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| **PRE-RELEASE- 18-to-24-month Curriculum** | | | |
| **Pre-release Module Job/Life Skill Focus** | | | **Collaboration Partners** |
| **7 Habits on the Inside** | * Personal responsibility * Decision making * Priority setting/planning | * Interrelationship skills * Listening; negotiating * Synergy * Continued learning | Community Speakers and instructors |
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| **Financial Peace**  **Dave Ramsey** | * Financial responsibility * Budgeting * Debt/credit management |  | Truist Bank  Piedmont Federal Savings Bank  Local CPA |
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| **Project Reentry** | * Access to social services * Personal responsibility * Parenting * Addictions/addictive behavior * Employment after release: applications, resumes, transferable skills * Access to employer database and placement services | | Goodwill  Project Reentry |
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| **Employability Skills** | * Resume writing; cover letter * Job interviews * Networking * Communication Skills | * Trade school and certification   option | Forsyth Tech |
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| **Employment Placement** | * Identify employment opportunities in appropriate industries – construction, food services, automotive, manufacturing | | * Chamber of Commerce * Local Employers * City of W-S (SOAR) |

Transition to Work grew out of the 7Habits classes from inmate requests to be given a second chance in finding employment after incarceration. Studies show the general recidivism rate increases from 40% to 60% when an ex-offender cannot find employment. Prerelease job skills and life skills training leading to employment reduces recidivism to 15%.

The recidivism rate for graduates of the Transition to Work Program is 7%. This proves that strategic and intentional pre-release programs and post-release support result in successful reentry back into society.

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