

As it stands currently, my understanding is that when inmates are released from prison they are encouraged to find employment from the society at large. However, I believe that something can be done to improve this policy.

My suggestion is that the Justice department implement a policy in this way.

That the Justice Department start businesses themselves for prisoners to work in.

While the inmates are in prison, they are to be given a choice of training for a specific employment opportunity of their own choosing within the confines of the different businesses that have been created.

The types of businesses could be directly connected with the public or they can interface with other businesses in a wholesale manner. The sky is the limit with this type of set up.

These businesses will be making profit so as to return the seed money the Justice Department has fronted them for their business as well as paying for the people who trained them. The businesses will then become non-profit so that each person will be given a better salary for their work.

On a regular basis a Justice Department employee will review the business for any irregularities in its operation.

Inmates should also be allowed to have input on which types of businesses they would like created. This will give them even more motivation and willingness to try to make it outside of prison.

Inmates can be given a great opportunity with this type of set up. They will be able to select from a wide variety of training, from manual to administration and everywhere in between.

I believe that many people who become incarcerated are good people who have lived hard, hard lives and who have never been given a chance to make it in this world. Many come from broken homes, foster care, latch-key childhoods with no parent for guidance. Many come from child abuse or have drug addicted caretakers, or have been bullied by peers. Many get overlooked in over crowded schools and so have never been encouraged to learn basic life skills. We can become the only chance they've ever been given in this world.

I believe that faith in the goodness of human beings is possible. These men and women are not just prisoners – they are also potentially good, honest human beings who, for the first time in their lives, could be given the help and opportunity to flourish and grow.

Thank you.

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