



L: Governor Dannel P. Malloy & Mrs. Cathy Malloy at the Prison Arts Annual Show, May 2017
R: Culinary trainees catering the Conference reception

The Roadmap to Restoration

In 2017, CPA continued to map out our role in addressing the most pressing issues in Connecticut's communities. We strengthened our alliances and participated in many collaborations as part of that process. CPA has sought to expand our reach and fill more of the gaps in services for people with a history in the criminal justice system:

Criminal Justice Reform: Executive Director Maureen Price-Boreland was on the planning committee for the 2017 Connecticut **"Reimagining Criminal Justice"** Conference, hosted by Governor Dannel Malloy and Mrs. Cathy Malloy. The evening reception was held at our Prison Arts Program Annual Show at Capital Community College. Food was catered by Bear's Smokehouse BBQ and Zest 280, home of CPA's Culinary Training Program.

The Opioid Epidemic: CPA opened RISE, our new residential substance abuse treatment program for boys. "Recovery is Empowering," RisE offers a minimum of 45 days of intensive treatment for the boys while they continue their education, build leadership skills, and grow through enrichment activities.

Expanding our Reach: CPA launched our "Roadmap to Restoration" information series to raise community awareness about the myths, realities and potential for people with a record. The one hour sessions focus on the long journey to recovery, restoration and responsibility our participants face and how, with the right support, they can change their lives for the better.

Blueprint for Hartford Reentry Services: With an Innovation Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, CPA teamed up with Capital Workforce Partners, the City of Hartford, CCSU, CSSD, DOC and OPM to develop a plan and the goal is to launch a Re-Entry Welcome Center in Hartford in 2018. Dr. Sarah Diamond conducted detailed research, including focus groups with people who had formerly been incarcerated, to determine the priority services for the Center.

Respectfully,

Maureen Price-Boreland, J.D.
 Executive Director

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ROADMAP TO RESTORATION



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Recovery, Restoration, Responsibility. These three words represent the journey a person takes when making monumental changes in their life after prison. There are many myths and assumptions about life after prison, and through our theme “Roadmap to Restoration”, CPA will demonstrate what can be accomplished by telling the stories of people we serve.

Recovery

“I want to share with other women that we do recover and can heal.”



Victoria Steele
State Employee & College Student

Victoria: “I was raised in the suburbs by two hard working parents, but once I started using drugs, my life spiraled into a living hell. For nearly 30 years, drugs, crime, alleyways, basements, jails, hospitals and institutions became my way of life.

“I finally got tired.”

“I was tired of prison being a revolving door for me, so I contacted CPA’s Resettlement Program. **Their staff supported me over and over again.** When I’d fall down, they would help get me back up. Not only did they stick by me during my recovery from my drug addiction, they supported me through my recovery from the trauma and abuse that I experienced for many years.

I have now been sober for seven years. I have my own car and apartment and a great job with the State. **I am living proof that people can recover and heal.”**

Responsibility

“I’m learning more about my purpose and working to help others find theirs.”



Felicia Jenkins
Head Chef, Zest 280 & Trainer for CPA culinary program

Felicia: “I grew up in my father’s restaurants. When I was 13, Dad died from lung cancer and my life became a struggle. My mother passed when I was young and I only had my stepparent, who was abusive. I ended up being in and out of group and foster homes. My poor choices finally landed me in prison.

When I was released in 2003, I wanted to do things on my own. I reached out to the Resettlement Program and the staff helped me get back on my feet.

“I loved that CPA affirmed my hope and strength so that I could keep pushing myself to be better.”

“I looked for work in the area I knew best: restaurants. My first job was a dishwasher at the Pond House, where owner Louis Lista became a special mentor to me. After working my way up to kitchen prep cook, I left to work at other restaurants. Now, I am back with the Pond House as Head Chef at Zest 280 Eatery and Trainer for the CPA Culinary Training Program. I had promised my father that I would one day own a restaurant. I tell Louis that I want that restaurant to be the Pond House so I can continue to help people like me to get a second chance.”

Restoration

“When I couldn’t find an internship because of my record, CPA gave me a chance.”

Curtis: “Just before starting college, I decided to earn some extra pocket money by selling weed. It was a normal thing to do in my neighborhood. More normal than having a job. Within three weeks, I was arrested for dealing. I was given probation and referred to CPA programs, but I kept violating my probation. The judge eventually sent me to prison. My sentence was for 2 ½ years, but I knew within 2 ½ DAYS that prison was not for me.



Curtis Jerome, CPA
Intervention Specialist & Case Manager

“I was very motivated to live my life differently.”

“Once I was released, I immediately enrolled in college. My program required an internship, but I could not secure one, even though I was being upfront about my record. Then I interviewed at CPA---where I had been a client several years before--and they gave me a chance. **They understood that my record doesn’t make me a bad person---**I just made bad decisions. I finished my internship and stayed at CPA where I still am today. **I am so grateful that they helped me to have the career that I have always wanted.”**

Expanding the Roadmap in 2017

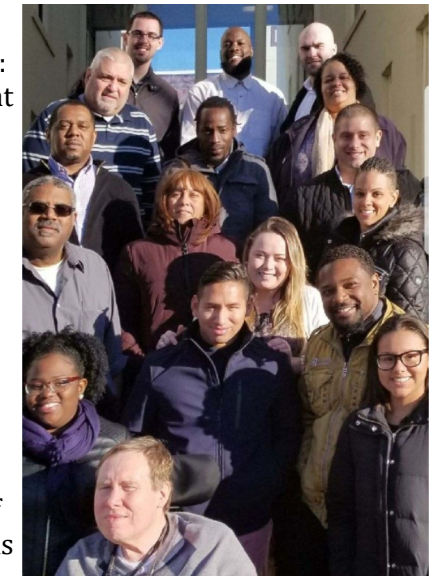
- CPA’s Alternative in the Community Programs offered the National Career Readiness training to its participants. This industry-standard credential is sought for by employers because it certifies that a job candidate has the essential skills for workplace success.
- In just over 18 months, Footwear with Care has significantly grown. Founded by journalist and author Abby Moore, Footwear with Care (FWC) has distributed more than 1700 pairs of shoes to Hartford’s Homeless since its start in 2016. The major partners for the FWC initiative are FleetFeet West Hartford, CT Podiatric Medicine Association, the Hartford Police Department and CPA. Through Abbey’s passion and leadership, over \$50,000 have been raised for FWC for shoes and socks worth tens of thousands of dollars have been donated to those in need.
- Thanks to the “Run Louis Run” Campaign, launched by the Pond House Café, for raising over \$43,000 to support our Culinary Training Program at Zest 280. Louis Lista, owner of the two restaurants, is living proof of how local businesses can make an impact!
- The Willis Foundation donated over \$15,000 to CPA for our Housing and Basic Needs Fund. The donation was the proceeds from the annual Willis Golf Tournament. In 2017, the Fund provided over 20 CPA participants with security deposits, rental assistance and other basic needs support.

CPA’s 2017 PROGRAM OF THE YEAR Hartford Alternative in the Community

Community Partners in Action is proud to name the Hartford Alternative in the Community Program our 2017 Program of the Year.

Under the leadership of Program Managers Anthony McLendon and Derek Morrissey, the Hartford Alternative in the Community Program’s well-earned recognition is due to the staff’s exceptional program proficiency, teamwork and consistency in achieving multiple risk reduction goals. Staff are dedicated, affirmative, work to build trust with participants and support them as they strive to achieve pro-social goals.

This past year’s program highlights include: recruiting and training 16 interns to work at the program; participation in several job fairs, most notably the Greater Hartford Reentry Council’s Annual Second Chance Career Fair; distributing winter coats and jackets and over 1,000 hygiene products to participants in need; establishing the Goodwin College initiative where participants attend the College’s Manufacturing Program; attaining a level one data quality rating for the 6th consecutive year; maintaining a recidivism rate well below goal; and saving the lives of several residents who had adverse reactions to relapse.



Congratulations to the staff for their dedication to each other, our participants and mission of CPA!

HAIC Staff Front to Back L-R: Richard Castagno, Yanique Walton, Victor Lira, Allison Cunningham, Daniel Hall, Enid Largaespada, Tony McLendon, Mary Jane Laboy, Karyn Hoffman, Curtis Jerome, Derek Morrissey, Jose Morales, Derrick Williams, Brooke Dunlap, Ryan Franklin, Anthony Carter and Matt D’Orsi. **Not Pictured: Nichole Cahill, Travis Cooley, Jasmine Hall, Camille Heslop, Mabel Nieves and Sonia Rodriguez.**

CPA 2017 Impact

- **7452** adults and youth participated in 12 programs.
- **3,045** people were helped with housing and basic needs.
- **374** adults lived in CPA transitional housing for 3 to 24 months.
- **278** adults completed substance abuse education programming.
- **440** adults completed employability skills or career training, or enrolled in school.
- **184** participants found employment.
- **31,350 people** viewed artworks at nine exhibitions featuring the Prison Arts Program.
- **4,981** people performed 35,743 hours of community service.
- **148** youth reengaged in their education.
- **790** youth enrichment, recreation & leadership activities provided.
- **520 lbs.** of donated to food banks from community gardens.