

REINTEGRATION OF EX-OFFENDERS – ADULT Generation 4

GRANTEE: SHIELDS for Families, Inc.

LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES: Watts and Compton neighborhoods, South Central Los Angeles, CA

TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (PY 2010 Appropriation): \$1,170,000

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: N/A

KEY PARTNERSHIPS: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Office (SAPC), Los Angeles and Compton Unified School Districts, the Department of Rehabilitation, St. John's Well Child and Family Center, Charles Drew AIDS Education program, Health Net, Department of Health Services Maternal and Child Health Division, CalWorks (TANF) mental health services, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), United Way, California Department of Rehabilitation, Gardena One-Stop Center, Solar Source, Baus Construction, RAAM Construction, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Transition Unit (CTU), Los Angeles County Probation Department, and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

KEY FEATURES: SHIELDS For Families, Inc. proposes to create a Career Training Center (CTC), in collaboration with partner agencies, to provide Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) adult program services within the Watts and Compton communities of South Central Los Angeles. This Training Center will provide comprehensive employment and supportive wrap-around services to a minimum of 400 ex-offenders returning to South Central Los Angeles. The overall goals of the program are: 1) To ensure participants become employed; 2) To ensure participants retain employment; 3) To place participants in jobs paying above-average wages; and 4) To ensure a low recidivism rate among program participants. The proposed program will focus on vocational career training in two specific industries. Big Time Telephone Services (BTTS) specializes in the telecommunications industry and will provide a Fiber Optics Technician Training course. The North American Association of Green Technology (NAAGT) will provide "green" vocational training in the field of energy-efficient building, construction, and retrofitting.

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