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Mission Statement

F.O.C.U.S. on the Positive is a non-profit organization dedicated to being an advocate for those who are currently serving or will be serving time in the Federal Prison System. We provide individuals and their families with the resources that are needed to navigate through the difficult process. F.O.C.U.S. strives to promote success for individuals upon re-entry into society.

Vision Statement

F.O.C.U.S. on the Positive was created when three strangers from different walks of life met during incarceration within the Federal Prison System. These individuals felt incredibly alone, each at a very low point in their life. However, they quickly learned that their issues were not unique. These issues involved family, business, legal aid, and, ultimately, the stigma of being a convicted felon re-entering society. Fearing the unknown, each tried to educate himself on the Federal Prison System. Research came in the form of a legal consultant, internet searches, and more attorneys. Unfortunately, these avenues proved outdated. These men were left to fend for themselves without direction or guidance. They realized the lack of educational programs and procedural requirements in the system set inmates up for ultimate failure upon their re-entry into society. Striving to change this endless cycle, the vision for F.O.C.U.S. became clear. With the help of their families, these men set forth five key initiatives (F.O.C.U.S.) for this non-profit organization advocating for felons who want to help themselves.

The First Initiative: FAMILY

-Support system for inmates

-Counseling for inmates’ family members

-Updated means of communication with family and friends

The Second Initiative: OUTREACH

-A voice for inmates

-Policies and procedures in facilities

-Law advancements/updates (First-Step Act, CARES Act)

The Third Initiative: CAREER

-Education: technical raining, professional licensing

-Job placement

-Interview skills and dressing for success

The Fourth Initiative: UNDERSTANDING

-Legal aid and referral system for inmates' case

-The stigma of a criminal record

-Working with the Bureau of Prisons

The Fifth Initiative: SUCCESS

-Reducing recidivism

-Achievements

-Testimonials

As a result of these strangers helping themselves, they ultimately ended up helping others.

"The mistake is not falling; the mistake is not getting back up."