

ABC Prison Literacy is presenting a ground breaking regional conference on the importance of providing educational opportunities to the inmate population.

The Problem. The average reading level of inmates in prisons across the country is below fifth grade. 67% of inmates cannot write a brief letter to explain a billing error. They cannot read a map or understand a bus schedule. Currently, 91% of these inmates receive NO literacy training. It is no surprise that 49% of these inmates who received no education while in prison are soon back in prison. On the other hand, 80% of those who participated in educational programs in prison are not re-incarcerated - resulting in cost savings for the correctional system and for the tax payer.

Part of the Solution.: Current research shows that without education and training programs in prison, these people will not make it when released. For many, prison is their last chance at receiving an education and their gateway to the marketplace. Today 2% of the prison budget is spent on education. We can do better for both prisoners and taxpayers. This conference will provide an opportunity to explore some of the solutions. Help make this possible. Be part of the solution. Come join us.

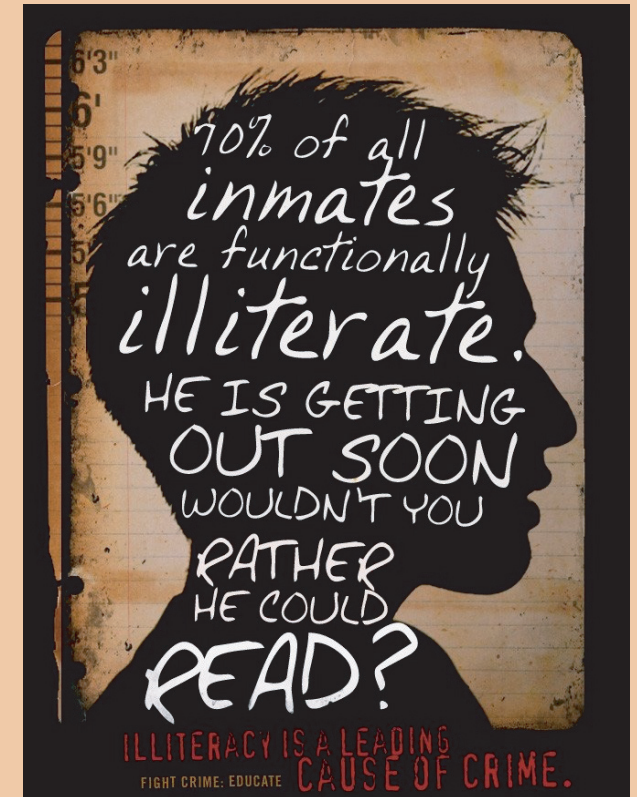
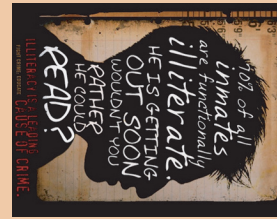
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- 9:00 REGISTRATION and COFFEE
9:15- 9:30 WELCOME
9:30-10:45 IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN PRISON
A Place to Stand Jimmy Santiago Baca
10:45-12:00 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE WORKED IN PRISONS:
Jimmy Santiago Baca
A letter from Sammy Moore - a member of
L.I.F.E. incarcerated at N.J. State Prison
Walter Lomax - a recently exonerated prisoner
People and Stories
College of NJ Writing Program
Arts Programs - Krista Brune
Q and A
12:00-1:00 LUNCH
Program Display Tables
Film Theatre:
"How Do You Spell Murder?"
Documentary on the power of literature to
change Lives, Jimmy Santiago Baca
"Last Graduation"
"Maximum Security Education," Bard College
Prison Initiative
"Freedom Road," writing program at Edna
Malon State Prison for Women
1:00-3:00 MOVING FORWARD
Bard College Prison Initiative
Matt Sheridan - ex-prisoner, now teaching at
several colleges
Walter Lomax - recently exonerated prisoner
Jimmy Santiago Baca
Lydell Sherrer - Acting Assistant Commissioner
for the Division of Operations, N.J. Dept. of
Correction
Thomas Scully - Assistant Parole Commissioner
Patricia Fernandez-Kelly - senior lecturer in
Sociology at Princeton University
Q and A
3:00-3:15 NEXT STEPS
3:15-4:00 FILM THEATRE (cont'd from noon showings)

Jimmy Santiago Baca Keynote Speaker

Jimmy Santiago Baca is an award-winning author and a nationally recognized speaker, who at the age of 21 was illiterate and sentenced to a maximum security facility. He emerged from prison with the ability to read and a passion for writing literature and poetry. He has since attained a BA in English and a PhD in Literature. He is the author of many novels, books of poetry and several screen plays, and has received national and international awards for his writing. Baca has devoted his life to writing and teaching others who desire an education. He conducts readings and workshops in universities and in prisons throughout the United States on the powerful impact books, reading and writing can have on changing lives.

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Registration Form

Name _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
Registration Fee: \$20. (Students Free) Lunch: \$8. Amount enclosed: \$ _____
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