

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The WI-DOC permits inmates to participate in correspondence courses provided there is no On-Line or Internet component to it. If an inmate was interested in taking a course or program through correspondence they would need to meet with their institutions education director and begin approval process by completing DOC Form #1117. Many of the questions on that form can be answered (cost, length of training etc.) by visiting our website.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

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From Lives on the Line: No One Cares About Crazy People



The mission and vision of *Transformation Services, Inc.* (TSI) is to provide Substance Abuse Treatment and Training in a *cognitive behaviorally based model*. The program focuses on an *Incapacitated Workforce*: unemployed, to underemployed, and ex-offenders. Alcohol and drug problems disproportionately affect those in urban communities. Our primary goal is to offer quality health care and in doing so increase the number of minority providers in mental health and substance abuse.

Our Day Into Night Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Program is unique because it was not only developed by professionals, but by those in recovery, as well. The name also reflects the hours (9AM- 9PM) of our services that are available to clients. Its focus is skill development as well as therapeutic support and is similar to the accepted international model. Our parent organization won a competitive grant that became *Transformation Services* proving tutoring, training materials, testing, and licensing costs. We then developed a training curriculum *360 Circle of Support™* to assist the disenfranchised achieve the status of Substance Abuse Counselor-in Training (SACIT). Most of our clientele are "professionals to be" they support our basic Peer to Peer model and concept of "hands on teaching model". Traditional teaching methods have largely failed with this population, and TSI believes this approach will be successful. Perhaps the most cutting-edge aspect of our model is our ability to offer the client training almost immediately after completing their treatment without the 'accepted' wait period of up to 2 years. Though referral for training is, individualized and experience based, we have found that there is little data to support a 'wait period' making the counselor any less prone to relapse. This notion is also consistent with the true 'peer to peer' model. The client's experiences and services receive support from our *Peer Specialists*-those who are graduates of the program (many who are in recovery or have mental illness themselves). Active in social media our company's future services include on-line psychotherapy/support (*I mail™*) for offenders that are incarcerated, and for our EAP contracts below.

TSI has been in business since 2007, we hire our students, and/or provide on-site job referrals. We function as a consortium; our therapists have a wide range of expertise and backgrounds. All our '360' services are available year-round, and 24 hours a day and on-line. One of our strengths-currently we are the only community program to do so and offer support before and after training.

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TransformationServices feels that we have developed not only a unique treatment approach, but a training opportunity for a common problem that many disenfranchised face-remaining clean and sober, while maintaining gainful employment. ***Transformation***Services gives those that need and want it a chance to make a positive life change in not only their lives, but in the lives of their family and community. Our facility ***GreenCircle*** offers a growing environment that also supports a Social Entrepreneurship Incubator for Professionals and Professionals to Be. Since 1995, the Healing Garden component of our treatment program has had an outdoor alternative, allowing clients to learn and practice effective stress management techniques (Motivational, Matrix, EMDR etc). A walking track offers a naturalistic location for therapy and a calm oasis in a busy urban locale-developing effective wellness strategy, that until now for the client have been self-destructive choices (alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, food etc). We now offer the Healing Garden for staff and students, both of whom also receive the Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (ACE). This assists us with Workforce Development, hiring, but also *retention*. TSI works collaboratively with other organizations based on our history, success of our program, and the population we serve. Last, we offer EAP services through a number of employers (*Kohls, IRS, Whole Foods*), and *Insurers (FEI, Managed Health Network, & Miners)*. Health care is a growth industry. The substance abuse and mental health parity act ensures continued expansion. For Individuals, Businesses, Community, and Government, ***TSI*** remains a model for *Changing Lives, Changing Communities, and Now Changing Health Care. Social Entrepreneurship is the cornerstone* of our business.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE SCREENING

INMATE NAME _____ DOC NUMBER _____ INSTITUTION _____ UNIT _____

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR NAME _____

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR'S APPRAISAL OF CORRESPONDENCE COURSE INVOLVEMENT

TITLE OF COURSE REQUESTED _____

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION NAME OFFERING COURSE _____

COST OF COURSE (INCLUDING TUITION, FEES, TEXT BOOKS, AND MATERIALS) _____

COURSE PAYMENT BY	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> Inmate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant			
<input type="checkbox"/> IIP Funding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Partial or All)			

INMATE HAS ABILITY TO MEET THIS FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY Yes No

MATERIALS INCLUDED WITH COURSE

Textbooks Audio Cassettes Slides Video Cassettes CD ROM
 Other _____

COURSE MATERIALS WILL BE KEPT

In the Library Area In Inmate's Property Other _____

INVOLVEMENT IN THIS COURSE IS APPROPRIATE AND REALISTIC FOR INMATE

Yes No

INMATE HAS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT

Yes No

COURSE WILL BE TAKEN FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

Yes No

COURSE REQUIRES DOC STAFF PROCTORING/INVOLVEMENT

Yes No

COMMENTS _____

INSTITUTION DESIGNEE'S DECISION

Approved

Disapproved

COMMENTS _____

INSTITUTION DESIGNEE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE SIG _____