



FACT SHEET ON INCARCERATION AND RECIDIVISM

PROBLEMS	HINDA INSTITUTE PROVIDES SOLUTIONS
<p>FACT: THERE ARE JEWS IN PRISON.</p> <p>Often the community does not believe that there are Jews in prison and if they do believe it, feel that these people are beyond hope.</p>	<p>SOLUTION: THE HINDA INSTITUTE IS THE <u>ONLY</u> ORGANIZATION WHICH SERVICES JEWS IN PRISON AND JAILS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.</p> <p>We are the only organization that provides kosher food, Jewish burials, supports Jewish holidays and spiritual guidance to Jewish inmates.</p>
<p>FACT: THE RATE OF RECIDIVISM* IS DANGEROUSLY HIGH.</p> <p>The Department of Justice’s (DOJ’s) Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has estimated that nearly three-quarters of all released prisoners will be rearrested within five years of their release and about 6 in 10 will be reconvicted. ¹</p> <p>*Defined as the re-arrest, reconviction, or re-incarceration of an ex-offender within a given time frame.</p>	<p>SOLUTION: THE HINDA INSTITUTE REDUCES THE RATE OF RECIDIVISM.</p> <p>The HINDA Institute’s program has demonstrated quantifiable success in significantly reducing the rate of recidivism from 76% to 10%. Those who remain involved and in contact with the HINDA Institute after re-entry continue to be not only arrest-free, but also crime-free.</p>
<p>FACT: PRISONS IN ILLINOIS ARE CROWDED AND INCARCERATION IS VERY COSTLY.</p> <p>Illinois’ prison population is nearly 48,000, 50% higher than in 1992 when the population “crisis” was identified. ² Illinois has one of the most crowded prison systems in the country, operating at more than 150% of its design capacity. ³ Imprisonment is the State’s most expensive form of criminal punishment. Illinois taxpayers spend \$1.3 billion on the Department of Corrections and \$131 million on the Department of Juvenile Justice each year. ⁴</p>	<p>SOLUTION: THE HINDA INSTITUTE SAVES TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY REDUCING INCARCERATION.</p> <p>The HINDA Institute’s program of mentoring inmates saves the State of Illinois hundreds of thousands of dollars in judicial and incarceration costs for repeat offenders. Incarceration of an inmate amounts to about \$38,000 annually. We estimate that we save Illinois taxpayers about \$652,469 per year.</p>

¹ “Offender Reentry”, id.

² Illinois Department of Corrections

³ Executive Order 14, id.

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FACT: THERE ARE MULTIPLE BARRIERS TO SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY AND CAUSES OF RECIDIVISM.

When a person is released from prison, there are numerous factors working against their successful reentry into society which include: lack of family or other support systems, difficulty finding employment or a place to live, poverty, addiction or medical issues, shame and lack of legal assistance. These factors lead to recidivism. Researchers in the offender reentry field have suggested that the best programs begin during incarceration and extend throughout the release and reintegration process. With relationships, faith based support and mentoring the rate of re-arrest goes down to 9.8%.⁵

SOLUTION: WE ADDRESS ALL THE MULTIPLE BARRIERS TO SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY AND CAUSES OF RECIDIVISM USING A HOLISTIC APPROACH.

The HINDA Institute is the only organization which follows clients from prison to the end of life. Our integrative approach to prison reform keeps our clients both Jews and non-Jews, out of prison. The value of mentoring and a continual relationship with inmates both during and after incarceration provides continuity and results.

- We help our clients find work and a place to live.
- We follow our clients and direct them to addiction, medical services and legal services.
- We provide counseling services for our clients and their families.

⁵ Department of Justice