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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act –
Saving Tax Dollars and Creating Jobs by Rehabilitating Prisoners**

With the assistance of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) economic stimulus plan, local non-profit California Human Development has been able to create new programs that offer assistance to the neediest people in our community, as well as add new jobs to our economy at a time when we need it most. Our Prisoner Reentry Program (PRI) is just one program which has been a great success. This program delivers transitional services to individuals returning to their communities from jail. With successful re-entry, there are great benefits to the community including improved public safety and a tremendous cost savings by reducing the chances for recidivism by providing support, guidance and opportunity to newly released inmates who are willing to make positive changes and learn the tools needed to succeed in the community. To date, California Human Development's Prisoner reentry program has had a 92% success rate.

Below is just one example of the good work California Human Development is doing with ARRA funding.

'Karen' is a recent graduate of the PRI program; she was selected from the jail population after approval in 2008. At the time of her incarceration, her children had been removed by Child Protective Services due to a felony child endangerment case which was the result of her substance abuse. Karen's program began with residential treatment and after completion she entered an intensive five day a week perinatal program and personal counseling. Karen now has her own apartment, is a full-time student at a junior college, and has recently been reunited with her daughter through Child Protective Services. Karen is now living drug and alcohol free as a productive member of our community. California Human Development is very proud of the PRI program and its many graduates.