

26 (a) Engagement with the inmate, including an initial
27 conversation to set expectations, discuss employment goals, and
28 complete appropriate referrals to employment opportunities,
29 training grants, or other special grants.

30 (b) Crafting a customized plan for each inmate that may
31 include enrollment in the system, an initial assessment, and the
32 fostering of a relationship.

33 (c) Continued contact or meetings with the inmate, at
34 least monthly, to begin plan activities, reassess and adjust the
35 plan as needed, and validate and complete the plan. Such a plan
36 must include:

37 1. Career connection activities such as updating a résumé
38 or applications for target careers and continuing job search and
39 job development until the inmate is employed.

40 2. Maintaining at least quarterly contact with a follow-up
41 specialist for 1 year after the attainment of employment.

42 (2) The department may contract with the Department of
43 Children and Families, the Salvation Army, and other public or
44 private organizations, including faith-based service groups, for
45 the provision of ~~basic~~ support services for releasees. The goals
46 for such services include obtaining skills to gain stable
47 employment, finding permanent housing, and not returning to the
48 justice system.

49 (3) The department shall coordinate and arrange with other
50 departments to facilitate entry into other applicable programs

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51 such as nutrition assistance programs, work opportunity
52 programs, and dislocated worker programs for which an inmate may
53 be eligible.

54 (4)~~(3)~~ The department shall adopt rules for the
55 development, implementation, and termination of transition
56 assistance.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.