders – A Conference on Re-Entry

“Looking for Solutions thru Community Networking & Teamwork”

Personally I do not like the words “partner”, “neighbor”, “ex-Prisoner”, “ex-Con”, etc. it’s insulting, and I do not like some of the other words that the so called “politically correct” groups try to use – they and I are Ex-Offenders. Some of the titles they want to call us, most of us can not even spell! (we have offended but that was in the past) but that is DOC’s call.

10. Date of the proposed conference:

- a. To be determined, but Mr. Lloyd wants it sometime in late July or August. He says the sooner the better but it has to be done right.

11. Place of the proposed conference:

- a. To be determined but the obvious location is the Indiana Government Center

12. Time of the proposed conference:

- a. To be determined – I would suggest an afternoon meeting from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
- b. Registration, coffee, juice and donuts would be available at noon
- c. I would be open for an all day event if we could put together some workshops or other specialized meetings.

13. Itinerary: - [looking for suggestions here](#) –

- a. Welcome
- b. Introduction and some political history if necessary
- c. DOC video of the PREF facility
- d. DOC PowerPoint presentation on the past, present, and future goals of the PREF facility
- e. Some success stories
- f. What we need – Teachers, tutors, mentors, volunteers, instructors, etc.
- g. What we need – jobs, housing, etc.
- h. Questions and answers to a panel of PREF staff.
- i. Let them know we’re open for business – Start passing out applications and start signing ‘em up

14. Work Shops/Resource Tables ??? – not sure about this one

- a. Jobs / training
- b. Housing
- c. Medical
- d. transportation

15. Parking – If the Indiana Government center is used, Deby suggested that we need to reserve some parking spots of the roof of the government parking garage across the street and come up with some parking passes

16. Food – I can get snacks, coffee, water, etc. I will pay for this but needless to say I will accept any help and/or suggestions.