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RE: STEP DOWN JOURNALS: (POST)

THIS AFTERNOON THE UNIT COUNSELOR MS. RUSSELL CALLED MY NEIGHBOR OUT TO THE POD DOOR AND GAVE HIM A JOURNAL AND OTHER PAPERS THAT HE HAD TO FILL OUT, ITS KIND OF LIKE SCHOOL WORK, AND EACH ONE HAD TO WRITE HIS ANSWERS TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE JOURNAL. AT THE END OF THE WEEK ON FRIDAY HE CHECKS HIS WORK AND FILL OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE THAT EVALUATES HIS WORK. AND IN HIS OWN WORDS WHAT HE LEARNED FROM IT, HOW IT CAN HELP HIM, AND WHAT HE EXPECTS TO DO WITH THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE.

ITS NOT VERY DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A BASIC UNDERSTANDING AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

IVE BEEN DOING SIMILAR COURSES BUT WITH MORE QUESTIONS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. SELF HELP COURSES. SO I CAN DO THESE MY NEIGHBOR CAN FLY THROUGH THEM TOO. THE COURSE IS 26 WEEKS, AND COVERS A VARIETY OF TOPICS THAT PEOPLE WANT THE SHU INMATES TO STUDY. ITS MANDATORY TOO. MY NEIGHBOR WAS PLACED IN STEP-DOWN WHEN HE WENT TO THE (DRB) LAST MONTH.

THE PROBLEM IS THIS, THERE ARE MANY SHU INMATES THAT WILL HAVE HARD TIME WITH THIS STUFF. BECAUSE THEY CANT READ AND WRITE TOO GOOD. I PLAN TO BRING THIS UP WHEN I GO TO THAT HEARING (DRB) BECAUSE WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS SETTING THESE GUYS UP TO FAIL. AND IF THEY DONT WORK THEY WILL BE FLUNKED EACH TIME. AND WILL NEVER GET OUT OF THE SHU. I AM CONCERNED FOR SOME OF MY FRIENDS ESPECIALLY.

ITS A GOOD THING THAT I SAW WHAT THE JOURNALS LOOK LIKE SO I CAN EXPLAIN IT TO OTHERS.