

Take Charge of Your Future: Get the Education and Training You Need

Background

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that during 2010, more than 4.4 million adults moved onto or off probation. Some returned to prison, while others successfully transitioned back into their communities. While a host of services are needed to facilitate transition, most ex-offenders identify education as the single, most highly valued resource of all support services.¹ Yet there are few compilations of resources to help formerly incarcerated adults and their families navigate the options and find appropriate services.

Overview

The Office of Vocational & Adult Education (OVAE) has supported successful transitions, in part, by providing a guide entitled, "Back to School: A Guide to Continuing Your Education after Prison." Requests for the guide, originally intended as a response to the nearly 3,000 prisoners who contact the Department annually for information on educational opportunities after release, has increased dramatically.

This project, through a contract to MPR Associates, updated the guide. The new guide, "Take Charge of Your Future: Get the Education and Training You Need", builds on the success of the previous guide, by updating and expanding the content and broadening the target audience. The goal of the new publication is to assist the large and diverse group of persons in correctional settings, with their specialized educational interests. The new resource offers a range of information, from goal setting to financial literacy. It is designed for people who have been incarcerated, and for those on community supervision (probation and parole). Resources will help them begin—or continue—on the path toward furthering their education or training.

Outcomes and Products

- Revised Guide: [Take Charge of Your Future: Get the Education and Training You Need](#)

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¹RTI International. "SVORI Multi-site Evaluation Background." *Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative*. Apr. 2003. Web. 09 Feb. 2011. <http://www.svori-evaluation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_evaluation_background>.