



# Employment Connections for Ex-Offenders

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# [ Statistics ]

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- Prior to incarceration, most adult prisoners had tentative or non-existent ties to the labor market
- Unemployment rates for former offenders are in excess of 50%
- An unemployed ex-offender is three times more likely to return to prison than an employed ex-offender

*(Source: Texas Department of Justice 1990)*

[ Goodwills collectively served nearly  
44,000 current & former inmates last year ]

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- Provision of pre-release assessment, treatment planning, and education and training
- Provision of post-release transitional employment, case management, and job development and placement services

# [ Working Model ]

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- Assists newly released to gain and maintain employment as soon after release as possible
- Primarily funded by State of Maryland
- Combined with Federally earmarked money and miscellaneous resources
- \$400,000 to serve 200 in FY 07 (\$2000/participant)

# [ Process ]

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- Pre-release connection with inmate to review records, assess needs, develop home plan
- Pre-release job readiness class
- Post-release case management
- Post release transitional and permanent employment

# [ Outcomes FY 2007 ]

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- 275 served (\$1455/participant)
- 176 completed job readiness class
- Of 105 released, 101 (96%) voluntarily accessed Goodwill employment program
- 72% gained permanent employment, 27% utilized transitional employment