

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** George Moriarty, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** September 15, 2011

**Subject:** **Fact Sheets Clarifying Federal Policies That Affect Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and Their Families**

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**Purpose:** To share the publication of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council "Reentry MythBuster" series, which is aimed at dispelling commonly held misunderstandings about Federal policies that affect ex-offenders and their reentry into society.

**Background:** On August 30, 2011 the U.S. Department of Labor and Training Administration (ETA) published Training and Employment Notice No. 8-11, Federal Interagency Reentry Council "Reentry MythBuster" Series. The Federal Interagency Reentry Council has a mission to support the Administration's efforts in advancing public safety and well-being through enhanced communication, coordination, and collaboration across Federal agency initiatives that:

- make communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization,
- assist those returning from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens, and
- save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.

The Reentry MythBuster materials provide a ready reference for intake and case management personnel and may serve as take-away information for clients and other One-Stop visitors.

These materials are also helpful for employers (including Federal agencies) who want to better understand the appropriate use of criminal record information in making hiring decisions. The topics addressed include:

- Child Support
- Social Security Benefits
- Parental Rights
- Federal Bonding Program
- TANF Benefits
- Federal Student Financial Aid
- SNAP
  - Benefits
  - Identification
  - Mailing Address
- Hiring/Criminal Records Guidance
- Federal Hiring Policies
- Veterans Benefits
- Public Housing

To download the entire set of Reentry MythBusters please go to:

[http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/documents/0000/1090/REENTRY\\_MYTHBUSTERS.pdf](http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/documents/0000/1090/REENTRY_MYTHBUSTERS.pdf).

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