

## Wisconsin Council on Children and Families

### Art from the Inside: Unlocking the Creativity of Incarcerated Youth *Call for Artwork*

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families is collecting artwork from people who have been confined in juvenile detention, juvenile corrections, adult jails, and/or adult prisons for crimes they committed prior to age 18. This artwork is being collected for planned displays around the state – in the Capitol building, in art galleries, at conferences and in other places.

The first Art from the Inside exhibit was wonderfully successful. After exhibits in Milwaukee, at the state Capitol and in other locations, we have been asked to gather more artwork for future exhibits.

*Objective: Artists are asked to create an original piece of artwork which expresses what it feels like to be a young person in detention, corrections, jail, and/or prison.*

WCCF is sponsoring this art exhibit to give people imprisoned at a young age a face and voice. We would like to use the artwork as both a public education tool and a vehicle to encourage public dialogue about incarcerated youth. Artists currently under 18 will be identified by first name and last initial only, provided they do not put their last names on their pieces. We will not artwork to remove last names.

Artists must submit the artwork with an entry form. There is a limit of three new entries per person. Artists will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their submissions, if they provide us with contact information. Once submitted, artwork becomes the property of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. It will not be returned to the artist. We reserve the right to display the art and/or to post it on our website or reproduce it in our publications, in whole or in part. All pieces of artwork will be reviewed, but submission of artwork does not guarantee

public display. After the exhibits, artwork may be displayed at any Department of Corrections facility, public place or WCCF office.

For more information, please call Wendy Henderson at 608.284.0580 x 308 or email [whenderson@wccf.org](mailto:whenderson@wccf.org).

#### Rules:

1. Content must be appropriate for public display.
2. **Must be original artwork** – all medium are welcome including but not limited to: drawing, sculpture, poetry, painting, photography.
3. **Size limitations:** for 3D design no larger than 3 feet wide by 3 feet high by 3 feet deep (3 x 3 x 3). For 2D design, no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. Artists may mat and/or frame their pieces (not required), but the matted or framed piece may not exceed this size.
4. **Eligibility:** Anyone who has been or is currently incarcerated (juvenile detention, juvenile corrections, adult jail or prison) for a crime committed before that person's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**To Participate: Art must be received by August 15, 2008.**

An entry form must be completed for each submission and affixed to the art. The artwork can be sent to:

**Art from the Inside  
Wisconsin Council on Children and Families  
555 W. Washington Ave, Suite 200  
Madison, WI 53703**

*We will make every effort to make sure each piece of artwork is collected. All art pieces will be reviewed, but not all pieces will be displayed. WCCF will pick items for display and publication based on the artwork, without regard for race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or criminal history.*