

Welcome to Turning Point

The first thing you'll be glad to learn is that this is not just another life skills course. God knows we've got enough copy-cat style books, courses, and tape series out there in circulation promising to teach the poor and disadvantaged how to become "Good People".

Yea right!!! According to who's standard? That's why the first thing I decided when I began to create this program with other cons and ex-cons like myself, is that it would be "uniquely written" with people like us in mind. The language used in this course of study is familiar to those of us who have walked the yards and the cell blocks of California state prisons. In creating this tool for the betterment and self-empowerment of our brothers and sisters in the joint, we determined that it's more than possible to "keep it real" while



"effectively teaching and learning", simultaneously.

This course is not about making "bad men good", it's about making "good men better".

It's about raising

your conscious awareness a few notches at a time, learning some new cognitive skills and getting into the practice of some life changing principles and disciplines, without being bored to death.

This will in turn multiply your self worth, as you see immediate measurable improvements. This is what those self-help gurus call "getting on the pathway of success." But we call it "gett'n put up on some real game". You feel me? Everything you need to start winning in life is right here. All you've got to do is learn it, and apply it.

Beginning right where you are.

You see... This is...the TURNING POINT.

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Life Skills and Self Development Course

At this very moment there are tens of thousands of men and women throughout the state of California sitting stagnantly in prisons, becoming more hopeless because they have no means of improving themselves or their situations towards a better future. Most of these inmates are at least literate and have the ability to learn from educational materials that will grasp their interest and hold their attention. Some, more than would be expected, are extraordinarily intelligent individuals with aptitude test scores reflecting reading and reading comprehension skills above college level. However, regardless of test results, custody level or security status, the mass majority of these prison inmates continually sit day in and day out with little or no opportunity to learn or develop themselves intellectually. Educational programs in prisons are limited to mundane basic skills in math and English, and GED preparatory, with a very small percentage of prison inmates having access to these programs. Inmates are not provided the opportunity to participate in long-term educational programs geared towards their specific needs and interest, programs that hold their attention and prepare them for re-entry into society and overall success after prison.

At PREP we've become convinced through our correspondence with inmates that many men and women in prison want to be involved on a continual basis in some form of developmental education. They express a need to be creative while deeply engaged with projects that produce immediate measurable results. They want to be stimulated intellectually while feeling to be an active part of some cause greater than themselves and their current situations.



The Partnership for Re-Entry Program has continually sought out ways of improving the successful integration of parolees back into society. We have effectively impacted the recidivism rate of many men and women by providing them with the resources and support they need in the first days and weeks of release.

Our mission with the TURNING POINT correspondence course is to begin assisting inmates in the process of "personal change" many months before their actual release from prison. The course will provide comprehensive instructions and practical application exercises geared towards the interest of California inmates and designed specifically for their unique learning environments. TURNING POINT curriculum material will cover basic and definitive subject lessons on Job Preparation, Parenting, Anger Management, Communication, Professional and Social Etiquette, Resiliency, Decorum, Health & Hygiene, Dress & Style, Time Management, Goal Setting and much more. The proposed TURNING POINT program is one step forward in the massive effort to reduce



crime on a national and community level by contributing alternative forms of criminal rehabilitation. With this long-term educational program designed specifically for prison inmates, the Partnership for Re-Entry Program plans to profoundly impact the recidivism rate of inmates

in our state of California and become a replicable model for prison initiatives nation wide.



Life Skills and Self Development Modules

(Pre-release lessons)

Topics:

- Serious People, Serious Issues
- For A Positive Outcome
- Mentality And Instant Gratification
- Weight Lifting, Life Skills
- Time Management: Your Life vs. TV
- Lost And Found: Turmoil in One's Life
- Weighing The Consequences

In order to assess an inmate's determination to change one's life, PREP applicants are required to complete the Life Skills and Self Development Modules.

Here's the process: Applicants will be given a chart of all modules. Upon completion, you will send the module to PREP. When the module is received by PREP, it will be logged and copied, and returned with a new module. PREP's support is determined by your desire to complete the program.

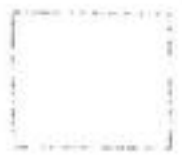
Lifers have often been refused an approval for release because of a perception by the Board that there is a lack of self-development skills. PREP recommends that Lifers do these self-help modules to comply with the Board of Parole Hearing's recommendations.

But regardless of the Board's recommendations, these modules are valuable in themselves for growth.

So what do you have to lose?

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