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Providing Hope and Help to Veterans

CRT Hosts Regional Conference on Helping Veterans Involved in the Judicial System

HARTFORD – Leading experts on veterans’ issues from across the mid-Atlantic region will join together Thursday to discuss the state of veterans in Connecticut at a conference hosted by Community Renewal Team and organized by Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Featured speakers include: Linda Spoonster Schwartz, a nurse, advocate and activist devoted to improving the lives of America’s 24 million veterans; James E. Dzurenda, appointed by Governor Dannel Malloy as the 8th Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Correction; and Stephen R. Grant, executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Connecticut Judicial Branch.

The day-long conference also includes a panel discussion in which veterans will share their story on how they were helped through their troubles with the judicial system and what programs made a difference to their abilities to get their lives back on track. Veteran homelessness, housing and employment issues will also be addressed during the one-day conference.

The conference is open to members of the media.

WHAT: Conference on Veterans hosted by Community Renewal Team and presented by Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association and The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

WHEN: Thursday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Community Renewal Team, 555 Windsor St., Hartford, third floor.

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Community Renewal Team, Inc. is the designated Community Action Agency for Middlesex and Hartford Counties and is the largest non-profit provider of human services in Connecticut. The agency’s mission is Preparing Our Community to Meet Life’s Challenges. The mission is achieved each day by helping people and families change their lives and create their own opportunities in becoming self-reliant while making sure basic needs are met. CRT’s programs include Head Start, Meals on Wheels, energy assistance, supportive housing and shelters, and many others, serving people in more than 60 cities and towns in both our core catchment area and throughout Connecticut. Visit the www.crtct.org.