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A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE: ADULT LITERACY FROM PRISON TO PROSPERITY JCVS HUMAN SERVICES[®] Making hope happen.[®]

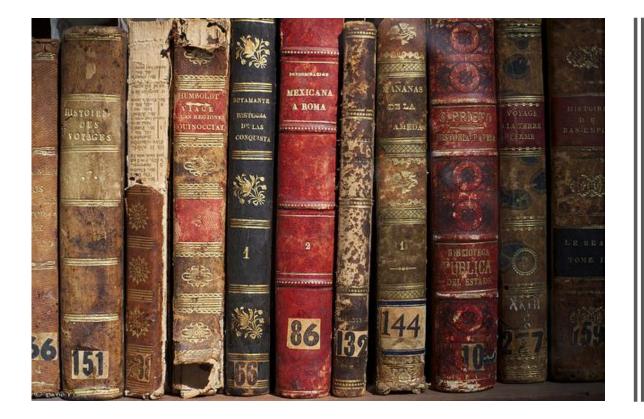




FAILURE

Presented by Jeffrey Abramowitz, JD

Never judge a book by its' cover.









I believe:

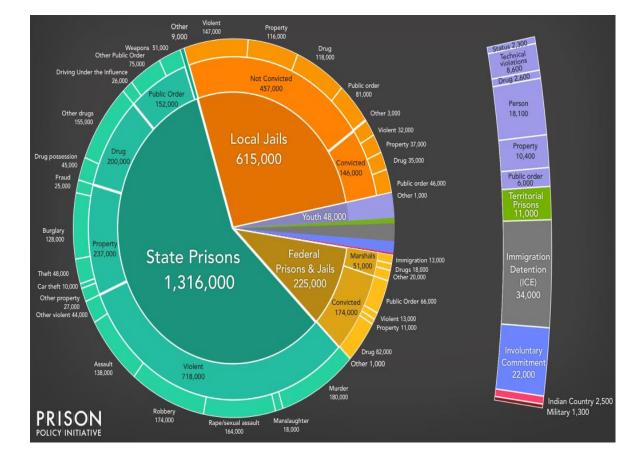


We need to see the world with different glasses.

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."

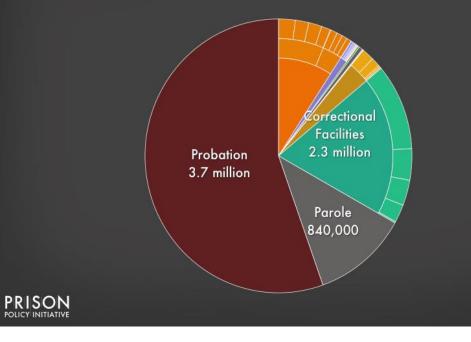


The Whole Pie



Incarceration is just one piece of the much larger system of correctional control

The U.S. justice system controls almost 7 million people, more than half of whom are on probation.



There are over 44,000 barriers to employment, education, housing, loan borrowing and licensing, among many other categories.

47% of all current jobs are at risk for automation or other technologybased elimination

Low literacy levels cost the US economy \$2.2 trillion per/year in GNP (

70-100 MILLION

People are in the national criminal record database!



The unemployment rate for formerly incarcerated people stands at:



<u>That is higher than peak unemployment during the great</u> <u>depression!</u>

<u>(8.4% today)</u>

"Laying the Groundwork: How States Can Improve Access to Continued Education for People in the Criminal Justice System".



I Believe: The Answer

Education & Skill Training & Innovation



Why education/skill development and a career pathway matter!

- Low skilled adults are 8X more likely to be incarcerated
- Providing "ANY" form of educational programming in prison provided a 43% "BETTER" chance of not going back
- By 2020, 63% of all US jobs will require education beyond high school

Just the facts:

<u>'drive.g</u> https: e.com/ sdmon

Adult Education Program Fact Sheet

Reporting Period: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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Adult education programs in Florida assist adults in building skills and earning credentials that lead to **PURPOSE:** postsecondary education, sustainable employment and economic self-sufficiency.

By 2020, 65% of all jobs in the United States will require some form of postsecondary education. It is projected by **EMPLOYER** the American Action Forum that, by 2020, the United States will be short an estimated 7.5 million private sector **SKILL NEEDS:** workers across all skill levels

OUR ADULT EDUCATION POPULATION

Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state without a high school credential

Number of adults in the state who don't speak English well or at all

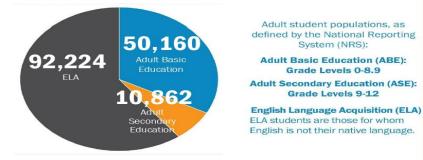
System (NRS):

Grade Levels 0-8.9

Grade Levels 9-12

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OUR ENROLLMENT: 153,246



.839 Number of enrolled students served in correctional educational programs:

Number of enrolled students exhausting TANF within two years:

OUR PERFORMANCE High School Credentials awarded to 7,222 those enrolled in our program: Postsecondary Credentials awarded 36 to those enrolled in our program: Individuals improving one or more 27,504 skill levels:

Sources: American Community Survey, 2013-17, 5-year estimate: National Reporting System; Recovery by Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center

CHALLENGES FACING OUR POPULATION

110.743 Working-Age Adults (18-64) Without

High School Diploma and Unemployed

Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma and Not in Labor Force

37.773 **Working-Age Adults Without High** School Diploma on Public Assistance

Youth (16-24) Without High School **Diploma, Not Enrolled in School and** Unemployed

12%

Percentage of Children Living in **Household Headed by Adult Without High School Diploma**







THE "PREGAME" (Pre & Reentry) THE GAME THE EQUIPMENT PLAN THE THE TEAM EXECUTION VICTORY: Generational Impact

The Whole Game (of Trick Plays)

Wrap Around Services



COVID 19 Behind & Beyond the Walls



When G-d hands you lemons, you need to make lemonade.

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05 /01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-inprisons

THE EQUIPMENT:

Education & Training Hold the Key

DIGITAL LITERACY

SKILLS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

EDUCATION (GED/ESL/COLLEGE)

OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING

(Not just about how to have a career,

but how to keep one!)



Innovation!

Digital literacy behind the walls

Virtual reality training

Employer Partnerships

Creative funding

The Play Book

Thinking (Being) Outside the Cell

Restoring Education and Learning Act (REAL Act)

Active Employer Engagement in Education & Training



Upskilling

TRAINING (Skills/licensing/ ITA)

Innovation & Creativity In a COVID19 World

Navigating Reentry... Into The Workplace



Pathways to Prosperity







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And the winner is...



Reentry Innovation In a COVID19 World

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SUCCESS

Seeing the world with different glasses





"I see the world not as it is, but as I hope it will be."

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