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American Probation and Parole Association to offer Cognitive Behavior Change Curricula through New Partnership

Lexington, KY, May 22, 2006 – The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) is pleased to announce a newly formed partnership with the National Curriculum & Training Institute, Inc (NCTI), of Phoenix, Arizona. For more than 25 years, NCTI has been providing cognitive behavior change curricula to agencies across North America.

The partnership is beneficial to community corrections practitioners on two levels:

1. APPA will now be able to offer practitioners in the field of community corrections a comprehensive array of Cognitive Based Life Skills and Offense Specific Curriculum. These cognitive based curricula clearly align with “What Works” principles that research has proven to be effective in reducing recidivism.
2. Through this partnership, APPA will be offering probation, parole, and private practitioners accredited Certification Training for facilitating cognitive behavioral groups using these powerful curricula.

The APPA Mission Statement States that we are to “*serve, challenge and empower our members and constituents by educating, communicating and training; advocating and influencing; acting as a resource and conduit for information, ideas and support; developing standards and models; and collaborating with other disciplines.*”

Through this exciting new partnership, APPA is reaching out to bring the best curricula and training to its members and constituents.

For more information about the partnership and the training available, contact Karen Dunlap at (859) 244-8211 or kdunlap@csg.org; or Alan Werner at (602) 452-5505 or awerner@ncti.org.

About APPA:

The American Probation and Parole Association is an international association composed of individuals actively involved with probation, parole and community-based corrections, in both adult and juvenile sectors. All levels of government including local, state/provincial, legislative, executive, judicial, and federal agencies are counted among its constituents. By taking the initiative, APPA has grown to become the voice for thousands of probation and parole practitioners including line staff, supervisors and administrators. Educators, volunteers and concerned citizens with an interest in criminal and juvenile justice are also among APPA's members. APPA will continue to effectively provide services to its constituents. The association represents a strong, unified voice for the field of community corrections. For more information, visit www.appa-net.org

About NCTI:

Since 1981, National Curriculum & Training Institute, Inc.® has been providing Cognitive Based Life Skills and Offense Specific Curricula for use in the criminal justice system. For over 25 years, NCTI's curricula have encompassed many of the principals outlined in the recent findings of Best Practice and "What Works" research. From the beginning, NCTI has required Certification Training to ensure fidelity in the delivery of the curricula.

Thousands of Criminal Justice practitioners have been trained by NCTI to successfully deliver to cognitive behavioral groups. NCTI's methods achieve impressive results assisting offenders in learning pro-social behavior that allow them to return to a law-abiding life. NCTI has developed a variety of skills-based training resources, including participant workbooks for adults and juveniles, facilitator guides and teaching aids. These training resources are organized into delivery formats that vary in intensity level and duration to more appropriately meet the needs of offenders, whether misdemeanants or felons. NCTI's curricula is currently being used in probation departments, juvenile courts, state, county and municipal courts, sheriff's departments, police departments, detention centers, jails, prisons, and rehabilitation centers across North America.

For more information visit www.ncti.org or call (800) 622-1644.

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