



Transition Success Factors

EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTING INMATES AS THEY TRANSITION BACK TO SOCIETY

Transitions to a Home Ward or Branch

- ▶ “When a person is released from a correctional facility, his or her needs become the responsibility of a home ward or branch. Accordingly, correctional facility branch presidents should work with the home ward or branch priesthood leaders during the transition. This process should begin three months before the person’s release date. Legal and other specialized matters should be left to professionals.” -Providing Support for Those in Correctional Facilities,

The Dark Chasm...



...that lies
between their
release and a
successful
transition

The Emotional Battle

► The 3 toxic emotions ALL re-entrants experience:

1) Isolation

(constant barrage of rejection from society)

2) Invisible

(being alienated in a busy, confusing world)

3) Overwhelmed

(unseen progress while slipping with no traction)



The Emotional Battle

- ▶ Result:
 - ▶ Returning to substance abuse for escape
 - ▶ Fostering unproductive attitudes
 - ▶ Alienated themselves from God
 - ▶ Reverting to other destructive behavior
- ▶ Back in prison

Before release



After return



The Three Pillars





“Prepare every needful thing...” (D&C 109:8)

Transition Coordinator

Qualities:

1. Relationship builder

- CO3s, Probation officers, Housing owners & employers
- Loves working with people, making friends, outgoing
- Keep in mind they represent the good name of the Church

2. Organizer

- Arrange needed resources
 - Housing, food, job possibilities, etc.
- Keep focus on needs
 - **Never do for them that they CAN do for themselves**

3. Help prepare the inmate

- Gather needs information (6 mo out)
- Follow a transition help acceptance standard
- Set resource expectations





”to assist (a person) to travel through, or reach a destination in, an unfamiliar area, as by accompanying or giving directions” (Merriam Webster definition)

- The destination is the receiving priesthood leader

The Guide

Qualities:

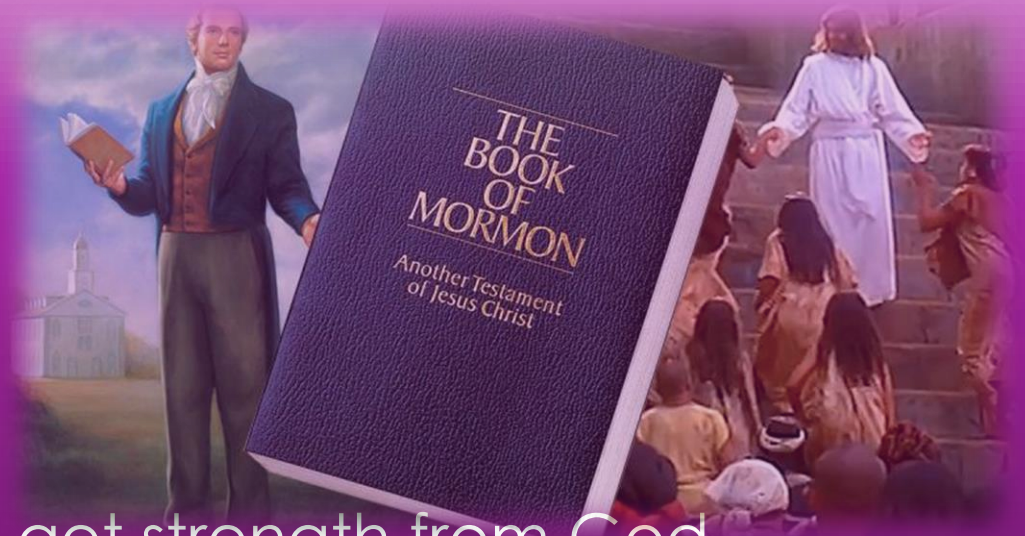
- Compassionate
- Street smart
- Consistent
 - Regular daily contact
 - Keeps inmate moving forward through follow-up
- Knows the rules
 - The parole officer is king
 - Keeps PO in the loop with EVERYTHING
 - Coordinates with receiving priesthood
- If a mentor is involved, this load is shared and success is far greater

Work is done when in the hands of receiving priesthood





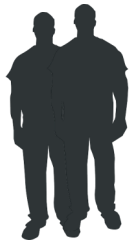
”...a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts,
than any other book” (Joseph Smith Jr)



- An inmate needs know how to get strength from God in dark times.
- Must start early
- Every aspect of the Branch influence must lend itself to prepare the inmate to become nearer to God
 - Instructors are focused on this
 - Mentors are focused on this
 - Branch President Interviews are focused on this

Examples of How to Apply the callings

One Multi-Role Person with helper(s)



- Guide
- Transition coordinator (interacts with CO3, PO, & mentor. Helps find housing, food, job)

Two Person - Separate Roles



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