



Monroe DRC Update



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WELCOME



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Program Manager

This quarter at the Monroe Day Reporting Center, our Case Manager, Ms. Paige Epps, has been working to complete our clothes room for any participants who need professional attire for job interviews. We have also recently partnered with the NAD Probation and Parole District to provide virtual groups for the participants. Also, this quarter, Mrs. Erica Strawder-Hall has been promoted to the role of Case Manager from her previous role as Client Services Specialist. Our program staff have continued working hard to provide quality evidence-based treatment services to our enrolled participants with the ultimate goal of reducing criminal thinking and changing lives. Thanks for reading our October update, and please stay safe!



SPOTLIGHT ON... PARTICIPANT CASSIE M.

When participant Cassie M. first joined us in July for court-ordered anger management, she felt she did not need the program. However, she soon changed her mind. "I thought I knew the ins and outs of anger. Because of the age I'm at, I thought I had it under control, but I've learned a lot: how to control my anger, how to change my behavior, what triggers my anger," said Cassie, adding that the program also connected her with LA Works (Louisiana Workforce Commission) when she was looking for a job. "Even if you don't like taking the advice they give you, it's really needed. You'll be amazed with the things you learn here," she said. "This experience really helped me."



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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