DLLR'S SECOND CHANCE APPROACH

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation (DLLR) has a Correctional Education (CE) division within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning. CE provides educational opportunities to over 9,000 inmates in Maryland to equip them with the skills they need to successfully transition to the workforce after release. Through a combination of academic and workforce development instruction, inmates are gaining the tools necessary to re-integrate into society upon their release.

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Changes in Review:

- Implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act
- Implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- One Baltimore for Jobs (1B4J) grant program
- Maryland Benchmarks for Success
- Structured Employment and Economic Development Corporation (SEEDCO)

Program Outcomes:

In 2016, the council reviewed the program outcomes for all sectors of Correctional Education. As a result of these evaluations and the ongoing work of the council, the following goals were accomplished for FY2017:

- Secured/utilized funding that assisted with the upgrade of occupational training equipment for national certifications to improve employment possibilities
- Developed a new Diesel Training Program to train inmates interested in becoming diesel technicians
- Submitted a grant proposal to begin two new barbering stylist programs
- Development of a mentoring/volunteer network to assist ex-offenders as they transition back into society

Workforce Development Initiatives:

- Correctional Education/Re-Entry Center Partnership
- Maryland Re-Entry Initiative

To learn more about the work DLLR does through Correctional Education click here and for the full Correctional Education Council Activity Report 2017 click here.