

"Getting Ahead While Getting Out" has proven itself to be a program in a class by itself. No other single program packages so much useful information together in such an insightful and cohesive manner.

While not new or earth-shattering revelations, the information is presented in such a way that participants must do their own work and provide their own thoughts to develop and expand the results into their own uniquely tailored answers. No other program provides the tools and thought provoking experience to adequately prepare for re-entry. Everybody else's courses teach "mind your manners" and "don't break the law." GAWGO approaches it from a refreshingly different task... if you want to catch a fish you will need more than a pole...!

While a relatively new program, the long term impact is easy to predict. Armed with a toolkit designed to assist in finding and developing resources, a GAWGO graduate is clearly ahead of his peers and almost certain to succeed if he will employ the concepts from this program. Designed to be custom tailored and adaptable to a changing environment this toolkit offers a lifetime of practical every day uses. It should be taught in high schools instead of prison, but I am glad to be a recipient even at this stage of my life. I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate and look forward to being able to one day give back 10 fold or more.

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I'm sure every man in this class felt the same at it's commencement "It's thirty days"

"It's going to be boring just like all the other classes"

But I think it's safe to say that by the end we all feel this is by far the best program in D.C.

My favorites parts are the personal, community, and threat assessments. To anyone contemplating attending the Getting Ahead program I would just say take. You won't know how valuable it is to you personally until you have been through the class yourself.

Rick P.

WHAT I GOT OUT OF CLASS GETTING AHEAD WHILE GETTING OUT

THIS IS THE ONLY CLASS THAT MAKES ONE STOP AND THINK ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN GETTING OUT OF PRISON.

I HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT GETTING OUT. BEFORE TAKING THIS CLASS I WAS THINKING ABOUT SEX, DRUGS AND DRINKING NOW I'M THINKING ABOUT HOW I CAN STAND ON MY OWN TWO FEET AND WHAT I NEED TO DO TO HAVE A LIFE AND STAY OUT OF PRISON.

I AM GLAD I HAD A CHANCE TO TAKE THE CLASS I THINK ~~IT~~ SHOULD BE AT EVERY PRISON IN THE STATE. ALL MOST OF US WOULD BE A PUSH IN THE RIGHT WAY. AND I HOPE IT WILL HELP OTHERS RE-THINK THE WAY THEY THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY WILL DO UPON THEIR RELEASE DATE.

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I started the Getting Ahead Class for the 20 days I would receive at the end of the 10 weeks, I just thinking it was another non informative go nowhere class that really doesn't give any kind of reentry into the community help at all. However I was wrong when it comes to this class. I believe it is the most informative rehabilitation class that D.O.C has offered, and I've taken a number of them. This class has helped me to realize that if I don't stop and take ^{the} time to not only learn about ^{society} society in its different class status & plus build a plan for myself to have positive activities to begin when I get out of prison, I will surely return for a 3rd time. This class has also helped me to know where to find resources in the community and to know what people to begin talking to in order for me to take the proper steps to becoming a productive member of my community. I feel if I hadn't taken this class then I would have just returned back to all the things that lead to my incarceration. With help from this class I believe that when I am released from prison I will have the tools I needed before when I was incarcerated to not only be a productive member of whatever community I go to but to also prevent my return to prison for a 3rd time. I want to thank the

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facilitate this awesome and informative class.

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