



STRIDE 
program

“Stepping into the Future with Pride and Purpose”

STRIDE Program
A Model for Success
May 30, 2013

Skills

Transition

Respect

Integrity

Direction

Employment



Quinebaug Valley Community College

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Collaborative Partners

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- STRIDE Program is a collaboration between
 - Connecticut Community College System – Board of Regents
 - Connecticut Department of Labor
 - Connecticut Department of Correction
 - Department of Social Services
 - State of CT Judicial Branch Support Enforcement Unit
 - Funded through the CT State Legislature

*Participants are empowered
to reach their career aspirations*

Participant Eligibility Criterion 2013

1. You must be currently incarcerated at one of the participating **STRIDE** correctional facilities:



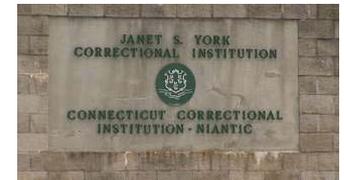
Bridgeport Correctional
Center



Corrigan-Radgowski
Correctional Center



Niantic Annex
Correctional Institution



York Correctional Institution



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Participant Eligibility Criterion 2013

2. Be a non-custodial parent of a child under the age of 25
3. Participants or child(ren) are now or have been recipients of any CT state assistance program such as:

TFA

LIA
(SAGA)

HUSKY

SNAP

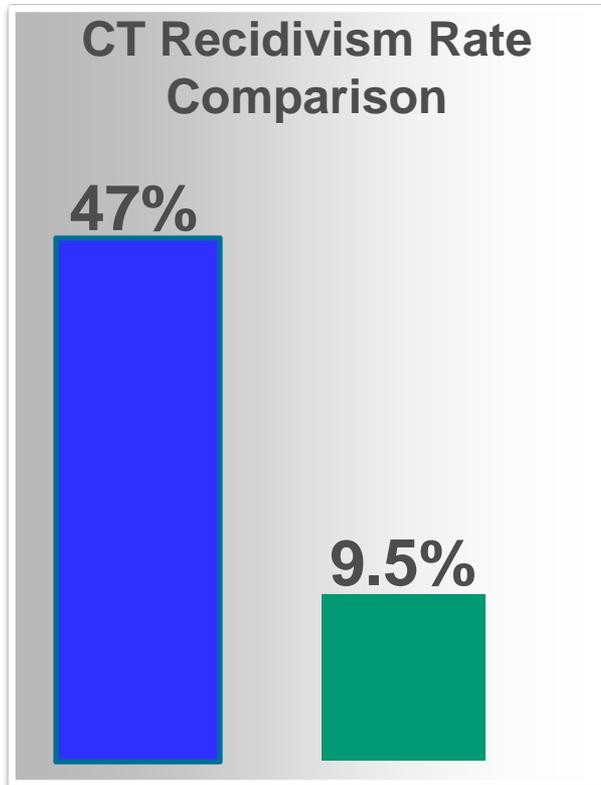


Participant Eligibility Criterion 2013



4. **Must be committed to becoming employed and plan to remain in the state of Connecticut**
5. **Must be able to make and keep scheduled appointments with staff, both on a pre and post release basis.**

Statistics



 No Re-Entry Program

 STRIDE Program Participants

Based on the 2011 Annual Recidivism Report for the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy & Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&q=383710>



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Savings

Yearly State cost of incarceration vs. cost of funding
The **STRIDE** Program:



\$34,733 vs. \$2,549

- State of Connecticut
- Cost for daily incarceration: \$95.16
- Cost per person per year for non-STRIDE incarceration: $\$95.16 \times 365$ days = \$34,733

- STRIDE
- FY 12 funding: \$525, 000
- Participants Served: 206
- Cost per person per year for each STRIDE participant:
 $\$525,000/206 = \$2,549$

Savings

Cost of Recidivism for the State vs. Cost of Recidivism with STRIDE: \$3,369,101 vs. \$694,660

- ❑ \$3,369,101 vs. \$694,660
- ❑ DOC state recidivism rate: 206 participants x 47%= 97 return to prison
- ❑ Cost to the state for recidivism: 97 x \$34,733=\$3,369,101

- ❑ STRIDE recidivism rate: 206 participants x 9.5%= 20 return to prison
- ❑ Cost to the state for recidivism with the STRIDE program: 20 x \$34,733=\$694,660

Cost of The STRIDE Program vs. Cost savings with STRIDE:

- ❑ \$1,219,660 vs. \$2,149,441
- ❑ Cost of STRIDE program: \$694,660 + \$525,000= \$1,219,660
- ❑ Cost Savings to the State: \$3,369,101- \$1,219,660=\$2,149,441



Savings

STRIDE Recidivism Calculations**

FY10/11

- 106 Active Clients*
- 13 Clients Recidivated
- 13% Recidivism Rate

FY 11/12

- 93 Active Clients*
- 6 Clients Recidivated
- 6% Recidivism Rate
- Total Active Clients: $106+93=199$
- Total Clients Recidivated: $13+6=19$
- Two-year Recidivism Rate: $19/199=9.5\%$

* Released/working with STRIDE across the State





Relevance of STRIDE to Community Colleges

❑ Fits the QVCC Mission

- **QVCC Mission Statement** - Quinebaug Valley Community College provides innovative educational, social, and cultural opportunities in a welcoming and supportive environment. We improve the quality of life in northeastern Connecticut by engaging learners in the classroom, developing leaders in the workplace, and creating partners in the community

❑ **Breaks down barriers in community**

❑ **Creating a more educated workforce to meet employer needs**

❑ **Importance of education to people's success**

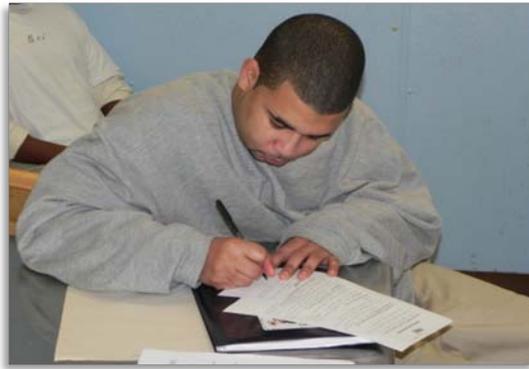


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Focus on Participants



Parents



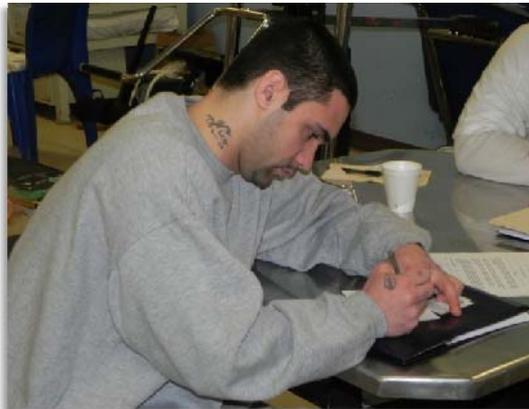
Willing to Learn



Good Attitude



Flexible



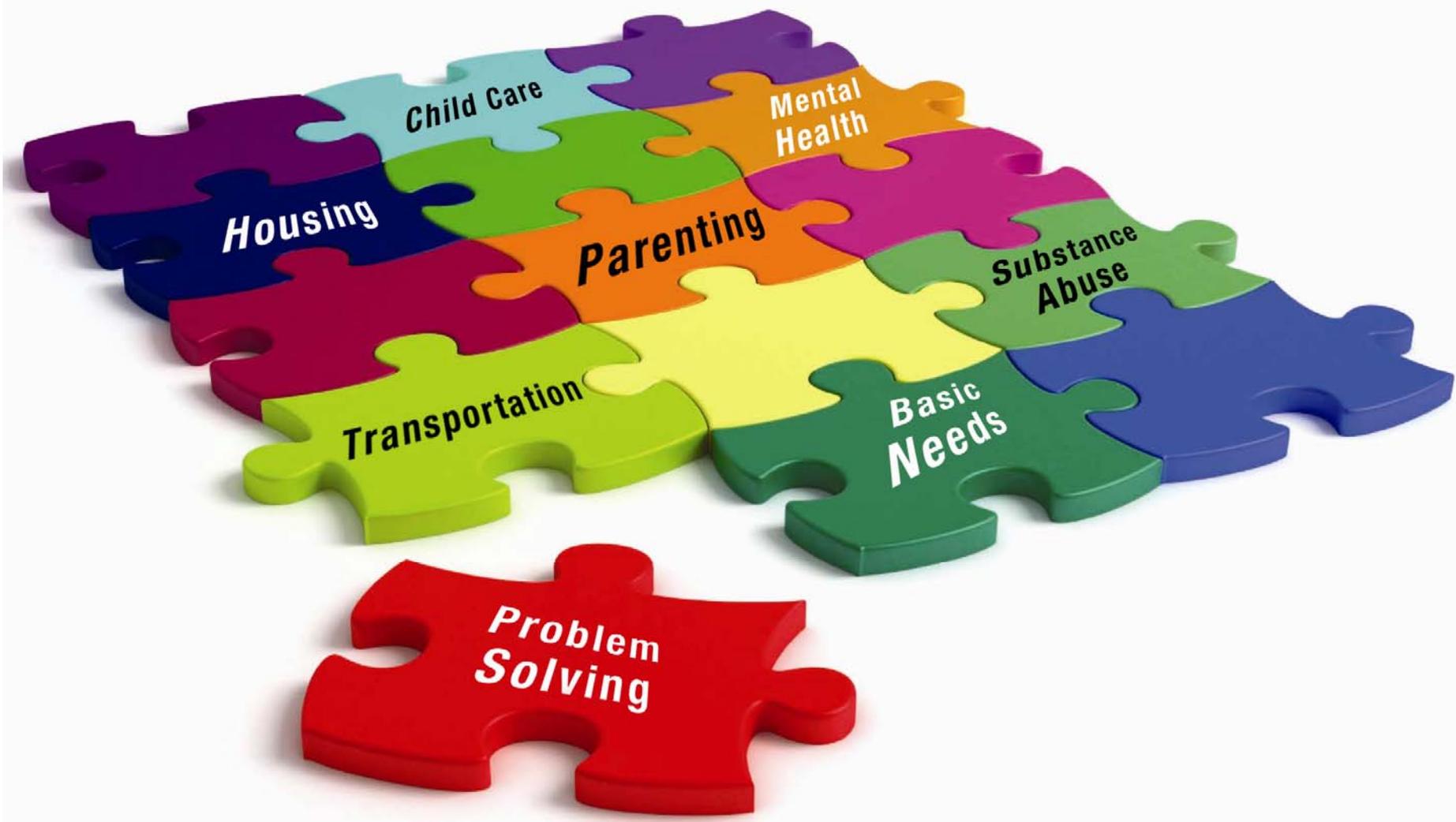
Ambitious



Problem Solver



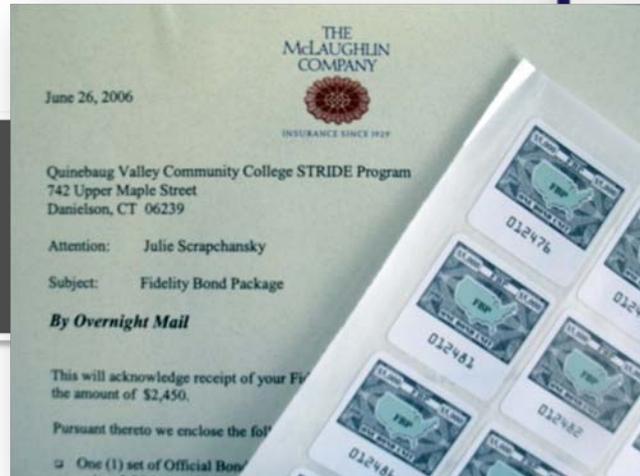
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Incentive Programs

Federal
Bonding



Work Opportunity
Tax Credit (WOTC)



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STRIDE Empowers

Individuals To Find Their Potential



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Create a Plan





GOALS

Short Term

Intermediate

Long Term

Breaking The



Cycle

Keys To Economic Success

- Employment



The Language of Employment



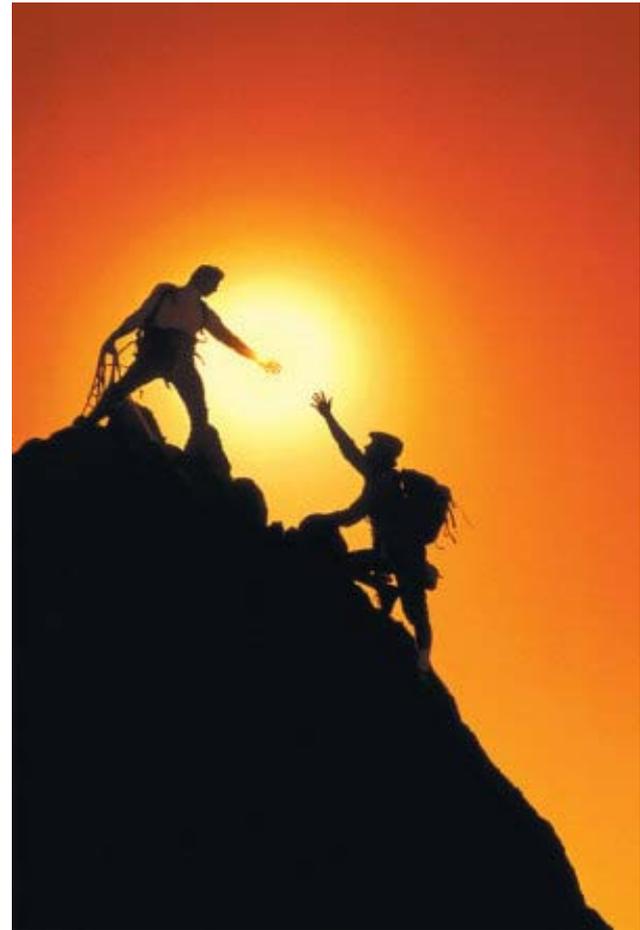
Retaining a Job

- Expectations
- Problem resolution
- Time management

Meeting With Employers

- ❑ Company Profile
 - Skills
 - Industry Outlook
 - Financial Gain - WOTC

- ❑ Employer Concerns
 - Safety
 - Theft – Federal Bonding
 - Longevity



Employment



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Families



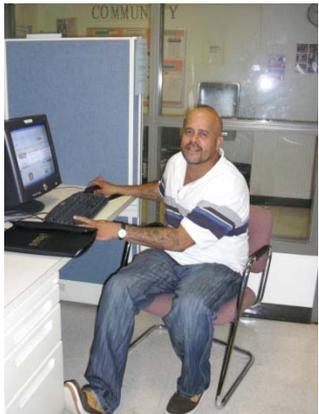
Parenting
Modifying Support Orders

Therapy
Sounding Board



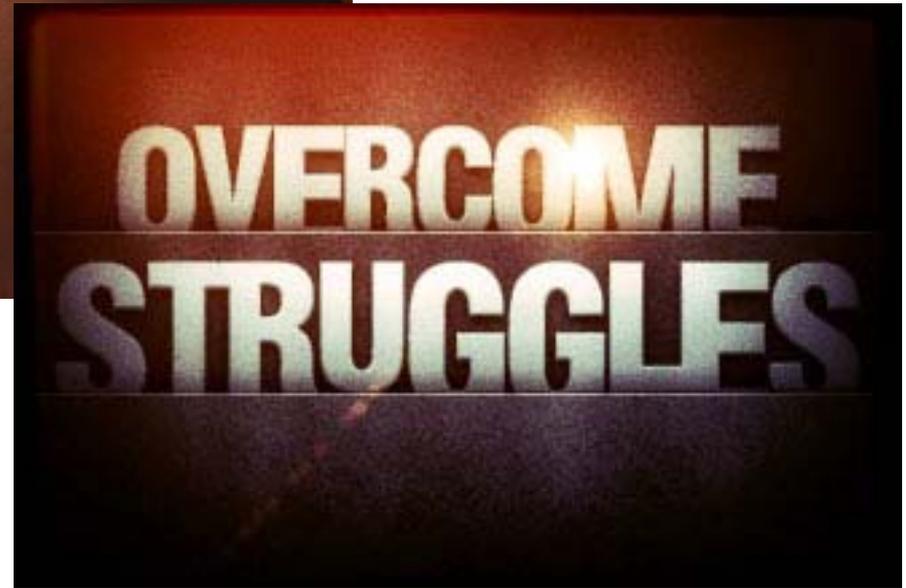
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In Their Communities



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Look Toward The Future



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Why Do Re-Entry Programs Matter



- ❑ Public Safety
- ❑ Cost Savings to CT
- ❑ Reduction in Recidivism Rates
- ❑ Cost of Incarceration
- ❑ Consequences to Participants and their Families
- ❑ Breaking the Cycle

2012 National Bellwether Award Winners!!! Workforce Development Category

Community College Futures Assembly

- In its 18th year
- Affiliated with the University of FL
- Convenes annually as an independent national policy forum
- Key opinion leaders work as a “think tank”
- Identify critical issues facing the future of community colleges (breakout sessions)
- Guest Speaker: Gary Shapiro - The Comeback
- Recognize Bellwether Finalist colleges as trend-setting institutions.



Key Points For Replication



- ❑ Legislative Lobbying
 - You need to build relationships with local and statewide members of the legislation
- ❑ Flexibility & Responsiveness for the Unknown
 - Changes to funding levels
 - Issues with technology in facilities
 - Curriculum modifications
 - Navigating economic issues with job development
- ❑ Managing & Growing Relationships
 - Partners
 - Participants
 - Agencies
- ❑ Accountability
 - Timely reporting of deliverables & goals to funders

For more information about the STRIDE program:

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Presenters

- ❑ Jill O'Hagan, Director, Community & Professional Learning
- ❑ Julie Scrapchansky, Program Director
- ❑ Meghan Niedzwicki, Career Specialist
- ❑ Catherine Menounos, Job Developer
- ❑ Sue Gunderman, Job Placement Coordinator
- ❑ Jennifer Eddy, Program Associate



Thank you

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For Your Continued Support



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2013 Meet & Greet At The Capital



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