

Our Participants



- **CONVICTED FELONS:** Almost 50% for violent offenses. Average sentence is around 10 years.
- **PRISON HISTORY:** Most have been to prison 2-3 times.
- **AGES:** Age 18 - 63 (avg. 35).
- **RACE:** Majority are minorities, around 20-30% are white.
- **BACKGROUND:** Most are from low-income families. Many are from single-parent households, or were not raised by their parents at all.
- **EDUCATION:** Wide range of education, but many have only a GED or HS Diploma.
- **WORK EXPERIENCE:** Wide range of work experience, but some have zero "legal" employment history.
- **COMMITTED TO CHANGE:** We receive 5,000+ applications per year and only accept the top 200-250 to transfer to our unit in Cleveland, Texas.

Our Programs



- **PREP CLASS:** ~3 months, 22+ hours/week focused on character development and computer skills.
- **BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION:** ~6 months, 40+ hours/week of college-level training on Entrepreneurship. All participants complete a full business plan and deliver their "pitch" over 120 times.
- **PUBLIC EVENTS:** Over 90 hours of in-prison events with volunteer executives.
- **FAMILY REUNIFICATION:** Staff help rebuild relationships with estranged loved ones.
- **RE-ENTRY:** Housing, job placement assistance and 12 months of case management.
- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOOL:** Weekly classes for graduates.
- **MENTORING:** Life coaching and entrepreneurial guidance delivered by executives.
- **BUSINESS SUPPORT:** PEP provides capital, consulting and customers to graduate-owned businesses.

Our Impact



- **RECIDIVISM:** Three-year "return to prison" rates:
 - National >50%
 - Texas ~25%
 - PEP As low as <5%
- **JOBS:** 100% employment within 90 days of release from prison.
 - Avg. time "from prison to paycheck" is 20 days
 - Starting wage ~\$10/hour
- **TAXES:** Graduates pay on average of \$7K per year in taxes, rather than draining \$21K per year as an inmate.
- **HOUSING:** Nearly 3/4 of released graduates move into PEP-operated housing.
- **FAMILIES:** Over 400+ relatives & children re-connected with PEP graduates each year.
- **COST SAVINGS:** Every man who graduates from PEP saves the State of Texas over \$50,000 in avoided costs of future incarceration.

OVER 1,000 HOURS OF INTENSE, LIFE-TRANSFORMING SERVICES PER GRADUATE

<\$1,750,000:
2013 BUDGET FOR PEP

>\$9,000,000:
PROJECTED SAVINGS TO TEXAS