



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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Theresa C. Lantz  
Commissioner

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*Dear Transition Services Facilitators:*

*The Transition Services Program is part of an overall plan to successfully reintegrate offenders back into society. One of our priorities is to provide opportunities and resources for offenders to become successful, beginning the very first day they enter our facilities and continuing to the day they are released. How well offenders are prepared to enter society will directly impact their chances for success.*

*Research has shown that when offenders are properly equipped prior to discharge, it increases their chances for a successful reintegration. This research has shown that recidivism is reduced when transition and aftercare services are provided.*

*This program is designed to increase the offender's ability to take responsibility for acquiring the necessary tools in order to procure employment, housing and transportation. It is the only program of its kind in the Connecticut DOC that systematically addresses each issue and provides specific details, forms, resources and contact information for the offender to acquire vital documents and outside services. Some of these documents include items such as identification cards, birth certificates, social security cards and driver's licenses.*

*I am confident that in time, this program will help offenders be more successful and has the potential to reduce our overall recidivism rate, which is our ultimate goal.*

*Sincerely*

*Theresa C. Lantz  
Commissioner*

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