**Windows to Work**

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The Windows to Work program provides inmates from the Oshkosh Correctional Institution, Taycheedah Correctional Institution and Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution with education, support and other case management services. It is a voluntary program designed to assist incarcerated men and women in making a successful transition back into the community. The program's case managers serve as the client's advocate, working with the Division of Community Corrections and other corrections personnel to help participants get on track and start a new life.

The success of this program initiated by the Bay Area Workforce Development Board is now a DOC Program in all eleven Workforce Development Boards.

# Program Eligibility

All inmates of Oshkosh, Taycheedah and Kettle Moraine Correctional Institutions can voluntarily participate in the program. Participants must also:

* Be planning release to Brown, Outagamie, or Manitowoc Counties
* Be released in the next six to nine months
* Have at least one year post-release community supervision
* Be willing and able to work full-time (or part-time if in school)
* Have met the recommended supervision level by the Department of Corrections

# Services Provided

**Pre-Release Help:** Participation in group and individual sessions start six to nine months prior to release. Weekly groups discuss information such as criminal and addictive behavior/thinking, general work skills and expectations, job search tools, financial literacy, rental education, family reunification possibilities and community resources.

**Post-Release Help:** For a minimum of one year after release, Windows to Work case managers work with the client and their community corrections agent to help participants find and keep employment, locate suitable housing and transportation options, and provide connections for education, skills training, and supplies needed to successfully transition back into the community. Case Managers will also assist with:

* Employability skills’ training such as resume writing, job search plans and interview techniques
* Interpersonal and social skills training
* Education Advancement
* Setting and obtaining goals
* Budgeting and money management
* Parenting information and techniques
* Counseling, as needed, to assist with addiction issues, anger management, and increasing self-esteem
* Importance of heathy community interactions