

# South Dakota Department of Corrections



Educational Programs  
Legislative Planning Committee Meeting  
10/22/2015

# Educational Programs Offered

- GED
  - ABE / AEL
  - Title I
  - Title II
- Cognitive Behavioral Programming
  - T4C
  - MRT
- Vocational Programming
- Post Secondary Correspondence Courses

# GED Programming (Sept 2015 Data)

- 250 Adults Attending
- 94 Waiting for Services
- 26 Graduates FY 2016 (July 1 – Sept 30)
- 4 Students Receiving Special Education Services
- 145 Graduates FY 2015
- 182 Graduates FY 2014
- 11 FTE – Each providing approximately 50 % GED services.

# GED Programming (FY 2015 End of Year Data)

- 83 % of male participants functioned at or below an 8<sup>th</sup> grade functioning level.
- 17% of male participants functioned at or above a 9<sup>th</sup> grade functioning level.
- 87 % of female participants functioned at or below an 8<sup>th</sup> grade functioning level.
- 13 % of female participants functioned at or above a 9<sup>th</sup> grade functioning level.

# Cognitive Behavioral Programming

- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) - is a systematic strategy designed to enhance ego, social, **moral**, and positive behavioral growth in a progressive, step-by-step fashion.
- Thinking for a Change (T4C) - is an integrated, cognitive behavioral change program for offenders that includes cognitive restructuring and social skills development.

# Vocational Programs

- Welding
- Auto Mechanics
- Auto Body  
Restoration / Repair
- Construction  
Technology
- Landscape /  
Horticulture
- Job Readiness
- 153 Vocational  
Graduates (FY 2015)
- 27 Enrolled
- 7 Graduates (FY 2016  
YTD)
- 5 FTE and 1 contract  
staff dedicated to  
vocational  
programming

# Other Programming

The below courses are offered by contractual staff:

- Credit When Credit is Due
  - 626 Completions FY 2015
- Work Readiness
  - 662 Completions FY 2015

# Post Secondary Education Opportunities

Those offenders wishing to pursue post secondary education can participate in several correspondence programs.

Department of Corrections Staff will:

- Assist with assignment coordination with educational institution
- Assist with exam proctoring
- Assist with coordination of necessary class materials