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Post Release Case Study

Maryland Correctional Enterprises Transforms Lives Through Successful Transition

GOALS

- To improve the employability of offenders upon release
- Have a positive impact on reducing recidivism
- Provide valuable tools for those transitioning back into society
- Instill positive work ethics to promote lifelong success

ABOUT MCE

Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) is the prison industry arm of the Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services (DPSCS). Our goal is to teach our inmate workforce the technical skills and work ethics needed to obtain employment after they are released. With business units located at correctional facilities across the state, we are able to provide customers with innovative, manufactured products and services at competitive pricing.



TESTIMONIALS

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"The most valuable aspect of working with MCE was the ability to apply the education to the work environment."

- Thomas Lane, Graphic Designer, MCE

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"Thomas Lane worked for several years at Plant 140 in the Print Shop Pre-Press area. Thomas Lane not only worked in the Pre-Press area of the Print Shop Plant 140 but he was the head Typesetter in that department. When you issued work to Mr. Lane to do, he always accomplished it in the highest quality and in a timely manner. Mr. Lane would not only typeset the customers' copy but would critique it as well. Thomas always showed up for work and did a tremendous job for this plant. It was great having Thomas work for Plant 140. He was a great employee."

-Jim Cluster, Regional Manager, MCE

ACHIEVEMENTS THOMAS IS PROUD OF:

- Contributions to the Marketing Department
- Being able to share and make a difference
- Being a mentor

HIS ADVICE TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS:

"Don't stop learning. Learn relevant information. Learn how to be a better version of yourself. Learn how to pursue your passion. Learn how to not value material things."

THOMAS'S STORY

During Thomas Lane's incarceration, he worked in Maryland Correctional Enterprises' plants for 3 years. The Graphic Arts certification that he received through Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) helped him to get a job in our Graphics Plant where he worked in the Typesetting Department. Thomas continued working for MCE throughout his pre-release status and continued on working for us upon his release – occupying a position created for him within our Marketing Department as a Graphic Designer. The staff at MCE helped him to get on his feet, providing business professional clothing such as ties and shoes. In the 14 years that Thomas has worked for MCE, he has made valuable contributions to the Marketing Department. He hopes to be able to build upon his education and skill set and be a walking testimony to those behind the fence and inspire them to change their lives.



RESULTS



Thomas gained 3 years' experience as a Typesetter



Thomas was able to secure a job post release at MCE headquarters

TOTAL IMPACT

- 2,000 + inmate workers' lives' touched and over 2 million hours of training and employment throughout FY20
- 360 + C.A.R.E.S. graduates