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Post Release Case Study

Maryland Correctional Enterprises Transforms Lives Through Successful Transition

GOALS

- To improve the employability of offenders upon release
- Have a positive impact on reducing recidivism
- Provide valuable tools for those transitioning back into society
- Instill positive work ethics to promote lifelong success

ABOUT MCE

Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) is the prison industry arm of the Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services (DPSCS). Our goal is to teach our inmate workforce the technical skills and work ethics needed to obtain employment after they are released. With business units located at correctional facilities across the state, we are able to provide customers with innovative, manufactured products and services at competitive pricing.



TESTIMONIALS

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“While in the C.A.R.E.S. program, I received strong mentorship that helped me to find myself. The Financial Literacy class helped me to ask questions that I didn’t know that I needed to ask.”

- Julian Ellis, A/R Tech Supervisor
Maryland Correctional Enterprises

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“Julian is steady, dependable, and wants to succeed in every task given to him.”

- Mark Rowley, Chief Administrative Officer
Maryland Correctional Enterprises

ACHIEVEMENTS JULIAN IS PROUD OF:

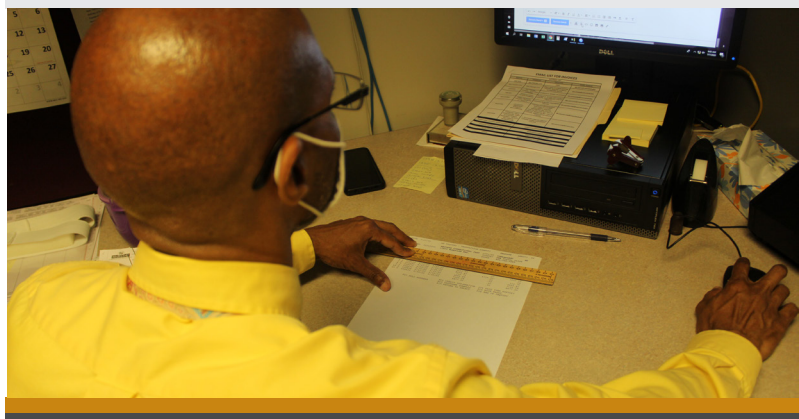
- Starting his own family and sustaining a strong and positive mindset
- Being able to build up and maintain his professional career

HIS ADVICE TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS:

“Don’t stop learning. Learn relevant information. Learn how to be a better version of yourself. Learn how to pursue your passion. Learn how to not value material things.”

JULIAN’S STORY

During Julian Ellis’ incarceration, he worked in Maryland Correctional Enterprises’ plants for nearly 6 years. MCE’s Laundry Plant and Wood Plant provided Julian with a solid work environment – something he’s never experienced before. He not only learned necessary trade skills but also invaluable soft skills such as adapting to working with different personalities. Prior to his release, Julian also participated and successfully graduated from MCE’s Continuing Allocation of Reentry Services (C.A.R.E.S.) program that was built to help prepare returning citizens for release. One of the program classes Julian attended was Financial Literacy, a class that proved to be very helpful for him. It was in this program that he connected with former administrators that mentored him and helped him to find himself. Following his release, Julian worked in a couple of different places before finally getting an opportunity to join MCE again - this time as a full-time employee.



RESULTS



Julian gained the experience necessary to secure a post-release job as an A/R Tech Supervisor



Julian was able to earn professional certificates, save money, and become an inspiration to people still incarcerated

TOTAL IMPACT

- 2,000 + inmate workers’ lives’ touched and over 2 million hours of training and employment throughout FY20
- 360 + C.A.R.E.S. graduates