Correctional Education: Services, Transition and Community Referrals

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Presentation Topics

- Overview of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the Windham School District (WSD)
- Program opportunities and job training for incarcerated students
- Transition and Reentry
- Partnerships
- Community Referrals
- Question and Answer







Texas Department of Criminal Justice

- Mission Components
 - Public safety
 - Positive change in behavior
 - Reintegration into society
 - Assist victims of crime
- Goals



- Probation Supervision & Community Diversions to Incarceration
- Custody, Care and Management of Incarcerated
- Rehabilitation and Reentry Programs
- Parole Supervision and Revocation Diversions
- Victim Services





Windham School District (WSD)

- Mission
 - The mission of the Windham School District, in partnership with its stakeholders, is to provide quality educational opportunities.
- Vision
 - The vision of the Windham School District is to empower students and transform lives through excellence in education.









WSD Unique Aspects

- Authorized by the Legislature in 1969
- Present in 86 facility campuses
- Funds appropriated through the

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

- \$76,349,466 (FY 2021-22)
- Certified principals, teachers, student advisors
- More than 1,100 employees

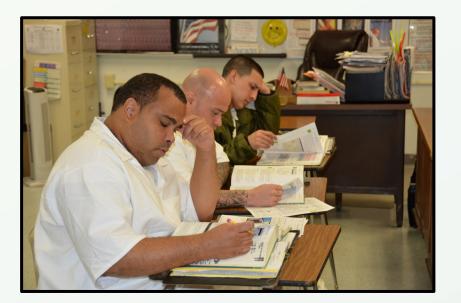


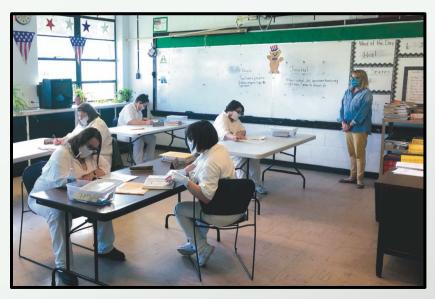




Average Student Profile

- Dropped out of public school in 9th grade
- Educational Functional Level of 6th Grade
- Average age of 32
- In need of employability skills training







Programs Offered Based on Individualized Treatment Plan

- Academic Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Life Skills
- Family Literacy







Academic Education

- Literacy
- Adult Basic Education
- High School Equivalency
- Standard High School Diploma
- English as a Second Language (ESL)









Academic Education

- Updated Curriculum
- Instructional Software
- Pilot: Virtual Reality Instruction
- Pilot: Monthly Civics Lesson
- Dual Credit Agreements for High School programs







Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- New programs based on employment outlook projections and industry needs
 - RV Service Technician, Marine Automotive, Coding
- Integrated Education and Training (IET)
 - Vocational Interest and Career Exploration
- Occupational Licensing



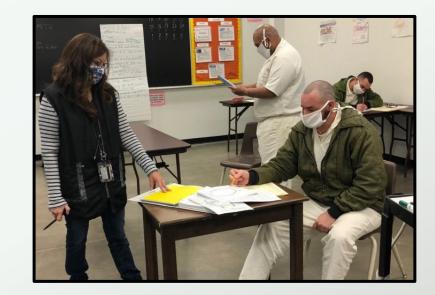




Life Skills Education

- Cognitive Behavioral
 - Cognitive Intervention Program
 - Changing Habits and Achieving New Goals to Empower Success (CHANGES)
- Life Skills and Elective Personal Enrichment Courses
- Parenting









Family Literacy

- Reduce generational incarceration
- Incarcerated parents play active partners in the education of their children
- Participation in parent-teacher conferences
- Simultaneous enrollment in adult education



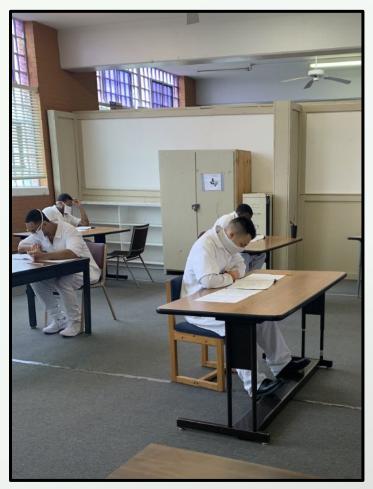






Supplemental Services

- Title 1, Part D
 - Students under the age of 21 with no high school diploma/equivalency
- Special Education
 - Exceptionalities
 - Specific Learning Disability, Emotional/Behavioral, Speech/Language, Intellectual Disability, Other Health Impaired

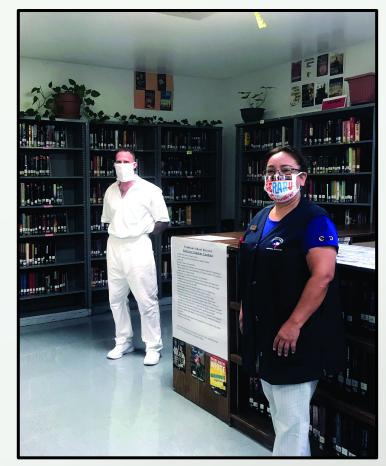






Additional Services

- General Library 1,072,375 books circulated
- 494 Volunteers
- ECHO Newspaper
- Recreation and Radio Television
- Contracts
 - Texas Tech University
 - Sign Language Interpreters







WSD Outcomes

- More than 60,000 students served
- 82% pass rate for high school equivalency
- 18,264 industry certifications awarded





TDCJ Rehabilitative Programs Division

- Substance Use Treatment
- Programs for Women
- Specialized Programming
- Religious Services
- Postsecondary Education Programs
- Volunteer Services
- Women's Reentry Center: Strength Through Restoration, Independence, Vision & Empowerment (STRIVE)







Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division

- Apprenticeship Programs
- On-the-Job and Job-Skills Training
- National Certifications
- Work History and Performance Evaluations
- Work Against Recidivism Program









Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division

Apprenticeship Programs – partnership with WSD and TDCJ

SY 20-21 Approved Standards		
Assembly Technician	Computer Programmer	Maintenance Mechanic
Automobile Body Repairer	Cook	Maintenance Repairer, Build
Automobile Mechanic	Diesel Mechanic	Mechanic, Industrial Truck
Automotive Technician Specialist	Drafter, Civil	Metal Fabricator
Baker	Electrician	Plumber
Barber	Furniture Upholsterer	Sewing Machine Repairer
Boiler Operator	Graphic Designer	Truck Driver, Heavy
Cabinetmaker	Heating & Air Conditioner Install/Servicer	Welder, Combination
Carpenter	Horticulturist	
Computer Peripheral Equipment Operator	Landscape Technician	



WSD Reentry Readiness

- HB 918
 - 18,897 mock interviews
 - 18,997 resumes
- Certificate/Certification documents
- WSD Student Advisors







TDCJ Reentry and Integration Division

- Employment Events
- Case Management / Reentry Planning
- Identification Document Ordering
- Releasing
- Website for Work









TDCJ Parole Supervision

- Assess needs (adult education program, technical training, employment)
- Reentry Community Case Manager Visit
- Referrals for adult education and literacy
- Employment







Partnerships

- How to partner with WSD and/or TDCJ
- Texas Association of Business
- State Agencies
- Colleges and Technical Schools
- Adult Education Providers







Community Referrals

- Continuity of services
- Transition Specialist for referrals
- Actively seeking referral sources



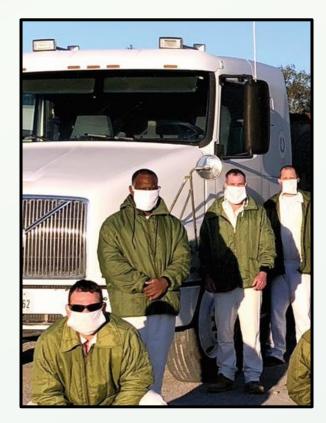


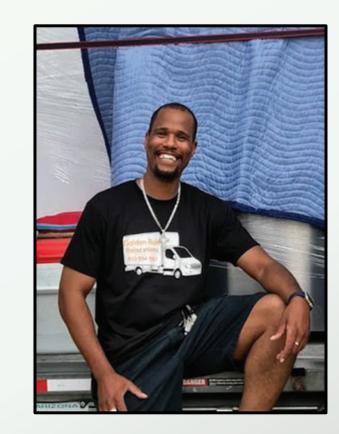






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