

MIKE DURFEE STATE PRISON PROGRAMS

Agenda

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Springfield Vocational Programs

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SPRINGFIELD VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIES

SVI

- Springfield Vocational Industries utilizes “live” work projects for teaching and training. All projects and work are part of a student training program.
- SVI started in 1991 in coordination with the Mitchell School District.
- SVI fully integrated into MDSP programming in 1995.

SVI-Eligible Offenders

- Must have a GED or HS Diploma
- Must be a US citizen or able to work in US
- Must be within 5 years of parole/release
- Have not taken any vocational classes before
- Rest of the population is looked at

Automobile Service Excellence (ASE)

- Automotive and Auto Body
- Is a credential that signifies an automotive technician's knowledge and skills in specific areas of vehicle repair and maintenance. It's a valuable tool for both technicians and employers, as it demonstrates competence and can increase job prospects.
- Benefits include Improved employability, earning potential, industry recognition, career advancement and customer confidence.



Automotive

- This is an entry-level Auto Mechanics Program with emphasis on diagnosis and repair of the major automotive systems.
- Skills include oil changes, alignment, brakes, tires and suspension, electronic repair, transmissions and engines.



Automotive

- 16 students at a time.
- Class is 16 weeks long.
- Shop employs about 20 worker
- Students can receive the ASE for following:
Brakes, Manual Drive Train and Axles, Engine Repair, Engine Performance, Automobile Service Technology, Suspension and Steering, Electrical Systems, Maintenance and Light Repair, Heating and A/C, and Automatic Transmission and Transaxle.



Auto Body

- The Auto Body course is designed to prepare students with entry-level skills in auto body repair and refinishing, glass replacement, and frame/structure repair.
- Skills include vehicle construction, minor repairs, major repairs, refinishing, upholstering of car interiors, estimating, and entrepreneurship.

Auto Body

- 16 students at a time.
- Class is 16 weeks long.
- Shop employs about 20 worker
- Students can receive the ASE for following:
Non-Structural Analysis and Damage,
Painting and Refinishing, Mechanical and
Electrical Components, and Structural
Analysis and Damage Repair.





Construction Tech

- The novice course will introduce students to the proper use of hand tools, power tools, and shop safety through class work and hands-on experience.
- Skills can include, roughing, framing, cabinetry work, finishing, etc.



Construction Tech

- 16 students at a time.
- Class is 10 weeks long.
- Shop employs about 20 worker



Welding

- This course will concentrate on the Gas Metal Arc Welding and Oxygen-Acetylene Shielded Metal Arc Welding, plasma torch and pulsed spray welding, shop safety, metal-working hand tools, in-depth welding symbols and blueprint reading.



Welding

- 12 students at a time.
- Class is 9 weeks long.
- Shop employs about 20 worker
- Biggest partner is State of South Dakota GFP. States park visitor cabins, cabins, fire pits, docks, garbage dumpsters, etc.



MDSP Bike Program

- 300-400 bikes refurbished a year depending on donations from communities and law enforcement
- Annual Game Feed in Sioux Falls normally receives about 150 bikes. Main donation.
- Employs 7 offenders
- Recipients include Call to Freedom, Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services, Marty School, Yankton Pathways, Mitchell PD, Bon Homme County Sheriff, Highway Patrol office-SF, Lead Family Services, Child Protection Services, other non-profit or schools.

PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES-MDSP





Garment Shop

- The Garment Shop offers custom screen-printed and embroidered products, such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, and athletic team uniforms, sheets, pillowcases, blankets as well as full line of institutional clothing.
- Black and White county jail inmate clothing.
- GF&P vests for campground host/hostesses.
- SDDOT and County Highway for reflective vests.
- Satellite site for Braille shop from Sioux Falls.
- Employs 32 offenders.



Cabinetry

- PI workers at MDSP build all of the cabinetry featured in the Governor's House program and undertake a wide range of projects built to our customer's specifications.
- Employs 20-25 offenders

Benefits to offenders

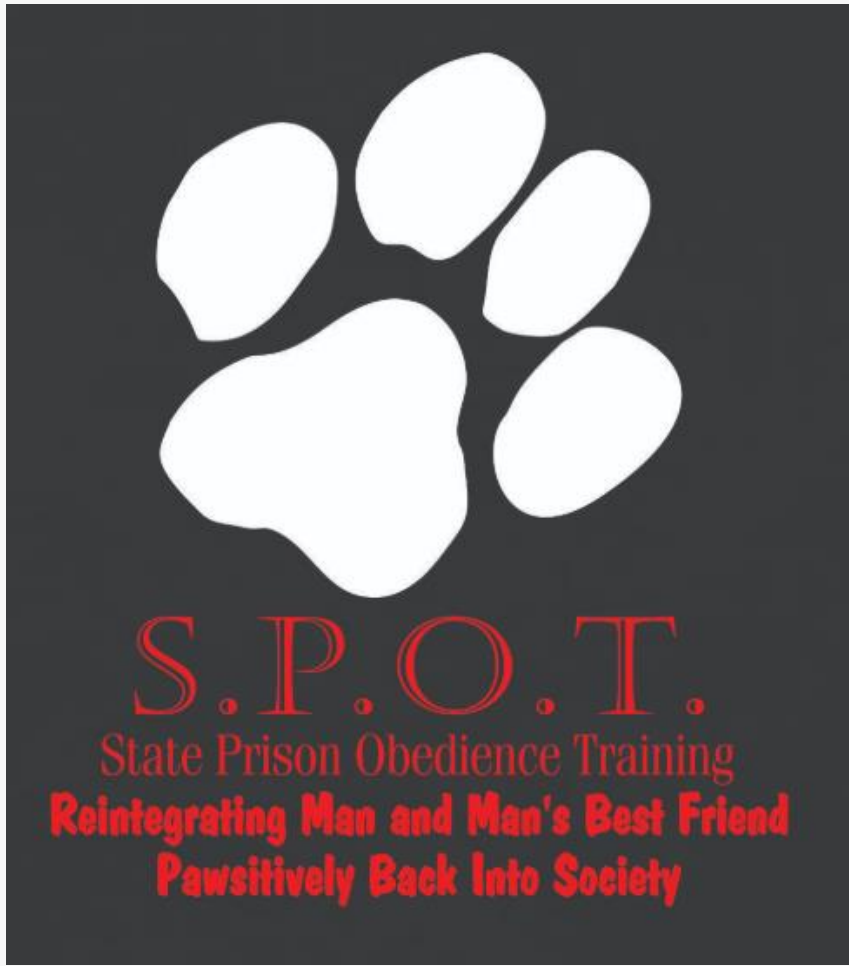
- Gaining valuable job skills
- Gaining valuable “soft” skills including work ethic, social/communication skills with other offenders and with their supervisors.
- Learn resume building and interview skills.
- Purposeful and productive time spent while incarcerated and provides earnings to allow them to purchase food and other commissary.
- Good behavior while at work and in their housing units.

OTHER PROGRAMS

MDSP Job Fairs

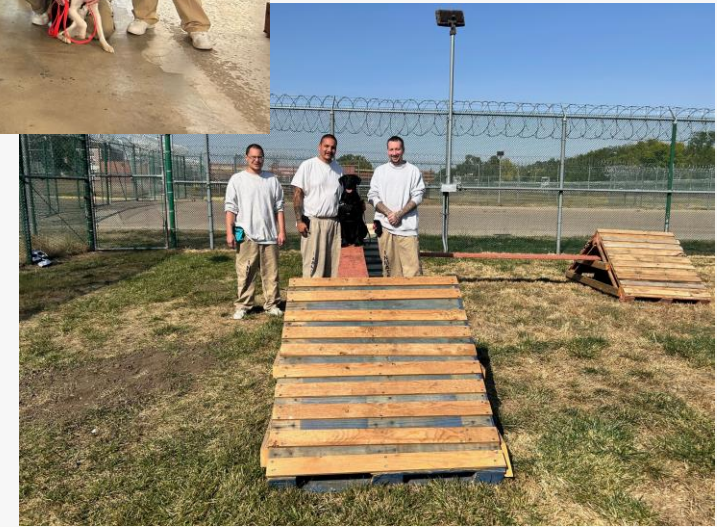
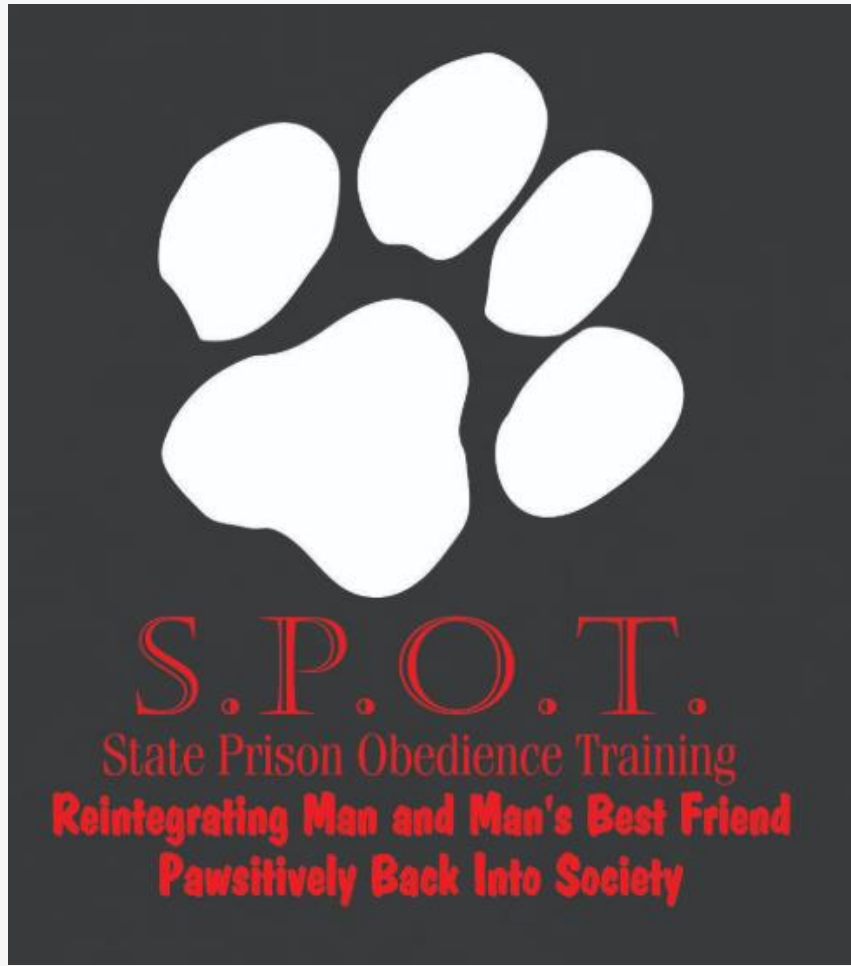
- Since 2018, MDSP Typically holds 1-2 job fairs a year.
- 15-20 employers from across the state attend.
- Around 200 offenders attend the job fair from SVI, SD Housing program, PI, and other DOC institutional job sites.
- Department of Labor attends.
- Held in Library visit room to facilitate the turn out.

SPOT-State Prison Obedience Training



- Implemented Fall 2024
- Coordination with Heartland Humane Society
- Jeffrey Woods provided training to dog handlers, continued training through HHS
- Live with offenders in immersive positive environment.
- 8 weeklong training.
- Goal is to provide obedience and socialization skills to dogs to increase likelihood they are not returned to HHS by owners.
- Also provide skills, jobs and normalcy to offender population

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F.O.R.G.E-A Youth Development Initiative

Future-Envisioning a positive future to inspire hope, optimism, and an embracement of change.

Oppportunity-Providing a chance for personal growth and transformation.

Respect-Fostering mutual respect and understanding among individuals.

GratITUDE-Encouraging appreciation for life's lessons and the support received.

Empowerment-Supporting individuals in reclaiming their strength and independence.

The Mission

Through a relentless commitment to build a better tomorrow, we forge opportunities for growth and transformation, empowering individuals to take charge of their path. A path which through respect, we forge bonds that fuel progress, and with gratitude, honor the lessons that make us who we are. A path where strength, independence, and the courage to embrace change shape the future.

THANK YOU

Questions?