

BARRIERS TO POST-RELEASE SUCCESS

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Systematic Flaws in Pre-Release Programming

PUBLIC ATTITUDES

- Public and political attitudes toward crime and punishment
- No public mandate for a value-added product
- Limited call for accountability of criminal justice system

CORRECTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

- Lack of a universal, positive mission
- Preparation for release a mere afterthought
- Lack of a roadmap for consistent, long-term change and growth

CORRECTIONAL PRACTICE

- Treatment and education activities often token, under-funded
- Inconsistent, fragmented service delivery
- Inadequate staff preparation and training
- "No clue" as to true needs and how to assist

OFFENDER REALITY

- Offender dysfunction and anti-social behavior
- Hostility and skepticism

NO RESULTING CARRY OVER INTO COMMUNITY LIFE ---

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