

PRE-RELEASE PROGRAM (PREP)

Incentive based volunteer class for
Community Service Workers.

Community Transition Program (Parolees),
are directed to attend.

Pre-release Program

- ▣ Developed to fill the void created when South Dakota opted to discontinue participating in the Federal Second Chance Act.
- ▣ Prepares offenders for returning to the community and targets lowering recidivism.
- ▣ Eight weeks long
- ▣ Open ended

Target Group

- ▣ Offenders nearing their Initial Parole Date.
- ▣ Offenders nearing Eligibility for Work Release.
- ▣ CTP Offenders, On Parole and Residing on the Unit.

Topics Covered

- ▣ Personal Development
- ▣ Problem Solving
- ▣ Anger Management
- ▣ Values Clarification, Setting & Achieving Goals
- ▣ Employment Skills
- ▣ Job Placement Skills
- ▣ Victim Awareness & Restitution
- ▣ Reentry Support Resources Guide
- ▣ Counselling on Individual Reentry Concerns

Community Partners

Community partners come in for supporting presentations.

- ▣ Behavior Management Systems
- ▣ Department of Social Services
- ▣ Department of Labor & Regulation
- ▣ State Health Lab
- ▣ Victims Assistance from Pennington County
- ▣ Consumer Credit
- ▣ Parole

Efficacy

- ▣ Pre & Post Tests for each module
- ▣ Went live in June 2016 so not long enough to evaluate any impact on recidivism
- ▣ Course critique to measure offenders perception of the topics importance