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State Inmates Benefit From Recidivism Reduction Program

- Who:** Inmates at the Western New Mexico Correctional Facility
What: Recidivism reduction program graduation
When: Friday June 17, 2011, 9:00am
Where: Western New Mexico Correctional Facility, Lobo Canyon Road, Grants, NM
Why: To develop skills for successful offender reentry into the community

(Santa Fe)- Charlene Knipfing, Director of Offender Reentry Programs, will be on hand to personally congratulate fifteen offenders for completing the Department's Recidivism Reduction Program at the Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Grants, New Mexico.

The Recidivism Reduction Program is a multi-disciplinary skill-building program designed to provide offenders with knowledge and skills that are directly transferable to the community setting and to address areas that offenders will invariably face upon release to the community. The program consists of twenty-one modules covering topics that include employment, new social relationships, parenting skills, anger management and continuing education. Offenders who are between six months and one year from release are eligible to participate in this four-month program.

The program is a collaboration between the New Mexico Corrections Department and the University of California, Los Angeles, who is measuring the effectiveness of the program through inmate evaluation, outcome studies, and statistical analysis of data gathered on offenders to measure the impact of demographics, social variables, and prison program participation in relation to recidivism rates, length of community success, and future criminal behaviors.

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