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## **Broadcast Debut Set for Documentary “Outcasts: Surviving the Culture of Rejection”**

**KINGSPORT, TN** – If you are in the East Tennessee PBS 30-county viewing area, you’ll be able to see the broadcast debut of “Outcasts: Surviving the Culture of Rejection” on **Sunday July 13, 2014 at 7 p.m.**

Statistics show that the United States leads the world in the number of people behind bars. One out of 107 Americans is incarcerated, and one out of every 34 Americans is under some kind of correctional supervision. More than two years in the making, “Outcasts” chronicles the history and evolution of over incarceration and the devastating affects of recidivism on Tennessee communities.



It is now listed on the front page of the East Tennessee PBS website:

<http://www.easttennesseepbs.org/home/>

Here are the 30 counties covered by WETP and WKOP: Anderson County, TN; Bell County, KY; Blount County, TN; Campbell County, TN; Carter County, TN;

Claiborne County, TN; Cocke County, TN; Grainger County, TN; Greene County, TN; Hamblen County, TN; Hancock County, TN; Harlan County, KY; Hawkins County, TN; Jefferson County, TN; Knox County, TN; Lee County, VA; Leslie County, KY; Letcher County, KY; Loudon County, TN; Monroe County, TN; Morgan County, TN; Roane County, TN; Scott County, VA; Sevier County, TN; Sullivan County, TN; Swain County, NC; Union County, TN; Washington County, TN; Washington County, VA; and Wise County, VA.

Produced by Hillhouse Video Works, LLC of Kingsport, the film had its world premiere in April at the Wellmont Regional Performing Arts Center on the campus of Northeast State Community College. This Spring, the film was cited in the Justice Policy Institute, a noted resource for public policy and justice reform. Hillhouse Video Works also received a Bronze Summit Award for CultureofRejection.org, the Website promoting the documentary.

The musical score for “Outcasts” is by Paul Vanderbeck, a multiple award-winning composer and music producer who has worked with such notable artists as Johnny Cash, Melissa Manchester, Carole Bayer Sager and Peter Allen. Motion graphics designer is Sergei Prokhnevskiy.

Hillhouse Video Works LLC is a division of Hillhouse Graphic Design LLC and produces documentary films for regional nonprofit organizations.

For more information or to rent or buy Outcasts online, visit [cultureofrejection.org](http://cultureofrejection.org)

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### **Interviewees and Institutions Featured**

- John R. Hay House, Residential Treatment Center in Kingsport
- Judge Norman and the Davidson County Drug Court (as well as coverage of the opening of the new Morgan County facility)
- William Gupton, Assistant Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services
- Board of Directors and Director of the SteppenStone Juvenile Residential Treatment Center in Limestone
- Lisa Tipton, Director, Families Free in Johnson City
- First Baptist Church's Celebrate Recovery Program, Northeast Tennessee
- Judge Todd Ross and the Hawkins County Drug Court Program
- Alice Snodgrass, Stand in the Gap Organization, Tennessee, Kentucky and Southwest Virginia
- The Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC
- State Representatives Mike Harrison (Hawkins-Hancock Counties)
- State Representative Tony Shipley (Sullivan County 2nd District)
- Judge Rob Montgomery, Sullivan County Justice Center
- District Attorney General Barry Staubus, Sullivan County
- Sheriff Wayne Anderson, Sullivan County
- Deputy Brian Dillard, Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept.
- Criminal Defense Attorney Rick Spivey
- Pastor David Cagel, First Presbyterian Church
- Professor Nicole Prior, Criminal Justice Professor, ETSU
- Associate Professor Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt University
- Alex Friedman, Editor, Prison Legal News, Nashville
- Dr. Chuck Walsh, John R. Hay House, Inc.
- Numerous male and female offenders who graciously and courageously shared their stories with us.