

REENTRY

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ReEntry Planning Administrator

VCSO ReEntry Philosophy

Reentry is the process by which a person in correctional confinement prepares for release and transitions back into the community. We can view reentry processes on a continuum ranging from risk and needs assessment at intake; program, treatment and educational attainment during incarceration; case planning for release; and post release supervision and reintegration.

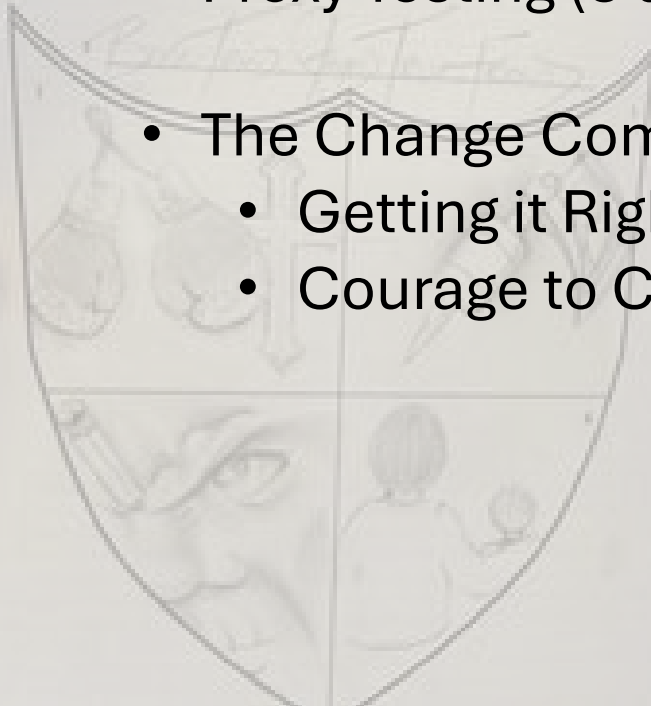
Historical

- **AB 109 California Public Safety Realignment**

- A measure was passed by California in 2011 that diverts defendants convicted of less serious felonies to serve their time in local jails rather than in state prison.
 - Programs and services should be tailored to the unique needs and risk factors of an individual, to the extent possible.
- Support services should be holistic in nature
- Cognitive behavioral therapy benefits all facets of reentry-preparation and post release programs

Concept of Systems

- Case Management vs System Approach
 - Offender Reintegration Scale
- Proxy Testing (3 questions)
- The Change Companies
 - Getting it Right Series
 - Courage to Change Series



Our Grants and Partners

- **Grants and Partnership**
 - Department of Labor grant- Bridge2Work (B2W)
 - California Initiative Prison 2 Employment (P2E)
 - Warm hand off with community partners

Post-Release Resources



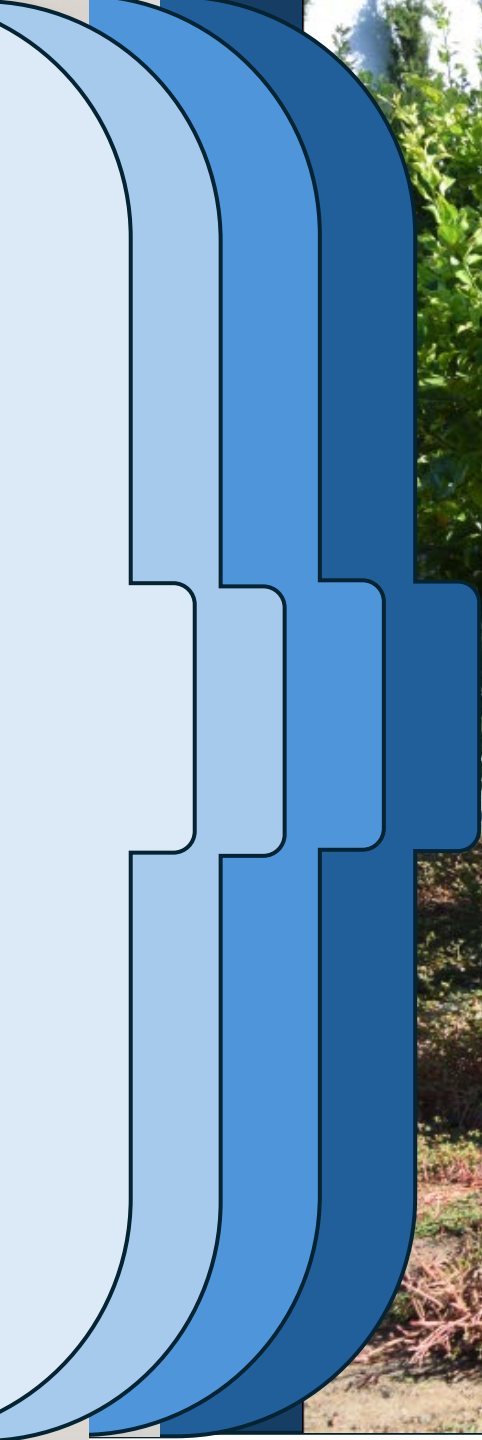
- Expanding our system and approach to all programming
 - Holistic approach when preparing the individual for reintegration
 - Expanding our certification vocational programs
- Certificates offered through our Educational and Vocational programs

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Inmate Services



Vocational and Educational Programs

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SuperCrew

“Employee Training Series for Landscape Professionals”

- Certificates issued through the **University of Georgia**
- Comprised of 11 unique units:
 - Being Safe with Grounds Equipment
 - Water Conservation
 - Pruning



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Custodial Training

- Certificates issued through the **Cleaning Management Institute**
- 10-week Program with units covering
 - Basic Cleaning
 - The Commercial Environment
 - Customer Service



Culinary

“The ServSafe Food Programs are a complete solution that delivers consistent food safety training to employees”

- Certificates offered through ServSafe and VACE “Ventura Adult and Continuing Education”
- Offered in 4 different levels
 - Food Handlers (12 hours)
 - Food Foundations (58 hours)
 - Prep Cook (25 hours)
 - Line Cook (72 hours)

Computers

- Students can earn 3 unique certifications thru **VACE** (Ventura Adult and Continuing Education)
 - Microsoft Word
 - Microsoft Excel
 - Microsoft PowerPoint





HiSET

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Independent Study


A.B.E

Adult Basic Education



Pathway to success

Our goal is to give Ventura Counties' incarcerated persons a more successful transition built on evidence-based education, reentry partnerships and the "Courage to Change®".



Interactive Journaling and jail-based programming:

Where we've been, where we're going

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Quick poll: How familiar are you with Interactive Journaling?

- A. I am actively using Interactive Journaling
- B. I have used Interactive Journaling before, but am not using it currently
- C. I have heard of it but never used it
- D. What the heck is Interactive Journaling??

Interactive Journaling: A brief overview

Person-centered, evidence-based practice that incorporates motivational interviewing, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and the stages of change

Intentionally designed to promote engagement

Wrap-around resources include Facilitator Guides, pre/post measurement tools, a Fidelity Tool, and staff training



Using bite-sized copy helps participants understand complex topics.



Using graphic components and photography helps reinforce written content.



Using reflective questions helps participants apply what they learn.

Interactive Journaling: A brief overview

Proven to promote recidivism reduction: A randomized controlled trial

- Population: 183 male inmates with substance use disorder who had been previously incarcerated in the last year
- Control group: government-issued brochure
- Experimental group: Interactive Journaling, self-directed from cell

Recidivism rates were 15% lower for the journaling group

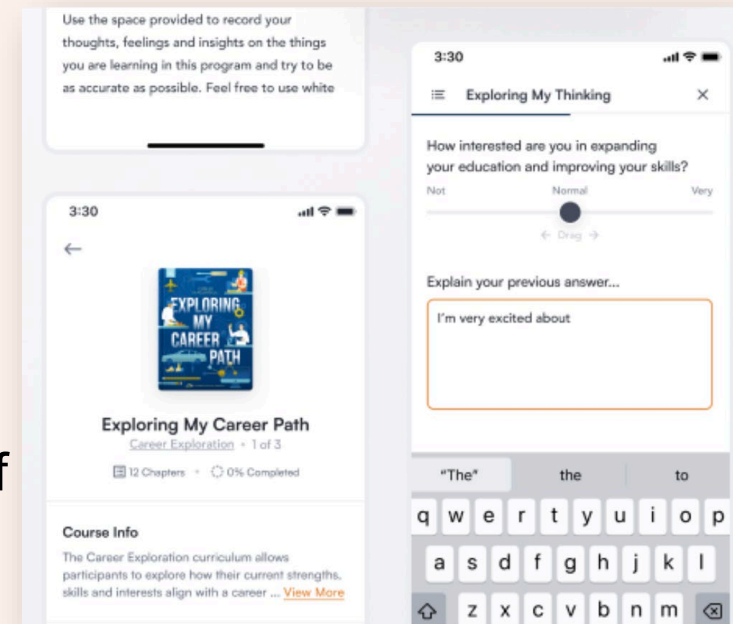
66% for the control group

51% for the journaling group

Introducing Atlas: A tablet-friendly intervention platform

Same evidence-based underpinnings as paper-based product, with additional features and benefits

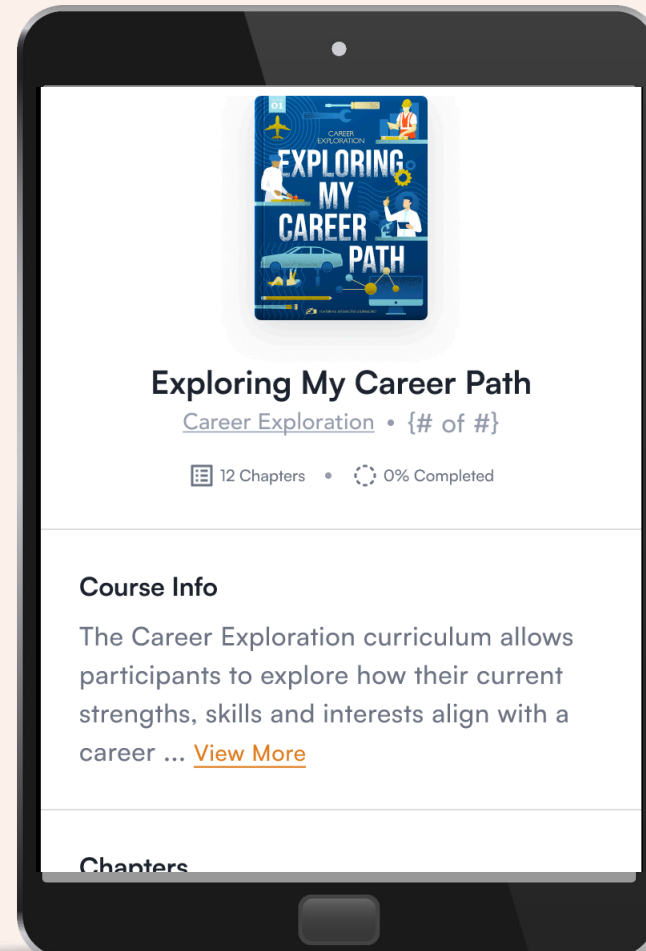
- ✓ Brief interventions for short-term sentences
- ✓ Prosocial use of idle time
- ✓ Risk-need-responsivity without increasing staff headcount
- ✓ Increased accessibility for high-security/high-risk individuals



The future of reentry: Where we are heading

Atlas has the potential to open a broader range of reentry programming opportunities to increase desistance and improve outcomes for reentering individuals:

- ✓ Online Courses
- ✓ Job readiness skills paired with vocational training
- ✓ Electronic monitoring
- ✓ ...and beyond



Thank you!

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