



Baton Rouge DRC Update



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WELCOME



Torrey Williams
Case Manager

This quarter, the GEO Reentry Services, Baton Rouge Day Reporting Center had four participants successfully finish the program. We are proud of these participants for their dedication and perseverance, as we know our Evidence Based Practice program takes hard work. In addition, more than 70% of participants were able to secure gainful employment. The current MRT group of participants are already making an impression on the staff and moving in the right direction for positive change, as the participants are engaged in the work of personal change, learning coping strategies, and adopting new pro-social skills; all while pursuing their employment and education goals.

The DRC staff are diligent in maintaining COVID-19 health and safety compliance while providing participants with in-person services to help them change their thinking and behavior, reduce criminal thinking and to reintegrate into society as a pillar of the community. Thank you again to our wonderful staff and participants for their tireless efforts and hard work. Have a great month, and please continue to stay safe!

SPOTLIGHT ON... CASE MANAGER LYSANDRA ROSENBERGER

Case Manager, Ms. Lysandra Rosenberger, known as Ms. Rose to participants and her colleagues, is in recognition of a special thank you for her zeal and devotion to assisting our participants at the DRC take the necessary steps to become better men and women. Ms. Rose has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a Psychology minor from Nichols State University and is currently pursuing her master's degree in Forensic Psychology from Arizona State. "In college, I was originally majoring in psychology, but I always knew I had an interest in criminal justice. Doing an internship at my local jail and working in reentry programming really opened my eyes to what these programs can do," she said.



As a Case Manager, Ms. Rose conducts individual assessments, assist with behavior change and goal planning; and holds weekly Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy sessions with enrolled participants of the program. She also facilitates groups, such as, Morale Reconation Therapy (MRT), Living In Balance (LIB), and Anger Management. She is also a trained instructor for the HiSET high school equivalency exam. "In just the six months I've been here, I've learned a lot about the individuals we serve as well as myself," said Ms. Rose. "This is not always an easy job, but the progress I see with my participants makes it all worth it."

DID YOU KNOW?



Current research reveals the most effective reentry programs are those that target their evidence-based interventions to the level of offender risk. GEO Reentry prioritizes correctional resources for high-risk offenders, ultimately using these resources more efficiently to help customer agencies reduce recidivism and boost public safety. At GEO Reentry centers nationwide, staff members intervene according to a participant's risks and needs, which are identified during an initial risk/needs assessment. While undergoing cognitive behavioral therapy, employment readiness classes, and counseling, participants begin to remedy criminogenic thinking patterns and increase prosocial behavior, gaining the tools they need to live more productive and law-abiding lives.

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