

■ Focus on...

SAFELY AND SUCCESSFULLY RECONNECTING AFTER RELEASE

A new rehabilitation and resettlement program identifies and focuses on prisoners with high risk of re-offending.

Through its information management system, Sodexo's team monitors prisoners who have a high risk of re-offending throughout the duration of their sentences to ensure they are receiving appropriate services that address their identified needs and difficulties.

At the HMP Peterborough prison, Sodexo has also developed an "Outside Links" center to provide additional support to prisoners who are released into the community. The center is an external building located outside the prison wall.

When prisoners are released from the prison, they are met by a mentor who accompanies them to the center where they can access support services including support for housing or budget needs, internet access, mobile phone chargers, survival kits and food bank vouchers, reduced price taxi services...

Sodexo is setting up similar arrangements to improve services to prisoners upon release across all managed prisons in the UK.

Highlights

CHILE – BICYCLE REPAIR SKILLS TO PROMOTE REHABILITATION

Working with the local municipal government, Sodexo teams at the **Concepción prison** developed and launched a bicycle mechanics and repair training workshop for prisoners as part of its rehabilitation/re-integration program. In addition to supporting a community priority to promote bicycling, the program provides 20-prisoner classes with 150 hours of training, helping them to develop skills they can use following their release. The bicycle repair program adds to existing offender training and rehabilitation programs at Concepcion, including woodworking, leather craft and food preparation classes.

FRANCE – SUPPORTING SOCIETAL RE-ENTRY

Through professional opportunities...

Through **trade forums** organized each week in one of the 21 prisons managed by Sodexo, participating prisoners are provided help in building a career plan, preparing their return to the labor market and facilitating their reintegration. At booths of sponsoring training organizations and local businesses, the prisoners learn more about businesses in such diverse areas as bakeries, butchers, sales, spa treatments, foodservices, mechanics, electricity, metallurgy and florists.

... and a personal investment

In February 2013, 12 brick presses arrived in Mahajanga, in northwestern Madagascar, for use in building schools, health centers and housing. The metal presses were produced by prisoners in Sodexo-managed workshops at the Liancourt and Neuville correctional facilities in France. The initiative benefits a humanitarian project managed by "Schools of the world," an association that works to improve living conditions in developing countries through education, health and economic development. Since 2007, the prisoners' efforts have resulted in delivery of 22 single and double brick presses, the construction of a school – which requires about 30,000 bricks – and the production of 50 desks for schoolchildren. The program has provided opportunities for prisoners to invest in others, contributing to prisoner training, awareness of humanitarian needs and higher self-esteem.

UNITED KINGDOM – HEALTH AND SAFETY RECOGNITIONS FOR ALL SODEXO PRISONS

All prisons operated by Sodexo in the UK received the **International Health & Safety Award** and the British Safety Council's **Five-star "*****" accreditation**. Three prisons hold the highest award for safety, the British Safety Council's "Sword of Honour," awarded annually to only 40 companies worldwide.