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Flip the Prison: Using a Holistic, Interdisciplinary Approach to Transform Closed Prisons and Adjudicated Youth

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“Flip the Prison: Using a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to transform closed prisons and youth in the correctional system.”

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“Flip the Prison”

Is this the right presentation for you?



Growingchange.org is transforming closed prisons into sustainable farms reclaiming lost buildings while reclaiming lost opportunities for youth who have been adjudicated as well as returning veterans. Using a systems approach with a cognitive behavioral focus we fielded a clinical pilot program that has demonstrated 92% effectiveness in preventing recidivism with complicated youth. Our impacts reach much further than recidivism. We will discuss how each of us who work with youth enduring significant challenges must ‘Flip the Prison’ as we challenge the power structures that continue to drive our county’s rates of incarceration.

Our Foundation

Risk Factors vs Strength Factors = Resiliency, Ecological Perspective –Mr. Sanford

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

How we must ‘Make a way out of no way.’

Our stats in our area – Mr. Sanford

Discuss and Run Trailer from [Voices of the Lumbee](#) – Dr. Hutchens

Discuss creation of online promo video for Growing Change “Flip the Prison” – Dr. Hutchens

Communications tactics for organizational growth – Dr. Hutchens

Our journey in 'Flipping the Prison'

Embedded in the problem are aspects of the solution.

Where is the prison you are flipping? – Mr. Sanford

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Intersectionality and System's Theory

Change Making or Colluding

What does 'FASUFA' mean? – Mr. Sanford

Name the personal impact and a linked system's impact in the needed work with youth facing challenges.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Our clinical Approach

Moving from the Vertical to the Horizontal approach- Dr. Menefee

The role of Youth Entrepreneurial approach and the business plan- Dr. Menefee

Collective Impact

The Coalition – Dr. Hanmer

Sustainable Agriculture – Dr. Hanmer

Conclusion

Justice