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### **Life-Skills Training Leads to Successful Re-entry for Former Offenders.**

Denver, Colorado – 14 former offenders complete a 10-month life-skills mentoring program and find employment.

In a time when unemployment is soaring and all jobseekers are struggling to find work, DenverWorks Life-Skills Mentoring program is helping former offenders overcome barriers to create a fresh start and a whole new life. This program is voluntary and held one evening per month. It is available to all DenverWorks clients at no cost. These workshops are designed to help our clients cultivate the basic skills that many of us take for granted. These life skills are crucial to a successful reintegration into society. Topics include; budgeting, time management, reconciliation, interpersonal relationship skills, etc.

On Monday, June 14, 2010 at 6:00 PM, DenverWorks will host a celebration ceremony for the 14 men that have completed our Life-Skills Mentoring program and been successful in finding meaningful employment. This evening of celebration will be complete with a professionally catered dinner provided by a DenverWorks client who is pursuing his dreams of becoming a chef.

The 14 men that have completed the life skills mentoring have each been arrested an average of 12 times. Over 60% of offenders who are released in Colorado will return to prison. Stopping this cycle touches an entire community. When these men succeed, many lives are changed. Nearly all of the graduates of this program are fathers. When a child has one parent in prison, that child has a 50% chance of becoming incarcerated themselves later in life.

“For a child to see their parent go from a life of stealing, drugs and violence to voluntarily walking through the door of an organization like DenverWorks and ask for help is miraculous. These men came to us seeking change. We have gotten to see God do amazing things. Many have been reunited with their families and all have found employment and hope. We are blessed just to be a part of it!” - Jenifer Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Program Director, DenverWorks.

DenverWorks is a faith based non-profit that exists to restore hope and empower people to self-sufficiency through employment. In 2010 we are celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> year of helping those with obstacles to employment. We assist our clients in overcoming major barriers through one-on-one case management and a variety of other services.

For more information about DenverWorks, call 303.433.0300 or visit our website at [www.denverworks.org](http://www.denverworks.org).