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Via Email: joshyadankoff@cfjj.org

Joshua Dankoff
Center for Juvenile Justice

Dear Mr. Dankoff:

I am in receipt of your records request dated March 7, 2023, seeking the following:

1. **How many people are on a wait list for educational programming at DOC?**

Response: As of March 6, 2023, there were a total of 2,936 unique inmates on a waitlist for educational programming. Of the 2,936 unique individuals:
961 are on a waitlist for Academic Education.
1975 are on a waitlist for Post-Secondary/Vocational Services.

2. **Policies, procedures, practice documents that show how DOC identifies youth, age 18-21, as having an IEP (individualized educational plan) already in place?**

Response: The DOC utilizes the procedures outlined in the following documents, which are included herein, to identify youth, age 18-21, as having an IEP already in place: DOC Policy 103 DOC 441, *Inmate Training and Education*, including the following Attachments: Massachusetts DOC Education/Vocation Assessment Questions For Risk Assessment;

Consent Form For Adult Inmates, Seeking a Determination of Eligibility for Special Education Services; Request for Clarification of School District Assignment; Notice of Public Responsibility to Find and Serve Students with Disabilities; and, Consent Form for Parents and Guardians On Behalf of Inmates Younger than 18 when Seeking a Determination of Eligibility for Special Education Services.

3. If DOC learns that a youth in custody age 18-21 has IEP in place, what happens then?

Response: The DOC upholds its duty to establish, maintain and administer education programs upon learning that a youth in custody age 18-21 has an IEP in place. All active IEPs are administered in accordance with the recommendations made within the plan. The DOC Special Education Coordinator will ensure the school district has reasonable access to the inmate in order to evaluate and/or provide services according to the inmate's IEP.

4. Educational intake documents and other records that indicate how many youth age 18-21 in DOC custody have identified themselves as having an IEP in place?

Response: The Education Division completes at intake and maintains a record of the above referenced 103 DOC 441 Attachments and the enclosed Massachusetts DOC Risk Assessment for the identification of youth age 18-21 in DOC custody with an IEP in place.

5. How many people in DOC custody have received special education services since January 1, 2019?

Response: Since January 1, 2019, twelve individuals received special education services, three of which were over the age of twenty-two.

6. How many initial or updated IEP meetings have taken place at DOC facilities in 2019?

Response: Since 2019, three initial or updated IEP meetings have taken place at DOC facilities.

7. Have school districts provided services to youth in your custody in line with the youth's IEP since January 1, 2019? At which facilities did this take place?

Response: Since January 1, 2019, school districts have not provided services to youth in DOC custody in line with the youth's IEP.

8. Documentation that indicates how, if at all, a young person in DOC custody who has not yet graduated from high school could or could not receive high school credit toward graduation for classes taken at DOC? Please be clear whether if so, is that through their home district, or a DOC school?

Response: The DOC offers a complete compliment of adult basic education to assist students with earning a high school equivalency (HSE). A HSE credential may be obtained by passing a GED or a HiSET examination. All subsections of the HiSET examination of which the student has achieved a passing grade are transferrable.

9. How many people in DOC custody have received high school diplomas during their custody from January 1, 2019 to present?

Response: Since January 1, 2019, 243 individuals (active and released) earned one's HSE while in Massachusetts DOC custody. The DOC defines HSE as a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education certificate issued after passing all subject area tests, including, but not limited to, Reading, Math, Social Studies, Science and Writing.

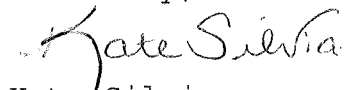
10. Which facilities hold the 63 individuals age 18-21 in DOC custody as of 3/7/2023, and how many at each facility.

Response: As of March 7, 2023, 63 individuals age 18-21 were in DOC custody at the following facilities:

MCI-CJ: 2 individuals
MCI-Concord: 5 individuals
MCI-Framingham: 4 individuals
North Central Correctional Institution: 2 individuals
MCI-Norfolk: 8 individuals
Old Colony Correctional Center: 1 individual
Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center: 31 individuals
MCI-Shirley: 3 individuals
Bridgewater State Hospital: 3 individuals
MASAC at MCI-Plymouth: 4 individuals

If you object to this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of records in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, §10(b) and 950 CMR 32.00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Silvia". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kate Silvia
Director of Communications

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**Massachusetts Department of Correction
Education/Vocation Assessment Questions
Risk Assessment (SBCC)**

Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Inmate Name: _____

ID#: _____

Institution: _____

Staff Member: _____

Previous ID#: _____

These questions contribute to the Risk Assessment. The numbered questions correspond to those from the actual assessment. Please complete **ALL** questions by interview or have the inmate self-report. Once completed, the staff enters the results into the COMPAS program and updates the IMS.

These questions relate to your school experience:Is your first language English? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If no, what is your primary language? _____

39. Did you obtain your High School Diploma (HSD) or High School Equivalency (GED/HiSET) ☐ No ☐ YesIf so which one: ☐ HSD ☐ GED/HiSET ☐ Certificate of Attendance/Completion

40. What was your final grade completed in school (check one):

☐ 1st Grade ☐ 2nd Grade ☐ 3rd Grade ☐ 4th Grade ☐ 5th Grade ☐ 6th Grade☐ 7th Grade ☐ 8th Grade ☐ 9th Grade ☐ 10th Grade ☐ 11th Grade ☐ 12th Grade☐ Adult Basic Education/ESL classes

Length of time/location and estimated dates: _____

What was the name of the last elementary, middle or high school you attended? Please note city, town and state. _____

41. What were your usual grades in high school? (Select One)

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E/F ☐ I did not attend

42. Were you ever suspended or expelled from school?

☐ No ☐ Yes

43. Did you fail or repeat a grade level?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Did you have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) in your last grade in school?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Assessment Questions
Risk Assessment

ID# _____

If you have a GED/HiSET/HSD, where did you receive it? Please note city/town and state. ☐ N/A

Did you receive your GED/HiSET while incarcerated? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ N/AIf you do not have a GED/HiSET, have you ever taken the GED/HiSET test? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ N/A
Please note city/town and state.

Highest Educational Certificate/Diploma/Degree Completed (Check all that apply):

- ☐ None
 ☐ Some College Credits
 ☐ Technical/ Vocational College Certificate
☐ Associates Degree
 ☐ Bachelor's Degree
 ☐ Master's Degree
☐ Specialist's Degree
 ☐ Doctorate or Professional Degree

If you have a college degree/technical certificate or college credits from what school did you receive it/them from? _____

These questions relate to your past work experience and financial situation in the period prior to the current incarceration.44. Did you have a job prior this incarceration? ☐ No ☐ Yes

What was the job(s) that you held? _____

How many years did you work in this position? _____

45. Do you currently have a skill, trade or profession at which you usually find work? ☐ No ☐ YesDo you have any work related certificates? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please indicate any professional certificates/licenses and safety trainings that you have.

Please list the name(s) of your skills, strengths and talents that have helped you find employment in the past. (This includes any trades/skills gained from prior military service)

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ID# _____

46. Could you verify your employer prior to incarceration? ☐ No ☐ Yes
47. In 12 the months before this incarceration, how much time did you work or attend school?
☐ 12 months full-time ☐ 12 months part-time
☐ 6+ months full-time ☐ 0-6 months PT/FT
48. Right now, do you feel you need more training in a new job or career skill? ☐ No ☐ Yes
49. Right now, if you were to get (or have) a good job, how would you rate your chances of being successful?
☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
50. Thinking of your financial situation prior to this incarceration, how hard was it for you to find a job ABOVE minimum wage compared to others? ☐ Easier ☐ Same ☐ Harder ☐ Much Harder

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