Program for Prison Reentry Strategies
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Question: Why Would a Business Want to Train and Hire Someone Coming Out of Prison?

Answer: Because it makes business sense to do so.

Question: What possible benefit does a business get out of taking on returning prisoners?

Answers:

1. Businesses can obtain up to $2,400 in federal or state tax breaks or credits per employee per year and up to a year’s special liability insurance

2. Returning prisoners can be trained and prepared to apply marketable skills that other in the community or generable labor force don’t have, in advance and without obligation

3. Prisoners may have received education or skills in prison which can be put to use for a particular company

4. Employers find --- often by just talking with the inmates in vocational courses or who are working in prison industries -- that many returning prisoners are highly motivated to complete parole obligations, succeed at a job, and do what it takes to renew his or her life

5. The returning prisoner would be accountable to his or her parole officer. Parole supervision would help the returning prisoner meet his work obligations

6. Social mission: A fully employed returning prisoner benefits his or her community economically and the individuals who live in the community including his or her own families, children and sisters and brothers.