



Take TWO (Transitional Work Opportunity) Reentry Program

What is the Take TWO Reentry Program?

Take Two, A Transitional Work Opportunity Reentry Program is designed around normality and progression. This program is for incarcerated individuals to have an opportunity to work for employers earning a prevailing or marketable wage with an end goal to live in a non-prison environment within the community.

Buena Vista Transitional Work Center (TWC)

Due to the unique nature of the Buena Vista Correctional Complex, incarcerated individuals there that are participating in “Take TWO” will be living in the updated “boot camp” building at BVCC. This Transitional Work Center will provide space and opportunity for the participants to learn and improve their skills of self-sufficiency and reliance, while simultaneously ensuring the safety, training/education, and basic welfare needs of the participants are still being met.

Where will areas of focus be for the Take TWO Reentry Program?

We are currently meeting with employers and agencies statewide as we have 20 statewide prisons. For the Denver area, we are working with employers in that region that want to hire from Denver Women’s Correctional Facility and Colorado Correctional Center.

Why was the Take TWO Reentry Program created?

Below are a few key points to why this program was developed:

- Incarcerated individuals have the opportunity to acquire some monetary savings prior to their release from the prison system, improve their job skills to make them more marketable and employable, and help re-establish a social network within the community.
- Colorado currently has a very low unemployment rate, which is making it difficult for employers to maintain current staff and hire new staff. This program will be able to assist employers to fulfill a labor shortage.
- To reduce the recidivism rate in Colorado. The High recidivism rates in the correctional/justice system in are driven by a multitude of factors. Several of those factors include the lack of work, poor (or no) housing options, and a lack of connection to the community for returning citizens.

How are Incarcerated Individuals selected for this program?

The Colorado Department of Corrections has developed a multistep in-depth screening process to look for eligible incarcerated individuals for this program.

The incarcerated individuals that we determine suitable for this program will need to meet the following criteria as safety is our #1 priority to the public:

- Must be a low public safety risk to the outside community. Sex offenders will not be entered into this program.
- Have 1 year or less to finish their prison sentence.
- Have acceptable work skills and work history.
- Shown a progression and have a record of good behavior.

What safety precautions is the Colorado Department of Corrections taking for this program?

The CDOC in-depth screening process will be highly important to ensure that low security risk incarcerated individuals are part of this program. Electronic monitoring will be utilized to keep track of incarcerated individuals for security, accountability and safety precautions.

What if an Incarcerated Individual escapes from the program?

Through the multistep in-depth screening process the selection of incarcerated individuals for this program are to be a low security risk to the public. The CDOC has a security action plan put in place to activate if an incarcerated individual was to not report to work or non-prison living environment.

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