

President's Message

Welcome to the website of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA). If you work in the field of Adult or Juvenile Community Supervision, Adult or Juvenile Detention/Corrections, Victims' Advocates, or treatment, counseling, transitional housing or any other aspect of offender re-entry, MASCA is your association. While we primarily attract members from Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, criminal justice professionals from outside our region are welcome to join as well. Our membership includes persons who are employed by Local, County, State, and Federal agencies as well as private companies that provide services to the criminal justice population.

MASCA has a strong tradition of providing excellent training during our Annual Conference, which is held each year in June. We have speakers and workshops presenting both local and national correctional topics and information. MASCA also provides college scholarships to our members and their families, makes charitable contributions, and provides letters of support for legislation that will improve our chances for success when dealing with our offender population. MASCA is a regional affiliate of the American Correctional Association (ACA), the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), and the American Jail Association (AJA). As a regional affiliate, MASCA is represented on the Boards of Directors of ACA and APPA and involved in decision making for both of these associations.

MASCA has implemented a strategic plan to guide our activities throughout the year and ensure that we do not lose focus on the association's mission. I hope you will take a few minutes to browse through our website and check out all that MASCA has to offer. If you are not already a MASCA member, I encourage you to join. I also encourage you to join one of the MASCA planning committees and become involved in the association. The more people involved, the stronger MASCA will be!

I write a short article in each edition of the MASCA Connection Newsletter, published quarterly and sent electronically to all members through email.

I hope to see all of you at this year's conference!

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