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of Correction**

Program Description Booklet

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Mission Statement

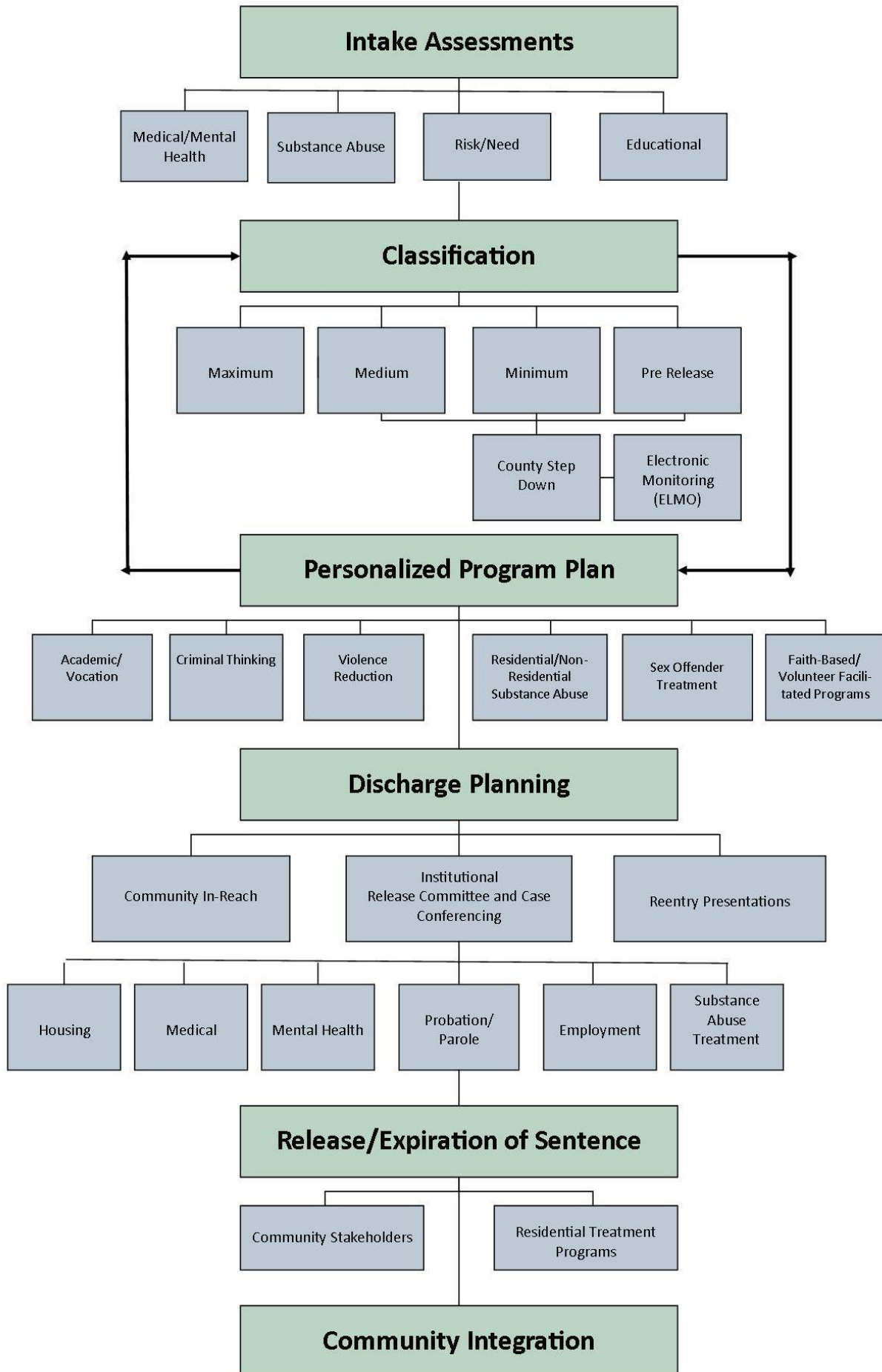
The Massachusetts Department of Correction's mission is to promote public safety by managing offenders while providing care and appropriate Programs in preparation for successful reentry into the community.

Manage - Care - Program - Prepare

Vision Statement

The Massachusetts Department of Correction's vision is to effect positive behavioral change in order to eliminate violence, victimization and recidivism.

Massachusetts Department of Correction — Reentry Continuum



Program Services Division

Religious Services

The Department provides a variety of religious services, which are supervised and coordinated by chaplain staff. Volunteer clergy and community churches assist chaplains in the provision of services. Chaplains provide regular religious services, religious education and pastoral care. In addition, chaplaincy services include Bible Study, Prayer Groups, Christian Fellowship, Christian Twelve Step, Parenting Groups, Family Religious Services, Religious Seminars and Holiday Observances. The Department recognizes that Chaplaincy Services are important in changing criminal behavior by helping the inmate develop prosocial values. *These services are available at all facilities.*

Recreation Services

The Department offers a wide variety of staff supervised recreational and leisure time activities designed to reduce inmate idleness and teach pro-social skills to use their time constructively. *These services are available at all facilities.*

Volunteer Services

There are currently approximately 1,500 volunteers providing a variety of services that supplement established departmental programs. Volunteer services include faith-based, substance abuse, self help, support groups, literacy, cognitive skills and cultural awareness. Volunteer services enhance Programs and the process of reintegration by disrupting the delinquency network and providing inmates with a network of pro-social community members and activities. *These services are available at all facilities.*

Community Partnerships

The Department has established partnerships with community based organizations and other state agencies with the goal of enhancing public safety and providing inmates with support and critical linkages to community based organizations.

Community Partnerships and External Stakeholder Collaborations

- Representatives of the Program Services Division and Classification Division serve on the Hampden County Reentry task force. The task force includes multiple criminal justice and social service stakeholders and is designed to identify barriers and resources associated with offenders reentering the greater Hampden County area.
- The department is collaborating with the Hampden County Sheriff's Office to facilitate the Hampden County Reentry program. This program targets high risk state offenders towards the end of their sentence. The objective of the program is to step down offenders to the community and reconnect them with their family/support systems, potential employers and community based providers.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Correction and the Social Security Administration was developed to establish a process for offenders to secure a replacement social security card prior to release.
- MassHealth and the Department of Correction continue to partner to ensure releasing offenders are provided with medical coverage upon release. This partnership creates a continuum of care that allows for a smoother transition to the community and enables discharge planners to schedule medical and mental health appointments prior to an inmate's release.
- The Department of Correction has established a partnership with the Boston Police Department and other local criminal justice agencies in an effort to promote offender reentry while enhancing public safety. The Department of Correction regularly shares intelligence and other relevant information regarding offenders releasing from state prison to the greater Boston area. This partnership is intended to create a transparent transition from prison that

better prepares the community and criminal justice agencies to respond to the both the needs and potential risk presented by the releasing offender.

- The Department of Correction is collaborating with Probation in an attempt to expand information exchange to enhance offender accountability and access to community based resources.
- The Department has partnered with Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide services to discharging veterans. The VA assists with determining veteran's benefits and eligibility in the areas of housing, employment, education, medical/mental health and substance abuse services. Staff from Reentry Services meets with VA on a quarterly basis to exchange information and enhance services.

Self-Improvement Groups

Inmate Self Improvement Groups are structured inmate coordinated groups designed to reduce inmate idleness and enhance reentry by providing offenders with a forum to develop interpersonal communication, problem solving and basic life skills. The following are approved Self Improvement Groups:

- *African American Coalition Program*
- *African Heritage Coalition Program*
- *Art Program*
- *Black, Latino, & Asian Cultural Coalition*
- *Chess Club*
- *Deeds and Dialogue Study Group*
- *Elderly Affairs*
- *Fellowship Discussion Group*
- *Imagination Art*
- *Life Gets Better-LBGTQI Support Group*
- *Mending Souls*
- *Latino-Hispanic Heritage Group*
- *Long Termer's Group*
- *Pawn Pushers*
- *Second Degree Lifers Group*
- *Spanish United*
- *Stitch For Life*
- *UGP HIV/AIDS Awareness*
- *United for Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Progress*
- *Young Men's Committee/Reaching Beyond the Bars*
- *Youthful Offender Coalition*

School of Reentry

The Executive Office of Public Safety & Security implemented a 12-18 month residential school, known as the School of Reentry (SOR), located within Boston Pre Release Center in Roslindale, MA. It has been developed to respond to challenges of those incarcerated with the development of new collaborations, academic/vocational immersion, mindfulness training, community partnerships, mandatory substance use treatment, and public/private funding. The School of Reentry provides inmates an opportunity to return to their communities prepared to live crime free productive lives through a combination of education and vocational training and the development of higher personal cognitive reasoning skills. The School of Reentry is designed to allow inmates to spend the last 12-18 months of incarceration immersed in education, personal, and workforce development training, funded through a public/private partnership

Students at the School of Reentry come with different levels of academic attainment and with different computer literacy levels. Students spend 6 hours each day in class. The time is split equally between academic and technological training. Students are required to participate in supplemental programming on evenings and weekends. The students live on a separate housing unit with a day room that has no television and is instead equipped with state of the art computers and a SMART board for class instruction. There are two additional classrooms at the school also equipped with SMART boards and computers.

Students at the School of Reentry spend their downtime refining their computer skills or completing home-work assignments. The goal for graduates of the School of Reentry is to decrease recidivism by 50% to 19% over a one-year period after release. Inmates in the School of Reentry are able to combine education and vocational training without the high school degree as a pre-requisite for admission. Inmates are also afforded an opportunity to combine the attainment of the HiSet degree with college level credit courses which are transferable to any of the state community colleges.

Vendor Facilitated Core Programs ~ Spectrum Health Systems, Inc.

Male Offender Program Continuum

Core Skills

The department offers a vendor facilitated program to inmates housed in the Behavioral Management Unit with Programs once a week for two hours. The program runs for approximately 4 months and utilizes a Core Skills curriculum.

Correctional Recovery Academy (CRA)

The CRA is an intensive skill-based residential substance abuse treatment program located at four institutions. The CRA targets substance abuse and relapse prevention. The program utilizes rolling admissions and combines the elements of a therapeutic community's social learning approach with an advanced cognitive behavioral curriculum.

Correctional Recovery Academy Graduate Support Program

Graduates of the CRA may apply to participate in the peer support program. Peer participants are responsible for co-leading groups under the supervision of the CRA counselor. Graduates are also required to attend the community meetings and the weekly continuing care plan group.

Criminal Thinking Program (CT)

This program is a vendor facilitated program designed to focus on altering the pro-criminal thinking patterns that have been identified as separating those who are serious repeat offenders from those who are not. The program focuses specifically on criminal sentiments and how to develop pro-social alternatives for them. The program assists the offender in developing pro-social alternatives to past activities and associates.

Gateway to Treatment

Gateway to Treatment is a non-residential substance abuse treatment program designed to educate and raise awareness of the consequences of continued substance use. Emphasis is placed on biological, psychological, and social consequences of continuing to use substances.

General Population Maintenance Program

A Maintenance Program for offenders who have completed the Violence Reduction and/or Criminal Thinking program. The program is intended to provide an opportunity for inmates who have completed either of these programs to remain engaged in treatment to practice and internalize learned skills. The program meets once per week for two hours per session.

Graduate Maintenance Program – Substance Abuse

This program is offered to graduates of the residential substance abuse programs who have returned to general population. During Graduate Maintenance, the program concepts are reviewed, program skills are practiced, and there is individual work on a recovery plan.

High Risk Offender Program-DDU

The DDU/High Risk Offender program is provided at MCI Cedar Junction and is directed at inmates that have been placed in the Departmental Disciplinary Unit (DDU) as a result of having displayed a history of staff or inmate assaults, gang activity, and chronic disruptive behavior and/or have been identified as a threat to the correctional system in general. A goal of this program is to provide inmates with the skills to prepare them for their return to general population and participation in more intensive programs. The program consists primarily of independent workbook assignments and small group activities using a cognitive behavioral treatment model.

High Risk Offender Program Expansion-SBCC

The High Risk Offender program includes a continuum of care at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center (SBCC) for those offenders who have completed the program at MCI-Cedar Junction. The program includes a skills maintenance program for offenders classified from the DDU to SBCC in order to capitalize on the initial gains made with the HRO program and to reduce the incidences of aggressive behavior at SBCC. The program includes a skills review phase, skills maintenance phase and an aftercare phase.

Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative (MATRI)

The purpose of the Medication Assisted Treatment Re-Entry Initiative is to provide pre-release treatment and post-release referral for opioid-addicted and alcohol-addicted inmates at participating sites in the Department of Correction (DOC). This program involves prison-based residential substance abuse treatment and collaboration with community-based clinics to provide aftercare treatment. The goal is to facilitate transition into an outpatient substance abuse treatment program which employs a multi-faceted approach to treatment including the use of the medication Vivitrol/Naltrexone, counseling, and aftercare referral to community-based providers. This program is available to offenders who have a documented opioid or alcohol addiction and have completed or are enrolled in a Substance Abuse Treatment program.

Motivational Enhancement

Motivational Enhancement is an eight-week program that meets two times per week. This program introduces participants to basic program concepts while encouraging positive behavioral change.

Pathway to Recovery

Pathway to Recovery is a non-residential substance abuse program that is 16 weeks in duration and meets three times per week for a total treatment dosage of 72 hours. Groups are psycho-educational in nature and consist of didactic lectures, group discussions, and skills practice. Upon completion of the program, participants are recommended to the SA Graduate Maintenance Program. This program is intended to allow participants to remain engaged in their recovery and SA treatment for the duration of their sentence.

Reentry and Employment Readiness Workshop

The 5-day Reentry and Employment Readiness Workshop meets for 2.5 hours per day and is offered to inmates who have a defined release date. During the Reentry and Employment Readiness Workshop, reentry planners facilitate curriculum designed to assist inmates in the development of the necessary skills that are needed for a successful transition back into the community. The focus of the workshop is employment readiness to include resume building, cover letter, job application, mock interviews and how to maintain employment. The workshop also includes victim impact, social support, housing plans, financial awareness and budgeting, educational referrals, criminal impact, and attainable goal setting.

Substance Abuse Education

This is a vendor facilitated program that meets for two hours per day, two times per week, for eight weeks. This program is designed to educate and raise awareness of the consequences of continued substance use. The focus of the groups is to educate the inmate about substances and issues related to their use. Emphasis is placed on biological, psychological, and social consequences of continuing to use substances while incarcerated.

Violence Reduction

The Violence Reduction Program targets cognitions that contribute to violent behavior. The goals of the program are to decrease violent behavior and the likelihood of institutional disturbances. During the program inmates identify the specific cognitions which have led to their violent behavior. Once identified, they are taught pro-social strategies and skills to diminish the likelihood of continued violence. The program is facilitated by staff two to three times per week.

Female Offender Program Continuum

Gender responsive and trauma-informed approaches have been incorporated into the framework of treatment services for female offenders. Specific tracks of treatment have been designed to address each offender's specific pathway into the criminal justice system with the goal of reducing the likelihood of recidivism by addressing the unique issues associated with female offenders such as trauma, abuse, relationship dysfunction, substance abuse and mental illness. The programs listed below are also available for female offenders.

Life in Recovery

The treatment focus involves basic substance abuse treatment, such as relapse prevention and general substance abuse education. Offenders in this group have access to parenting programming, education and job development to build self-efficacy and reentry planning. *This program is available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center (SMCC).*

Building Positive Connections

The focus of this pathway is addressing past trauma or abuse, relationship dysfunction, as well as substance. This pathway explores how past abuse or trauma can influence current behaviors such as substance abuse or engagement in unhealthy relationships. *This program is available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center (SMCC).*

Healthy Living

Focuses on disrupting criminal behavior and substance abuse as social norms. Using community as method, women confront many aspects of criminal behavior as social norms to develop pro-social attitudes. This is done through cognitive behavioral groups and community activities. *This program is available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center (SMCC).*

Healing for the Future

Focuses on disrupting criminal behavior and substance abuse as social norms, while addresses past abuse and trauma. This pathway also works to address significant mental health issues, either present or past. *This program is available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center (SMCC).*

Female Offender Motivational Enhancement

This program introduces participants to basic program concepts while encouraging positive behavioral change. The program is designed to motivate offenders to participate in more intensive programs to address their broader criminogenic need areas. *This program is available at MCI-Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

First Step Program

The First Step Program is a vendor facilitated program that offers voluntary substance abuse treatment services to women who are awaiting trial or have been sentenced (90 days or less). Program participants have been identified as needing immediate detoxification and further treatment. The treatment component consists of a 20-day schedule of classes on substance abuse education, overdose and relapse prevention, and interpersonal skill acquisition. The program also offers an individualized aftercare/discharge planning component to support program participants with identifying community-based treatment to access upon release. *This program is available at MCI-Framingham.*

Methadone Maintenance Program

This program is available to pregnant females who are opioid addicted. The goal of the Methadone Maintenance Program is to maintain a safe, effective and functional system in the overall treatment of drug addiction, through methadone administration to, and monitoring of pregnant women. The program serves as a component of the comprehensive medical care provided to pregnant females who are addicted to opiates. Only pregnant inmates addicted to opiates are provided methadone at MCI Framingham.

Family Preservation

Family Preservation is designed to promote appropriate mother/child bonding, relationship building and communication. This program offers a wide range of services to include parenting education classes, parenting support, children's visit preparation, coordination and referral to available services, professional collaboration with state agencies, and special activity planning. This program also functions as a liaison between offenders and Department of Children and Families (DCF) for incarcerated mothers whose children are in the custody of DCF. *This program is available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center (SMCC).*

A Family Reunification House is located on the grounds at South Middlesex Correctional Center is used for overnight and weekend visits. Graduates of the parenting education classes are eligible to be screened to participate in the Family Reunification House program. This program allows mothers nearing release to have progressively less supervised visits with their children.

Vendor Facilitated Programs ~ Counseling and Psychotherapy Center, Inc.**Sex Offender Treatment Program**

The Department of Correction offers a comprehensive Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP). The purpose of the SOTP is to reduce the participant's risk to reoffend, to increase the participant's ability to have a successful reintegration into the community, and to increase the participant's overall well-being. The SOTP incorporates concepts of the Relapse Prevention Model, the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model, the Good Lives Model, and the Self-Regulation Model. There are two satellite sites, namely NCCI-Gardner and Old Colony Correctional Center, where an introduction program is offered, as well as a less intensive programming for lower risk offenders and specialized programming for female offenders (MCI-Framingham) and those who have committed sexual crimes involving possession and distribution of child sexual exploitation material. The vast majority of the program is facilitated at the Massachusetts Treatment Center, a facility designated exclusively for the purpose of sex offender treatment.



MassCor Correctional Industries

The mission of Correctional Industries is to instill a positive work ethic in offenders by providing training and skills for a successful reentry into the community through work opportunities, while ensuring the highest level of customer service by providing a quality product at a competitive price. Through work assignments offenders develop occupational skills and discipline that enhances successful reintegration. With acquired on the job training and work ethics gained through Correctional Industries, released offenders have a greater chance of being gainfully employed and succeeding after their release. Current certification programs and upcoming certifications are made available to all eligible incarcerated individuals. Correctional Industries employs over 450 offenders at eight institutions. The workforce has the opportunity to work with state of the art equipment to stay current in the outside employment field. The goal is to employ the maximum number of offenders consistent with effective use of program capital. MassCor has created numerous programs and certifications in order to give offenders opportunities to gain marketable skills and a better chance of securing employment in our communities thus reducing the possibility of recidivism.

Education Division

The mission of the Education Division is to prepare offenders for successful reentry into the community by providing comprehensive academic and vocational programs based upon individual risk and need; moreover, to further reinforce social and career skills that are needed for offenders to transition into productive members of society.

Research tells us that educational and vocational achievements reduce recidivism:

- The Three State Recidivism Study, (Correctional Education Association/Office of Correctional Education, US Department of Education 2001) determined that for participants in prison education programs, recidivism was reduced by 12% in Maryland, 28% in Minnesota and 19% in Ohio.
- Our own recidivism study published in 2006 concluded that receiving a GED in prison reduced recidivism by 17%.
- The Washington State Institute of Public Policy completed an exhaustive meta-analysis of a wide variety of correctional program studies done across the country, and in 2006, published its *Evidence-Based Adult Corrections Programs: What Works and What Does Not*. It found that adult basic education programs in prison reduced recidivism by 5.1% and for vocational programs, a remarkable 12.6%.
- The MA Department of Labor reports that less than 25% of jobs available in Massachusetts are available to a person without a high school diploma or equivalency credential.

Research reveals that nearly half of the inmates entering into correctional custody do not have a high school diploma or equivalency credential; moreover, most do not have a credible work history. Research also indicates if an inmate has the chance to return home successfully and not re-offend, a job and the means to support himself/herself and their family are critical. We must reduce the likelihood that inmates will commit another crime, thus increasing public safety by providing education and training that will assist inmates in obtaining sustainable employment.

Emphasis is placed upon competency achievement, development of basic literacy skills and the acquisition of salable skills along with an appreciation for a formidable work ethic. To complete these tasks, the Education Division's supervisory staff coordinate classes taught by full-time teachers, vocational instructors, and contracted College and Career Coordinators. The Division's responsibilities include teaching academic classes and instructing vocational programs that lead to recognized credentials, providing educational counseling services, assessing each inmate at reception by administering the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) to those who qualify, and administering the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET).

I. **Assessments**

As each new inmate comes into custody information surrounding their educational background is obtained and they are required to take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). The TABE test provides a grade level score in math, reading and language. Speakers of other languages are given the TABE CLAS-E. Education staff at each institution will receive this information when an inmate is transferred there, they discuss educational opportunities, and will place the inmate in appropriate classes or on waiting lists.

II. **Grants**

The Education Division receives several grants from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and from the U.S. Department of Justice that support staff and program supplies at several institutions, which are critical in providing necessary education and vocational services.

III. **Educational Programs**

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum

Adult Basic Education

Adult Basic Education (ABE) is designed to serve those students who are struggling with basic reading, writing, and math skills. These individuals are functioning below the sixth grade level. ABE provides students with the academic skills that are necessary for entrance into adult secondary courses. ABE focuses on reading, language, and mathematics with student progress being measured by the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) (GLE 0.0→5.9).

Pre-Adult Secondary Education

The Pre-Adult Secondary Education (Pre-ASE) class is designed to prepare intermediate level students for the ASE Program where students prepare to take the HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) exam. The class' focus is on reading comprehension, writing skills, math, social studies, and science. These individuals typically function between sixth and ninth grade levels according to TABE scores (GLE 6.0→8.9).

Adult Secondary Education

The Adult Secondary Education (ASE) program is specifically designed to prepare students to successfully take the HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) exam. The class focuses on reading, writing, math, social studies, and science – the five main components of the HiSET exam. These individuals typically function above the ninth grade level according to TABE scores (GLE 9.0→12.9).

Limited English Proficient Continuum

English as a Second Language 1-Beginner

English as a Second Language (ESL) is a language development program designed for the adult learner with limited English proficiency. The primary emphasis of the program is to provide students with the fundamentals of speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills in English so they may be mainstreamed into academic classes and/or participate in vocational programs. The three-level program is taught exclusively in English and is available to those students whose native language is not English.

English as a Second Language 2-Intermediate

This program works to develop and refine skills needed in conversation beyond survival needs. The focus is on reading comprehension of short pieces, vocabulary development, and oral answers to reading questions. Writing skills focus on paragraph organization and essay construction and formal English grammar. Informational articles as well as short stories are introduced. Practice is given in letter writing, both informal and formal business letters, complaints and requests.

English as a Second Language 3-Advanced

In this program, focus is on more complex English grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation, including self-editing skills. Practice is given in writing and editing two to three paragraph essays. Reading comprehension and academic vocabulary is stressed and applied to word problems in mathematics as well as geography and history selections and informational historical and literary documents. Emphasis is placed on preparing the student to advance from ESL classes to regular academic classes and vocational programs.

Advanced Academic Programs

Boston College

Students who meet the eligibility requirements by passing an entrance exam and interview have an opportunity to take credit-bearing, Boston College courses. This program operates at MCI-Shirley and is self-funded.

Boston University

Students who meet the eligibility requirements by passing an entrance exam and interview have an opportunity to achieve an Interdisciplinary Studies Certificate from BU's Metropolitan College. Funded in full by Boston University, this program operates at MCI-Norfolk and MCI-Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center and is self-funded.

Mount Wachusett Community College

Students who meet the eligibility requirements by passing an entrance exam and interview have an opportunity to achieve a Business Administration Certificate from Mount Wachusett Community College. This program operates at MCI-Shirley and NCCI-Gardner and is funded through the Second Chance Pell Program.

Tufts University

Students who meet the eligibility requirements by passing an entrance exam and interview have an opportunity to earn their Associate of Arts degree. Tufts partnered with Bunker Hill Community College in order to provide this degree program. This program operates at MCI-Concord and is self-funded.

Emerson College

Students who meet the eligibility requirements by passing an entrance exam and interview have an opportunity to take credit-bearing courses with the potential of earning their Bachelor of Arts degree. This program operates at MCI-Concord and is self-funded.

Post-Secondary Education

Taught by staff, academic teachers focus on critical thinking, classes are offered in a variety of subjects including literature, advanced mathematics, college study skills, and financial literacy. These programs are offered to students who have a high school or equivalency diploma.

Inside-Out Program

Offered at MCI-Framingham, South Middlesex Correctional Center, Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, and Old Colony Correctional Center, this program is offered to students who have a high school or equivalency credential/diploma. Taught by an outside college instructor, these courses combine college students from the outside with inmates. Self-funded universities that have offered these courses include Tufts University, Bridgewater State University, and Framingham State University.

Partakers:

This program is a volunteer mentoring program available to support students who are enrolled in post-secondary education.

Petey Greene Tutoring:

This program provides academic support to students accepted to a post-secondary program, or, to students preparing to earn their high school equivalency credential. This program is available at MCI-Concord, MCI-Framingham, MCI-Shirley, MA Treatment Center, and Boston Pre-Release Center.

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education: Specialized Housing Units

For those inmates housed outside of general population due to mental health, discipline, or protective custody status, a variety of academic, technology, and vocational programs is supplied where possible.

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

The Introduction to Microsoft Office program is designed to provide students with basic technology skills and enhance their digital literacy. This program consists of four components: Introduction to Computers, Microsoft Office 2010 and Windows 7, Microsoft Word 2010, and Microsoft Outlook 2010. A high school diploma or high school equivalency is required for admittance, along with a 7th grade reading level on the TABE. Furthermore, students who meet these requirements will be invited to an interview and a skills assessment in order to gauge current digital literacy skills.

CISCO IT Essentials

This program teaches inmates the operation and repair of computers, laptops, and printers with up-to-date technology, resulting in Cisco certification. This course offers a broad-based introduction to the field of Information Technology (IT) including its evolution, current trends and future directions. Students will be introduced to the various aspects of IT along with an understanding of the technical support that is provided to employees and organizations. IT fundamentals, operating systems and hardware, end user support, and networking will be covered. This program is offered at MCI-Concord.

Vocational Education Programs

Long-Term

Automotive

Fundamentals of auto mechanics are taught by providing book work in addition to hands-on training achieved by working on state vehicles. Students work toward Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification and become proficient in shop safety, electric systems, scan systems, tune, tune-ups, tires and wheels, restraint systems, brake systems, and air conditioning systems. Students are able to earn their OSHA

10 General Industries Training and Mobile Air Condition Society (MACS) license Worldwide, Section 609 Certification. This program is located in the Milford Garage.

Barber Training

The Barber Training Program is a professionally licensed, 1000-hour, state credentialed program that includes a 12-18 month commitment from potential students. Students become proficient in professional ethics, hygiene, shaving and facial hair design, history of barbering, the use of tools and equipment, safe work practices, men's haircutting and styling, barbershop management, and job search. This program encompasses all the practical applications of barbering, training and education required to become a licensed professional barber in the state of Massachusetts. This program is offered at MCI-Concord, MCI-Shirley, and MCI-Norfolk.

Building Trades

In this program, safety, rough and finished carpentry, sheetrock work, and wood working are covered. Hands-on experience is provided by either completing institutional projects or mock-ups, and students become NCCER Certification eligible and receive OSHA 10 General Industries Training. This program is offered at MCI-Concord and the Mass Treatment Center.

Cosmetology

In a class of 12 students, training is given in all aspects of hairstyling, skin care and nail beautification. Combining written and hands on work, 1000-hours are achieved, preparing students to take the Massachusetts State License Examination in Cosmetology. This program is offered at MCI-Framingham.

Culinary Arts: Foundations I

Culinary Arts is structured to provide both theory and hands-on experience in the areas of applied foodservice sanitation and hygiene and in professional cooking. The course of study generally runs for nine months with the first three months focusing on obtaining the knowledge and skills required to successfully pass the National Restaurant Association's Education Foundation's ServSafe certifying exam covering sanitation and hygiene. The next six months focuses on Foundations Level 1 Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts. This program is offered at SBCC, MCI-Shirley, NECC-Concord, MCI-Concord, NCCI-Gardner, MCI-Norfolk, Old Colony C.C., and MCI-Framingham.

Food Service Training

The Food Service Training program introduces inmates to the food hospitality industry and explores the various career opportunities within the industry. Through a combination of classroom lessons and hands on experience, supervised by a chef-instructor, inmates acquire the knowledge and technical skills needed to gain employment in the hospitality industry. Students are instructed in safe food handling and given the opportunity to earn the nationally recognized ServSafe certification at the expense of the Department of Correction. This program is offered at MCI-Cedar Junction and the Massachusetts Treatment Center.

Small Engine Repair

This class provides the students training in the outdoor power equipment field. Students learn troubleshooting and repair in all engine systems. Students learn entry level skills to better themselves for employment. Upon completion, students take the Equipment and Engine Training Counsel (EETC) exam to become certified. Students are required to take the 4 stroke exam, and the 2 stroke exam is optional. This program is offered at NCCI-Gardner.

Welding

This eight-week, 180-240 hour training program teaches basic job skills, safety protocols, and a variety of welding techniques used to weld different metals including steel, stainless steel, and aluminum. Upon successful completion of this program, students receive credentials from the National Center for Construction Education and Research, (NCCER) a nationally recognized authorizing agency. This program is offered at NCCI-Gardner and MCI-Norfolk.

Wheelchair Repair

The Wheelchair Repair program is a nine-month training curriculum that prepares students to restore, repair, and maintain ambulatory products. This program is designed to prepare inmate students to be competitive for entry-level positions such as durable medical equipment technicians, assemblers, or quality control specialists while simultaneously providing a needed service to less fortunate countries around the world. This program is offered at MCI-Shirley minimum.

Short Term**Nutrition**

The Nutrition program is an introduction to the science of food and human nutrition. The program will review current, sustainable, dietary recommendations and applications for maximizing well-being and minimizing risk of chronic disease throughout the life cycle. The course contains an overview of nutrients, emphasizing the importance of energy and fluid balance, and optimal functioning of the digestive system. Methods for evaluating credibility of nutrition claims, a focus on modern food safety and technology practices, and a worldview of nutrition are included. Emphasis is on personal dietary behavior change for a holistic life of wellness. This program has been piloted at MCI-Shirley and will be offered at MCI-Framingham, MCI-Norfolk, MCI-Concord, NCCI-Gardner, the Mass Treatment Center, and NECC-Concord.

OSHA

This two day, ten-hour training safety course includes electric and fire safety, slip and fall prevention, chemical safety, and more. This course satisfies the OSHA 10 training requirement for workers of general industries. Students are required to provide the \$8 exam fee. No GED or high school diploma is required and is open to low risk/low need inmates.

ServSafe

This program is designed to provide students with the education necessary to earn a nationally recognized ServSafe Certification. This certification is useful for obtaining employment in the food service industry. Students who complete the course then take the National ServSafe Exam, and upon completion of the ServSafe program and certification, students are eligible to apply for a position in the Culinary Arts Program. Students are responsible for payment of the ServSafe exam.

Volunteer and Chaplain Facilitated Program Descriptions

AA Reentry Fellowship Program: This program is considered among the most effective treatment approaches for addiction. A growing volume of research shows that programs that engage individuals like AA are most effective for changing addictive behavior. *This program is available at Boston Pre Release Center, Northeastern Correctional Center, North Central Correctional Center Medium and Minimum, MCI Framingham, and MCI Shirley Medium.*

A Book from Mom: This program is designed to enhance literacy in children. A children's library is available for women to select age appropriate books to read during visits with their children. After the visit, children are allowed to leave the visiting room with a book from Mom. The child is allowed to receive a new book during each visit to create his/her own personal library at home. Books are also made available for women to mail home to children during the holidays and on birthdays. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Able Minds: Facilitated book discussion group designed to shift criminal thinking and teach inmates interpersonal problem solving skills. Inmates expected to read 4-5 works of literature, participate in group discussions and book analysis, and write personal reflections utilizing the "Think First" method of consequential thinking. *This program is available at most facilities.*

Advanced Countdown to Freedom, Part II: This focuses more in depth on input and discussion on topics including taking responsibility for one's crimes and actions, living as honest, respectful, caring citizens, clarifying one's values, facing one's past, creating new goals and examining one's faith with special attention to formation/development of relationships. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Advanced Writing for Results: This is a job-readiness program that advances the DOC's goals of reducing recidivism. This class provides the building blocks of successful resumes, cover letters and proposals. *This program is available at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center and MCI Concord.*

Alcoholics Anonymous: A volunteer facilitated working support program where inmates learn about triggers to their behavior, understand past behavior and learn how to build a new, healthier sober lifestyle. *This program is available at most facilities.*

Alternatives to Violence (AVP): A volunteer facilitated program that teaches inmates how to reduce violence by introducing alternative ways of resolving conflict resulting in a diminished need to resort to violence. Workshops focus on conflict resolution. *This program is available at most facilities.*

America's VetDog:The Guide Dog Foundation sponsors this program which provides assistance dogs to disabled veterans and active military personnel. *This program is offered at MCI-Framingham, MCI-Shirley medium, Old Colony Correctional Center Medium, and Pondville Correctional Center.*

American Veterans in Prison: This program serves to educate incarcerated veterans in the areas of housing, taxes, motor vehicle registration, outreach and counseling. *This program is available at The Massachusetts Treatment Center, MCI Norfolk, MCI Shirley, and Old Colony Correctional Center Medium.*

Anger Management SAMHSA:Volunteer facilitated program designed to help inmates identify and begin to deal with the root causes of their anger. *This program is available at MCI Shirley Medium.*

Anger Strategies: This program is a psycho-educational process program that focuses on developing cognitive, behavioral and spiritual tools to deal with the different forms of anger. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center and MCI Concord.*

Art Program: Volunteer facilitated program. Inmates learn skills in different art modalities and the opportunity to work on individual projects. The goal of this program is to encourage inmates to develop self-esteem and self-awareness through the expressive arts. *This program is available at Northeastern C.C. and Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center at Plymouth.*

Back to Basics: This program will guide inmates through the Twelve Steps as described in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. This condensed material exposes beginners to the steps, helps explain what the steps mean, and how to apply them. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Basic Computer Skills: The program is designed for participants to master basic computer operation and become proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Power point. *This program is available at MCI-Concord.*

Beacon Facilitator Training: this program explores human behavior and emotions, with the intent of increasing skills for identifying emotions and developing new strategies and behaviors for responding to them more effectively. The goal is to increase awareness of why we do the things we do, so we can develop new behaviors and strategies for dealing with conflicts that serve us better. *This program is available at MCI Concord.*

Beacon Program: (Behavior, Emotions and Changing Oneself): Volunteer facilitated, twelve week program which explores human behavior and emotions with the intent of increasing skills for identifying emotions and developing new strategies and behaviors to respond more effectively. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center, MCI Shirley, and MCI Concord.*

Beacon Study Group: This program is for participants who have completed the Beacon Program. This program encourages the participant to continue working on emotional literacy. *This program is available at MCI Concord.*

Book Discussion Group: Changing Lives through Literature, Cultural Identity and Book Discussion. *This program is available at Pondville Correctional Center, Souza Baranowski Correctional Center, MCI Shirley and MCI Concord.*

Book Giveaway for Children: This volunteer facilitated program encourages children to read and provides books that can be taken home by the child. *This program is available at MCI Concord.*

Building Foundations: This is a volunteer facilitated reentry program which provides the support necessary to secure employment, housing, transportation upon release. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Career Pathway Workshop: This is a volunteer facilitated program that is designed to assist inmates in the development of the necessary skills that are needed for successful transition back into the community. The focus of the workshop is employment readiness to include resume building, cover letter, job application, mock interviews and how to maintain employment. The workshop also includes social support, housing plans, financial awareness and budgeting, criminal impact and attainable goal setting. *This program is available at most facilities.*

Center for Spiritual Living: The Spiritual Circle discussions promote personal responsibility and growth that allows for eliminating negative behaviors and promotes respectful honest caring. This program builds personal self-esteem that allows for successful reentry into the community. *This program is available at the Massachusetts Treatment Center.*

Chess Club: Volunteer and/or staff supervised program where inmates learn how to play chess and participate in tournaments. This program provides a structured environment where chess enthusiasts from beginners to advanced players can learn more about the aspects of the game. *This program is available at MCI Concord, MCI Norfolk, and Old Colony Correctional Center Medium.*

Cognitive Skills Workshops - Volunteer facilitated cognitive-based programs: Active Listening, Problem Solving, Setting Goals, Asking for Help, Assertive Communication, Negotiating, and Using Self Control. *This program is available at most facilities.*

Community Gardening and Landscaping: The participants learn skills to assist in the development of work ethic, commitment, self-fulfillment and social interaction, team work and inclusion. *This program is available at North Central Correctional Institution.*

Companion Program: Staff facilitated program that provides training to inmates who then provide support and encouragement to inmates. *This program is available at Old Colony C.C.*

Companion/Environmental Cleaning Program: This proactive program is designed to improve the hygiene practices of inmates, reducing the transmission of infectious microorganisms in the skilled nursing and assisted living units. *This program is available at MCI-Shirley.*

Concord Public Library Program: Volunteer facilitated library program that allows inmates to request and borrow books out of the Concord Public Library. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Countdown to Freedom Program: This DVD based program helps reduce recidivism and takes offenders step by step through the transition from incarceration to community integration. Candid interviews with professionals and ex-offenders offer a unique perspective on what offenders should expect to face throughout their journey from incarceration back to society. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk, Pondville Correctional Center, and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

CPR: This program will give inmates the ability to learn a lifesaving skill that will be useful in all areas of their life and gain the skills and confidence necessary to perform this life-saving procedure when it is needed. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center and MCI Framingham.*

Creative Writing: Teaches basic English Composition covering expository, descriptive and narrative writing, dialogue, and short stories. *This program is available at MCI Concord.*

DCF Visit Coordination: Staff coordinates with the Department of Children and Families & facilitates on site Foster Care Reviews and supervised visits for inmates whose children are in the custody of DCF. Similar services are provided with child service agencies outside the Massachusetts area. Services are provided as well for Court Appointed Investigators, Guardian Ad Litem DYS, Residential placement and Adoption Mediators. *These services are available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Doing The Right Thing: This program is designed to assist inmates with making ethical decisions. The program uses video seminars, role modeling and discussion facilitated by the instructor. *This program is available at Boston Pre-Release, MCI Concord, and Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Education Seminar: This seminar is designed to provide a broad overview of special education based on frequently asked questions and common issues professionals and caregivers experience. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Emotional Awareness / Houses of Healing: Volunteer coordinated program designed to foster emotional and spiritual growth and promote responsibility and accountability toward ones self and others. Inmates are also taught skills to reduce disruptive behavior. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk, MCI Framingham, and Souza Baranowski Correctional Center.*

Entrepreneurship 101: A course designed to introduce inmates to the fundamentals of small business. *This course is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Entrepreneurship Concord Prison Outreach: The program is intended to educate and prepare individuals interested and/or curious in starting a business. Content covered each class will include; Market Research, Budgeting, Financing, Business Plan, and Goals/Objectives. *This course is available at Northeastern Correctional Center, MCI Shirley, MCI Concord and MCI Framingham.*

Family Day Program: Offered four times per year, volunteers design structured activities that allow inmates to interact with their children. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Family Reunification House: A house located on the grounds at South Middlesex Correctional Center is used for overnight and weekend visits. Graduates of the parenting education classes are eligible to be screened to participate in the Family Reunification House program at SMCC. This program allows mothers nearing release to have progressively less supervised visit time with their children. Support and education, on such topics as healthy nutrition and meal preparation, is provided in this area to aid in attaining a successful mother-child visiting experience. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Family Social Unit: This program is focused on a fundamental change in an inmate's behavior by encouraging them to focus on members of their family, friends and relatives with a particular emphasis on their well-being instead of only their own. Alternatives to past bad decisions and behaviors will be offered to promote overall behavioral changes in lifestyle. *This program is available at MCI-Concord and Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Fatherheart Program: Volunteer facilitated 8-week faith based program designed to assist offenders in family skills. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center and Boston Pre Release.*

Formative Writing for Success: The curriculum is designed for inmates who have achieved a GED or high school diploma and are interested in writing. Students will enhance their skills by learning some of the more common literary devices. *This program is available at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center, MCI Concord and MCI Framingham.*

Formative Writing Independent Study: Volunteer facilitated program is for individuals who are unable to attend class in person or those who are interested in additional writing projects/support. This goal is for participants to enhance their skills by learning different writing techniques and expand their notion of what writing should be. *This program is available at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center,*

Fully Alive Program: This volunteer facilitated program focuses on spiritual growth and choosing responsible living. Topics include relationships, recovery, anger management and understanding the relationship between attitudes, choices and consequences. *This program is available at Boston Pre Release, MCI Framingham, and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Gardening Program: This volunteer program will provide the knowledge of plants, time zones of planting and cultivating soil, how to take care of plants. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Gardening and Landscaping: Volunteer facilitated program that encourages patience, responsibility, attention to detail and the ability to work as a team in problem solving to produce the desired result. *This program is available at Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center at Plymouth.*

Greenhouse/Garden Program: Staff supervised program during which inmates grow flowers and vegetables in designated individual garden plots. In some institutions volunteers provide basic horticultural education and/or the produce grown is donated to local charities. *This program is available at North Central Correctional Institution Minimum, Northeastern Correctional Center, MCI Framingham, and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Guitar Program: A volunteer facilitator teaches the inmates how to play guitar, a creative way to spend leisure time. This program has been acknowledged as a positive vehicle to reduce stress and promote positive climate. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Healing from the Heart Yoga: The yoga class focuses on the mental and physical benefits of yoga for prisoners and its application to the issues they face related to their rehabilitation, such as mental health, addiction recovery and impulse control. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Education): Programs ranges from basic education and awareness to support groups for inmates who are HIV positive. Instructors include vendor and department staff, volunteers and inmates. *This program is available at most facilities.*

Impact Fitness: Health and Wellness Beyond Walls: Individuals who participate will learn a variety of practical skills for the fitness industry. These skills are transferrable to areas of employment across multiple fields, as well as leading to healthier lifestyle choices while incarcerated. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center and Pondville Correctional Center.*

Introduction to Horticulture: This program is designed to help participants understand the fundamental concepts of horticulture and teach the core skills required to produce small-scale sustainable gardens. This program is available at *Old Colony Minimum and Massachusetts Treatment Center.*

Jericho Circle: Volunteer facilitated group that targets a variety of criminogenic risk factors that are precursors to criminal behavior in an effort to develop integrity, accountability and emotional intelligence. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk and MCI Shirley Medium.*

Job Search: Eight-week program designed to prepare inmates for job searching upon release. Topics include developing realistic expectations, utilizing employment resources, identifying interests, skills and values and preparing for interviews. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Landscape Design: In collaboration with UMASS Amherst Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning Department, the goal of this project proposal is to explore opportunities for implementation of a restorative landscape design that will support the well-being of inmates, correctional staff, volunteers and visitors while maintaining facility safety. *This program is available at MCI-Framingham.*

Last Hope K9: The inmates learn a sense of purpose and responsibility through learning to teach dogs basic obedience skills. The goal of the program is to retain shelter dogs so that they can be adopted and become family pets. *This program is available at Old Colony Correctional Center Minimum.*

Law Library Clerk Training: Facilitated program that provides pre-employment training in basic legal research and use of electronic legal resources for potential inmate law library clerks or inmates interested in legal research. *This program is available at MCI Framingham, North Central Correctional Institution, and Old Colony Medium.*

Leadership and Transformational Thinking: The program is a volunteer facilitated program developed by The End Violence Project which is a nonprofit organization with the vision of ending violence without violence. This program support offenders in successfully transitioning from prison back into society as they join their families and communities. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk, North Central Correction Institution, North Eastern Correction Center, and Pondville Correctional Center.*

Learning to Foolproof Your Life: Participants are encouraged to acknowledge patterns and cycles of poor decisions that brought them to their current situation. The goal is to develop a plan for success by applying the principals outlined in the program. *This program is available at MCI Concord and Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Managing Difficult Conversations: This course is intended to support learning and growth in communication, difficult conversations and conflict management. The course involves a combination of interactive exercises, small group scenarios, individual analysis and facilitated discussion. *This program is available at MCI Concord.*

Massachusetts Community Outreach Initiative: This collaborative reentry initiative between MCOI and the DOC facilitates spiritual, emotional and physical preparation for release and a smooth assimilation into society. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center and MCI Shirley Medium.*

MDK Brand Management: this is an interactive program to help men and women believe in their potential, feel confident about their future and rebuild their lives following incarceration. *This program is available at MCI- Framingham.*

Menswork: Eight to twelve week program designed to provide creative educational services that support the personal and social rehabilitation of convicted offenders. *This program is available at MCI Shirley.*

Mindfulness, Meditation and Resiliency: This program will focus on the mental and physical health benefits of yoga for inmates. The yoga practices will follow the Prison Yoga Project's guidelines based on their effectiveness in prison classes with a variety of students with different physical and psychological issues. *This program is available at MCI-Concord and MCI Norfolk.*

Money Management and Career Strategy: program is designed to instruct inmates and teach them basic skills in key areas that will afford them a better opportunity of success during their re-entry into society and post incarceration life. *This program is available at MCI Concord and Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Money Smart: This program covers topics such as developing spending plans, budgeting skills, how to chose and maintain a checking account and the basics of building/repairing credit. *This program is available at MCI Concord, MCI Norfolk, MCI Framingham, Pondville Correctional Center, and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Music Theory & Instrument Retention Program: The Music Theory course is an instructor-taught program with class interaction and homework to teach basic western music theory principles and how to play a keyboard. This program provides inmates the opportunity for rehabilitation through the study and performance of music. *This program is available at MCI Concord and MCI Shirley Medium*

Music Theory Program: Staff and/or volunteer supervised program that enables participants to learn basic music theory, comprehension and practice. Inmates join bands to rehearse and perform. In cell use of instruments varies among facilities. It is often limited to those inmates that can be utilized with headphones and do not disrupt the housing unit. *This program is available at Massachusetts Treatment Center, MCI Norfolk, North Central Correctional Institution, Northeastern Correctional Center, and Old Colony Correctional Center Medium.*

Narcotics Anonymous: Staff supervised, volunteer facilitated discussion/support/fellowship group that focuses on the twelve steps of narcotics anonymous and providing community information as appropriate. *This program is available at most facilities.*

National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program (NEADS): NEADS is a non-profit service dog organization established to provide Hearing, Service and Assistance Dogs for veterans, adults and children. For example: children on the autism spectrum; veterans or civilians who are deaf or use wheelchairs or whose activities are limited by their disability. These Service Dogs become extensions of their owners and bring freedom, independence, increased mobility and relief from social isolation to their partners. This is an 18-month program designed to utilize inmate handlers to teach dogs basic obedience and other skills needed to prepare them for future "careers" as Service Dogs assisting people who are physically disabled. Following their training with the inmates, the dogs will then learn the more advanced Service Dog skills at NEADS' National Assistance Dog Training Campus in Princeton, MA. *This program is available at MCI- Concord, MCI Framingham, Northeastern Correctional Center, MCI Norfolk, and North Central Correctional Institution Medium and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Parallel Recovery: This program is a comprehensive approach to treatment for people who have both a serious mental illness and a serious substance abuse disorder, with a goal of helping individuals live independently in the community. *This program is available at Old Colony Correctional Center.*

Parenting Support Group: Vendor facilitated group that provides a continuum of parenting classes reinforcing the skills developed in Parenting Education. This group encourages women to take a leadership role in continuing to address the multifaceted aspects surrounding parenting. This process is aided by the support of the group facilitator. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Parenting/Family Services: Volunteers and staff provide programs, which range from skill building, basic education, and reintegration information to support groups. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Parents Helping Parents: This program helps to reduce isolation, enhance resiliency and improve parenting skills. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Parenting on the Inside: Inmates are challenged to consider new ways of relating to and interacting with their children by discussing their strengths and barriers. *This program is available at MCI-Shirley.*

Passion to Profit: Creating Your Own Business

The workshop introduces students to the fundamentals of small business. Students will be led through the process of writing their own business plan and developing negotiating, networking, self- preservation and interview skills. *This program is available at the Pondville Correctional Center.*

Path of Freedom: This program is a mindfulness-based, cognitive-behavioral and integral approach to self-transformation and personal development. *This program is available at MCI Concord, North Central Correctional Institution, Northeastern Correctional Center, MCI Norfolk, MCI Shirley, Old Colony Correctional Center, and Souza Baranowski Correctional Center.*

Peace Education Program: This program is designed to increase the participant's awareness of the innate resources they have to manage challenges of life both while incarcerated and after release in a more constructive and positive manner than they might have prior to taking classes. *This program is available at North Central Correctional Institution, Souza Baranowski Correctional Center, MCI Shirley, MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Peace of Mind Meditation: This program is an experienced based meditation practice based on Raja Yoga principles. The practice focuses on navigating the mind to a place of positivity and optimistic outlook. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Peer Educator: This training program is a twelve-week program that prepares offenders to assist staff in the facilitation of the Health Awareness Program. Offenders must complete the Health Awareness class to be eligible for the Peer Educator class. *This program is available at MCI Framingham, and MCI Norfolk.*

Photo Program: This program will trigger inmates to remember where they came from and where they are going to. It will give them hope that they can go forward with their lives and remind them of the accomplishments they have made. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Physical and Mental Well Being: Because yoga is designed to quiet the mind and teach discipline, it will have a positive effect on the men and reduce violence. This program is about self-care and uniting the mind, body and spirit and taking it back into their everyday lives. *This program is available at Old Colony C.C. Medium.*

Planning to Achieve Lifetime Success - Obtaining a Parole Permit: This two-session program helps the inmate understand the importance of successful reentry. This program also guides the inmate in order to get a favorable parole decision. *This program is available at MCI Concord.*

Poetry Group: A former Boston University professor coordinates this group. Every other month, artists from the community meet with inmates to review and critique their poems. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Prison Fellowship Program: This program helps participants to become increasingly pro-social and emphasizes pro-social attitudes and skills developed in a community. *This program is available at MCI Concord, MCI Norfolk and Old Colony Minimum and Medium.*

Project Youth: Staff supervised program in which inmates discuss with high school students their personal experiences and consequences that resulted in incarceration. *This program is available at MCI Concord, MCI Norfolk, Old Colony Correctional Center Medium, North Central Correctional Institution, MCI Shirley Medium, and MCI Cedar Junction.*

Reproductive Health Workshop: this workshop would provide inmates who within 1 year of release with education surrounding preventative care and protection methods as it applies to sexual health. *This program is available at MCI- Framingham.*

Read to Me Daddy: A staff and volunteer facilitated program where the male offenders are assisted in selecting a book that is age appropriate and speaks to their child's interest level. The male offender is then filmed while he reads the book and when the video is finished both the book and video tape are mailed to the child. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center, North Central Correctional Center, and MCI Norfolk.*

Read to Me Father: The goal of this program is to give individuals who are fathers, an opportunity to create ongoing contact with their children. This will aid in family separation stress and improving family support during the incarceration period. *This program is available at MCI Concord and Old Colony Correctional Center.*

Read to Me Mommy: Chaplain facilitated program where the female offenders are assisted in selecting a book that is age appropriate and speaks to their child's interest level. The female offender is then filmed while she reads the book and when the video is finished both the book and video tape are mailed to the child. *This program is available at MCI Framingham and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Reclaiming Reality: This program is a volunteer facilitated, non-residential substance use treatment program. The program is eight weeks in length and follows a detailed lesson plan addressing addictive behavior. *This program is available at Pondville Correctional Center.*

Reentry Preparation: This program will teach inmates skills to manage their day to day needs using computers which will better prepare them for their life outside of DOC. This will teach independence, responsibility and organizational skills that will transfer with the inmate upon release. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Restorative Justice Community Building Circles: This program is designed to foster participants' a sense of responsibility and empathy for the harm inflicted on families and community members. *This program is available at MCI-Norfolk.*

Restorative Justice Crime Impact Circles: This program aims to provide a facilitated process for those incarcerated to gain much needed insight into their crimes, come to terms with their responsibility and be accountable for the harm that they have inflicted. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Restorative Justice Monthly Book Group: The monthly book group is designed to facilitate discussions. A book will be chosen each month that deals with male role beliefs, male socialization, and issues of violence, accountability, and responsibility. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Restorative Justice Reading Group: This is a reading program designed to introduce the participant to what it means to be accountable, responsible and to make amends. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk, Old Colony Correctional Center Medium, Massachusetts Treatment Center, MCI Framingham, Northeastern Correctional Center, and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Restorative Justice Mindfulness Program: This program is designed to help inmates learn to be more present in the moment and engage in pro-social behaviors. The program allows inmates to cultivate skills that bring awareness to destructive patterns of behaviors. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Restorative Justice Repairing Harm: This program is designed to encourage positive behavioral changes within oneself, within the inmate's families and within their communities by implementing a curriculum that includes storytelling, reading, deep introspection, self-evaluation, conflict resolution within oneself and with others, forgiveness and acceptance. *This program is available at MCI Concord, Northeastern Correctional Center and MCI Shirley.*

Restorative Justice Sunday Sessions: These sessions will allow students and the members from the law enforcement community to better understand the impact that restorative practices have on the incarcerated and the ways in which these restorative practices create a more peaceful and healing prison community. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Reverence: This program is designed to validate, enhance or restore an inmate's self-respect and instill a sense of community. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center and MCI Concord.*

Reverence Program Facilitator Training: The treatment model for this program is based on the theory of intrinsic motivation and positive reinforcement. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center and MCI Concord.*

SAFER (Survivors of Abuse Feeling Empowered for Reentry): This program provides counseling, education, support groups and other support for victims of abuse or domestic violence. *This program is available at MCI Framingham.*

Self Help/Twelve Step Programs: Volunteer facilitated substance abuse support groups based on abstinence. Self Help/Twelve-step Programs includes Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Al Anon. The program is available in both Spanish and English. *This program is available at most facilities.*

Speaking Without Fear: Volunteer facilitated program which is designed to enhance an inmate's ability to communicate more effectively. This is a six-week program and is a pre-requisite to the Toastmasters' Program. *This program is available at Old Colony Correctional Center.*

Spiritual Workout: This program consists on gatherings designed to support the spiritual lives of those who have experienced brokenness and/or are in recovery from addiction. The purpose of each gathering is to be reminded of God's unconditional love for each one of us and to reclaim the dignity of the unique individual each one of us is. *This program is available at Boston Pre-Release Center.*

Stepping Up: Call to Courageous Manhood: Using wisdom and principles, this program will assist inmates in acquiring increased communication and negotiating skills. *This program is available at Boston Pre Release Center and Northeastern Correctional Center.*

Strategies for Self-Improvement: This is an interactive, cognitive-behavioral treatment program to motivate change in adults, ages 18 or older, with a history of criminal conduct and/or substance use to provide prevention of relapse and recidivism. *This program is available at NECC and MCI Concord.*

Successful Steps to a Successful Job Search: This is a job readiness program that will help teach inmates the necessary skills to network and how to effectively communicate. *This program is available at Souza Baranowski.*

Talking Information Center: The Talking Information Center provides human voiced broadcasts of local news, articles and items of interest to visually impaired and otherwise disabled listeners throughout MA to promote independence and enrich quality of life. *This program is available at MCI-Norfolk.*

There Is A Way: This ten-week program that addresses areas of risk prevention for women who experienced sex trafficking and sexual violence previous the incarceration. *This program is available to South Middlesex Correctional center.*

Toastmasters: Public speaking program that enables inmates to develop more effective communication skills. Through a series of presentations, inmates learn to express thoughts in a clear and non-threatening manner. Toastmasters are an internationally recognized organization. *This program is available at most facilities and is also offered in Spanish at OCC and MCI Shirley Medium.*

Transforming Anger with Non-Violent Communication: This 12-week program addresses violence in our culture and fosters community safety by teaching communication and life skills. *This program is available at MCI Concord, Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, MCI Shirley Medium and South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Victim Offender Education Group: (VOEG) This restorative justice program provides opportunities for the inmates to internalize accountability, responsibility and learn empathy towards their victims and the community. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk, MCI Concord MCI Framingham and South Middlesex.*

Victim Offender Education Group Maintenance Program: This program is designed to provide graduates of the VOEG program the opportunity to explore even more deeply the realities of what it means to be responsible and accountable. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Virtual Reality Program: Offenders are introduced to Virtual Reality while viewing various activities via Oculus Go to experience some of the challenges they may face upon release. Offenders will watch a video, write down and discuss their feelings and responses to the video. Involving as many of the senses as frequently as possible will strengthen and lend itself to a more comprehensive, meaningful and educational experience. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

VOSH/NECO: Eyeglasses recycling program. Staff coordinated program in which inmates repair donated eyeglasses to be repackaged and sent to developing countries where members of VOSH/NECO will examine patients and distribute the eyeglasses. Volunteer Optometry Services to Humanity /New England Council Optometrists (VOSH/NECO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of human sight, mainly in developing countries where there is no welfare. *This program is available at MCI Norfolk.*

Wellesley College Volunteer Program: Wellesley College is offering a variety of classes facilitated by volunteers to help inmates prepare for release, making better life choices such as healthy eating, and education in both self-awareness and world events. Faculty and staff volunteers from the college will educate students on giving back to the community, topics of interests in a lecture series, and workshops for post-release employment. *This program is available at South Middlesex Correctional Center.*

Writing For Results: Students learn the basic steps to writing clean, compelling prose for job related or personal growth. *This program is available at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center and MCI Shirley Minimum.*

Writing for the Soul: Staff Facilitated program designed to improve writing skills and encourage interest in reading while strengthening self-confidence and employability. *This program is available at Boston Pre Release Center.*

Writers Group: This program is intended to engage participants to use writing as a means to cope with frustration, express their emotions, learn how to express self-constructively, and subsequently improve their writing skills. *This program is available at MCI-Framingham.*

Writing Skills: Students learn basic writing skills and punctuation along with enhancing reading and listening skills. *This program is available at Northeastern Correctional Center.*

SECURE FACILITIES

MCI CEDAR JUNCTION

Departmental Services and Programs

Core Skills
Criminal Thinking (BMU)
High Risk Offender Program (DDU)
Gateway to Treatment
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
General Population Maintenance Program (BMU)
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Violence Reduction (BMU)
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

Cedar Junction is home to the License Plate Shop where offenders produce the license plate requirements set forth by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Vocational Education Programs

Food Services Training
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Able Minds
Alcoholics Anonymous
Cognitive Skills Workshops
Narcotics Anonymous
Project Youth
Toastmaster

MCI CONCORD

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Correctional Recovery Academy
Correctional Recovery Academy Graduate Support Program
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Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL III-Advanced
ESL II-Intermediate
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Partakers
Petey Green
Emerson College
Tufts University Adult Basic Education

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Technology Education Programs

CISCO IT Essentials
Introduction to Microsoft Office

Vocational Education Programs

Barber Training
Building Trades
Culinary Arts Foundations I
ServSafe
OSHA

Institutional Programs

Able Minds
Advanced Writing for Results
Anger Strategies
Basic Computer Skills
Beacon Facilitator Training
Beacon Program - Behavior, Emotions and Changing Oneself
Beacon Study Group
Book Discussion Group
Book Giveaway for Children
Career Pathway Workshop

Chess Club
Cognitive Skills Workshops
Creative Writing
Doing the Right Thing
Entrepreneurship - CPO
Family Social Unit
Formative Writing for Success
Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Awareness)
Music Theory & Instrument Retention Program
Learning to Foolproof Your Life
Managing Difficult Conversations
Mindfulness, Meditation and Resiliency
Money Management & Career Strategy
Money Smart
National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program
Path of Freedom
Planning to Achieve Lifetime Success
Prison Fellowship Program
Project Youth
Read to Me Father
Restorative Justice Repairing Harm
Reverence
Reverence Program Facilitator Training
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs
Strategies for Self-Improvement
Toastmasters
Transforming Anger with Non-Violent Communication
Victim Offender Education Group

MCI FRAMINGHAM

Departmental Services and Programs

Building Positive Connections
Family Preservation Programs and Services
First Step Program
General Population Services (GPS)
Healthy Living Community
Healing for the Future
Life in Recovery
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Methadone Maintenance Program
Motivational Enhancement Program
Parenting Inside out
Parenting Support Group
Mentoring Program
Recreation Services
Re-entry Services
Religious Services
SAFER
Sex Offender Treatment Program
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

This operation currently manufactures United States, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, POW/MIA, and Custom Flags, Laundry Bags and Belt Pouches. The offenders learn valuable skills that are related to the various employment opportunities in the sewing industry within the state. Our Embroidery Shop can embroider caps, jackets, tee shirts and many other items.

Academic Education Programs

Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL III-Advanced
ESL II-Intermediate
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Partakers
Petey Green
Boston University
Inside-Out Program/Framingham State University

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Vocational Education Programs

Cosmetology Program
Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

AA Reentry Fellowship Program
Able Minds
A Book from Mom
Alcoholics Anonymous
America's VetDog
Back to Basics
Career Pathway Workshop
Cognitive Skills Workshops
CPR
DCF Visit Coordination
Education Seminar
Emotional Awareness / Houses of Healing Program
Entrepreneurship – CPO
Formative Writing for Success
Fully Alive Program
Greenhouse/Garden Program
Healing from the Heart Yoga
Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Education)
Landscape Design
Law Library Clerk Training
MDK Brand Management
Money Smart
Narcotics Anonymous
National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program
Parents Helping Parents
Peace Education Program
Peer Educator (HIV/AIDS Peer Education)
Read to Me Mommy
Reproductive Health Workshop
Restorative Justice Reading Group
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs
Victim Offender Education Group
Writers Group

MCI NORFOLK

Departmental Services and Programs

Correctional Recovery Academy
Correctional Recovery Academy Graduate Support Program
Criminal Thinking
General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

Our largest operation, Norfolk has offenders working in a wide range of manufacturing settings. This operation houses a Clothing Shop where fabric is cut from rolls and sewn to create garments used in a number of areas throughout the Commonwealth; our Mattress Shop produces a variety of mattresses for use in a number of environments; the Janitorial shop has a complete line of cleaning products available; the Metal operation is able to supply custom fabricated metal cell furniture to provided specifications; the Upholstery Shop produces a number of quality upholstered office chairs, and can re-upholster sofas, chairs, and other furniture; a Binder Shop which produces 3 ring vinyl binders in a number of sizes. Lastly, a Furniture Assembly Shop assembles various furniture items from a number of outstanding furniture manufacturers.

Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL III-Advanced
ESL II-Intermediate
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Partakers
Post-Secondary Education
Boston University

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

Vocational Education Programs

Barber Training
Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe
Welding

Institutional Programs

Able Minds
Alcoholics Anonymous
Alternatives to Violence
American Veterans in Prison
Career Pathway Workshop
Chess Club
Cognitive Skills Workshops
Countdown to Freedom
Emotional Awareness / Houses of Healing Program
Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Education)
Jericho Circle
Leadership and Transformational Thinking
Mindfulness, Meditation and Resiliency
Money Smart
Music Theory Program
Narcotics Anonymous
National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program
Parenting/Family Services
Path of Freedom
Peer Educator (HIV/AIDS Education)
Poetry Group
Prison Fellowship Program
Project Youth
Read to Me Daddy
Restorative Justice Monthly Book Group
Restorative Justice Community Building Circles
Restorative Justice Crime Impact Circles
Restorative Justice Reading Group
Restorative Justice Mindfulness Program
Restorative Justice Sunday Sessions
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs
Talking Information Center
Toastmasters
Victim Offender Education Group
Victim Offender Education Group Maintenance Program
VOSH/NECO

MCI SHIRLEY

Departmental Services and Programs

Correctional Recovery Academy
Correctional Recovery Academy Graduate Support Program
Criminal Thinking
General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

MCI Shirley offers a sew shop to offenders who are interested in learning how to sew. The program produces sheets, towels, and socks which are all manufactured at the facility. Offenders learn valuable skills that are related to the various employment opportunities in the sewing industry within the state.

MCI Shirley also offers a woodshop program where offenders learn to build various types of wood furniture consisting of but not limited to; Desks, Lockers, Bookcases, Kitchen cabinets, Outdoor furniture, and Credenzas.

Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL III-Advanced
ESL II-Intermediate
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Partakers
Petey Green
Post-Secondary Education
Mount Wachusett Community College
Boston College

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

Vocational Education Programs

Barber Training
Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

AA Reentry Fellowship Program
Anger Management SAMHSA
Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step Program
Alternatives to Violence
America's VetDog
American Veterans in Prison
Beacon Program - Behavior, Emotions and Changing Oneself
Book Discussion Group
Career Pathway Workshop
Cognitive Skills Workshop
Companion/Environmental Cleaning Program
Entrepreneurship - CPO
Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Education)
Jericho Circle
Massachusetts Community Outreach Initiative
Menswork
Music Theory & Instrument Retention Program
Parenting on the Inside
Path of Freedom
Peace Education Program
Project Youth
Restorative Justice Repairing Harm
Toastmasters (also offered in Spanish)
Transforming Anger with Non-Violent Communication

NORTH CENTRAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

Departmental Services and Programs

Criminal Thinking
General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Pathway to Recovery
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Sex Offender Treatment Program
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

The Optical shop is a full-scale eyewear laboratory providing services to many providers throughout Massachusetts. The offenders currently working at this site grind, polish, and assemble eyeglasses for a number of customers. The industrial instructor's at NCCI-Gardner are facilitating the process of testing offenders working in the Optical Shop to gain a certification from the American Board of Optometry, a nationally recognized organization. The test is designed to reveal the competency in the optical field and their overall knowledge. The individual taking this exam will be provided a certification from the American Board of Opticianry (ABO). This in turn, will allow the offender to show qualifications and a work history to potential employers.

Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL III-Advanced
ESL II-Intermediate
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Mount Wachusett Community College

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

Vocational Education Programs

Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe
Small Engine Repair
Welding

Institutional Programs

AA Reentry Fellowship Program
Able Minds
Alternatives to Violence
Alcoholics Anonymous
Community Gardening and Landscaping
Law Library Clerk Training

Leadership and Transformational Thinking
Music Theory Program
Narcotics Anonymous
National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program
Path of Freedom
Peace Education Program
Project Youth
Read to Me Daddy

OLD COLONY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

Criminal Thinking Program
General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Sex Offender Treatment Program
Substance Abuse Education
Violence Reduction Program
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

Printing is the trade being taught at our full scale, state-of-the-art, Printing Plant. Offenders working in the print shop are able to use the latest technology to produce a quality product and therefore also gain valuable skills which are easily transferable to private industry. Products offered vary from letterhead to continuous forms, to City and Town Reports. There is also a Validation Shop that produces Registry of Motor Vehicle stickers and decals.

Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL III-Advanced
ESL II-Intermediate
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Inside-Out Program/Bridgewater State University

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Vocational Education Programs

Culinary Arts Foundations 1
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Able Minds
Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholic Anonymous 12 Step Program
Alternatives to Violence
American Veterans in Prison
America's VetDog
Career Pathway Workshop
Chess Club
Cognitive Skills Workshop

Companion Program
Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Education)
Law Library Clerk Training
Music Theory Program
Narcotics Anonymous
Parallel Recovery
Path of Freedom
Physical and Mental Well Being
Prison Fellowship Program
Project Youth
Read to Me Father
Restorative Justice Reading Group
Sampson Art Program (SHU only)
Sampson Book Club (SHU only)
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs
Speaking Without Fear
Toastmasters (also offered in Spanish)

SOUZA BARANOWSKI CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

Criminal Thinking
Gateway to Treatment
General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
High Risk Offender Graduate Support Program
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Reentry and Employment Readiness Workshop
Religious Services
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Academic Education Programs

ESL I-Beginner
ESL II-Intermediate
ESL III-Advanced
Adult Basic Education
Pre-Adult Secondary Education
Adult Secondary Education
Inside-Out Program/Tufts University

Supplemental Academic Programs

Education in Specialized Housing Units

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

Vocational Education Programs

Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Advanced Writing for Results
Alternatives to Violence
Book Discussion Group
Cognitive Skills Workshops
Emotional Awareness / Houses of Healing
Formative Writing for Success
Formative Writing Independent Study
Health Awareness (HIV/AIDS Education)
Path of Freedom
Peace Education Program
Successful Steps to a Successful Job Search
Toastmasters
Transforming Anger with Non-Violent Communication
Writing for Results

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

BOSTON PRE-RELEASE CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
School of Reentry
Volunteer Services

Academic Education Programs

Petey Green

Vocational Education Program

OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

AA Reentry Fellowship Program
Alcoholics Anonymous (also available in Spanish)
Cognitive Skills Workshop
Doing The Right thing
Fatherheart Program
Fully Alive Program
Narcotics Anonymous
Spiritual Workout
Stepping Up: Call to Courageous Manhood
Writing for the Soul

Community Programs (Level two inmates only)

Educational Release
Office of Community Corrections
Step Down Community Assistance under Community Program

MCI SHIRLEY, MINIMUM

Departmental Services and Programs

Correctional Recovery Academy
Correctional Recovery Academy Graduate Support Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Volunteer Services
Writing for Results

Correctional Industries

Offenders in the Engraving Shop create designs and manufacture the following products: memorial bricks, plexi glass Safety Shields for restaurants, acrylic designs, wooden coasters, granite coasters, granite designs, wooden door signs, and coffee mug "tumblers". Skills are being taught to offenders utilizing the latest technology for software design and machine work. Offenders learn valuable skills that are related to various employment opportunities in the community.

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum

Vocational Education Program

Wheelchair Repair
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Alcoholics Anonymous
Cognitive Skills Workshop
Toastmaster

NORTH CENTRAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, MINIMUM UNIT

Departmental Services and Programs

Recreation Services

Religious Services

Volunteer Services

Institutional Programs

AA Reentry Fellowship Program

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alternatives to Violence

Greenhouse/Garden Program

Narcotics Anonymous

NORTHEASTERN CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

Criminal Thinking
General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum

Vocational Education Programs

Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Anger Strategies
Alcoholics Anonymous
AA Reentry Fellowship Program
Alternatives to Violence (Basic, Advanced, & Facilitator)
Art Program
Career Pathway Workshop
Concord Public Library Program
Doing The Right thing
Entrepreneurship - CPO
Family Day Program
Family Social Unit
Fatherheart Program
Greenhouse/Garden Program
Guitar Program
Job Search
Leadership and Transformational Thinking
Learning to Foolproof Your Life
Massachusetts Community Outreach Initiative
Money Management and Career Strategy
Music Theory Program
Narcotics Anonymous
National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program
Path of Freedom
Read to Me Daddy
Restorative Justice Repairing Harm
Restorative Justice Reading Group
Reverence
Reverence Program Facilitator Training
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs

Stepping Up: Call to Courageous Manhood
Strategies for Self-Improvement
Toastmasters
Writing Skills

OLD COLONY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, MINIMUM

Departmental Services and Programs

Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Thinking for a Change
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum

Vocational Education Programs

OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Able Minds
Alcoholics Anonymous
Cognitive Skills Workshops
Introduction to Horticulture
Last Hope K9
Prison Fellowship Program
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs

PONDVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

General Population Maintenance Program
Graduate Maintenance Program-Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Milford Kitchen Culinary Arts
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Thinking for a Change
Violence Reduction
Volunteer Services

Correctional Industries

MassCor's Central Office utilizes offenders from this facility to perform varied tasks.

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum

Vocational Education Programs

Automotive Program (Milford Garage)
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

America's VetDog
Book Discussion Group
Career Pathway Workshop
Countdown to Freedom
Impact Fitness: Health & Wellness Beyond Walls
Leadership and Transformational Thinking
Money Smart
Passion to Profit: Creating Your Own Business
Reclaiming Reality
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs

SOUTH MIDDLESEX CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

Building Positive Connections
Community Work Crew
Family Preservation Programs and Services
Family Reunification House Program
Healthy Living Community
Institutional Work
Life in Recovery
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Motivational Enhancement Program
Parenting Education Program
Photo Program
Pre-Release Employment
Recreation Services
Reintegration Services
Religious Services
Volunteer Services

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum
Partakers
Inside-Out Program/Framingham State University
Boston University

Vocational Education Programs

Cosmetology
Culinary Arts Foundations I
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Advanced Countdown to Freedom, Part II
Beacon Program - Behavior, Emotions and Changing Oneself
Building Foundations
Career Pathway Workshop
Cognitive Skills Workshops
Countdown to Freedom
CPR
DCF Visit Coordination
Entrepreneurship 101
Fully Alive Program
Gardening Program
Greenhouse/Garden Program
Impact Fitness: Health and Wellness Beyond Walls
Money Smart
National Education for Assistant Dog Services-Puppy Program
Parenting/Family Services
Path to Freedom
Peace Education Program

Peace of Mind Meditation
Read to Me Mommy
Reentry Preparation
Restorative Justice Reading Group
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs
There is a Way
Toastmasters
Transforming Anger with Non-Violent Communication
Victim Offender Education Group
Virtual Reality Program
Wellesley College Volunteer Program

SPECIALIZED FACILITIES

MASSACHUSETTS TREATMENT CENTER

Departmental Services and Programs

Graduate Maintenance Program – Substance Abuse
Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative
Pathway to Recovery
Recreation Services
Religious Services
Sex Offender Treatment Program
Volunteer Services

Academic Education Programs

Adult Basic Education Continuum

Technology Education Programs

Introduction to Microsoft Office

Vocational Education Programs

Building Trades Program
Food Services Training
OSHA
ServSafe

Institutional Programs

Alcoholics Anonymous
American Veterans in Prison
Center for Spiritual Living
Introduction to Horticulture
Music Theory Program
Restorative Justice Reading Group
Self/Help Twelve Step Programs

MASSACHUSETTS ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CENTER AT PLYMOUTH

The Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center at Plymouth is managed by WellPath. The facility houses patients who are civilly committed under MGL 123, Section 35

For patients who are civilly committed, MASSACHUSETTS ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CENTER provides a detoxification and substance abuse program which consists of three phases:

1. Medically supervised detoxification
2. Mandatory counseling and Programs
3. Individual discharge planning

Patients participate in a comprehensive, multi-phase progression of classes in relapse prevention. In addition, case management services, twelve step Programs, and assistance in after care planning are offered to provide each patient with an individual discharge plan for community-based treatment and support.

Agency Services

Recreation Services
Religious Services
Volunteer Programs

Facility Programs

WellPath Program Services
WellPath Substance Abuse Counseling Services
Recovery Pathfinder Program
WellPath Medical Services