
ANNUAL REPORT

FY2022



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What can we say about 2022? Wow! Not just Wow, but WOW!!! 2022 brought many exciting opportunities and some difficult challenges. During the year we baptized fifteen men. We had a record number of applicants and admits. We finalized a successful merger with FreshStart Visions, expanded the number of men we provide services to and added four staff members. We also integrated Munissions Re-entry Software into our operations and launched a pilot CDL training program in which five men received their CDL permits in Phase I training.

As we move into 2023, I first want to thank all of our supporters, whether you are a volunteer, a board member, a staff member, a prayer warrior, a partnering organization or agency, and/or a donor, I want to send you all a great big THANK YOU! Without you all, we could not help those we serve, begin to transition from the devastation of their past to a thriving future.

One of my greatest honors this year has been the opportunity to baptize fifteen men. As a pastor, sharing the Gospel, seeing people respond to the Gospel, and baptizing the men is my greatest pleasure and privilege. In 2022, we baptized more men than we have ever baptized in a single year. I believe 2023 will see greater spiritual activity in the lives of our men.

Because of your investments of time and money, SHIELD Ministries' estimated annual Economic Impact for 2022 was over 3.2 million dollars to our local community and state. This includes a direct savings to our SC Prisons of over 1.2 million dollars. Our donors' financial ROI is estimated at 889.2%, and more importantly, priceless eternal investments in many men's lives! Thank you again for your service and financial support.

We also completed a successful merger with FreshStart Visions. I want to send a special thank you to Tim Terry, Stephen Dickson and all the former FreshStart Visions Board of Directors, Amy Haley, the SHIELD Board of Directors, and Melodie Truluck, for all their hard work and dedication to seeing the merger successful. As a result of the merger, we are currently able to provide services to a maximum occupancy of 50 men and SHIELD Ministries now has a presence inside the prison through the MIT (Men In Transition) program. Another special thank you to Tom Pace and all the FSV volunteers who have combined their efforts with SHIELD to ensure the MIT program did not lose momentum during the merger and have continued on as volunteers with SHIELD.

2022 also presented challenges as well. As we have looked at expansion in Colleton County for 2023, we have met some opposition from the community. We have begun addressing these concerns and fully anticipate moving forward in anticipation of our occupancy in late Fall of 2023. This will increase our occupancy to 105. 2023 is going to be a great year for us! We look forward to expanding our prerelease program into 3 more prisons for a total of 5; continuing to expand our Cognitive Learning Program in both pre and post release; further refining our efforts to assist men in identifying and overcoming alcohol and drug addiction triggers; and continuing to grow our Workforce Development services, as we seek to increase in partnerships, employers and other nonprofits.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to another exciting year together!
Warmest Regards,

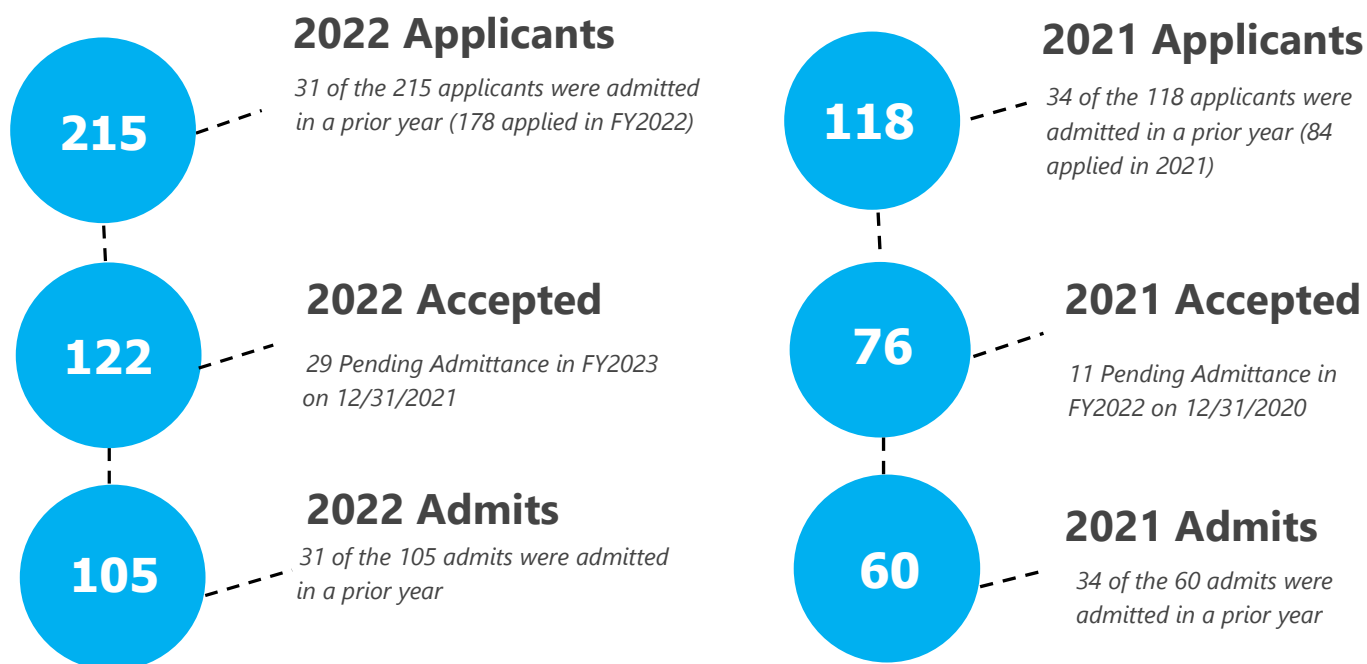


Rev. David M. Truluck, MAPM
Executive Director
david.truluck@shieldministries.org
843.209.7941
www.shieldministries.org

Table of Contents

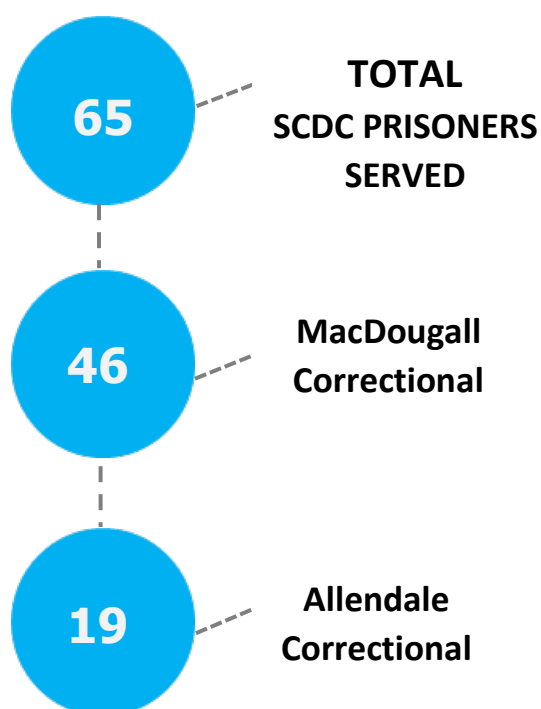
PRISONERS SERVED	4
RE-ENTRY POPULATION SERVED	4
APPLICATION REFERRALS	5
THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE PROGRAM.....	6
CRISIS STABILIZATION	7
SC PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES.....	7
TRANSPORTATION	8
STUDENT REFFERAL AND PARTNER SERVICES.....	9
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE	11
COGNITIVE BEHAVORIAL LEARNING	11
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS	12
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	13
EMPLOYMENT	14
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.....	15
WORSHIP & PASTORIAL SERVICES.....	15
RECIDIVISM RATES.....	16
ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	16
TESTIMONIALS - CRISIS STABILIZATION.....	18
TESTIMONIALS - REGULATORY COMPLIANCE	19
TESTIMONIALS - COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL/ LIFE SKILLS	20
TESTIMONIALS - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	21
TESTIMONIALS - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.....	22

RE-ENTRY POPULATION SERVED



PRISONERS SERVED

Since May 1, 2022



65 men were served in the twelve week Men In Transition Program (MIT) in the SC Department of Corrections (SCDC). Two classes were held at MacDougall Correctional Institution with 46 men graduating from the program. One class was held at Allendale with a total of 19 graduates.

Men are eligible to apply for the MIT class between 12 and 18 months prior to their release date.

APPLICATION REFERRALS

SHIELD Ministries works closely with various law enforcement and government agencies, other nonprofit organizations and other community public and private service organizations to deliver individualized and comprehensive prison re-entry services. In 2022, **48.8%** of SHIELD Ministries applicants* were referred from law enforcement agencies; **17.2%** from other government agencies; and **15.8%** from other nonprofit organizations totaling **81.8%**. The remaining **18.2%** were referred from the general public and **5.6%** of the referrals being affiliated with SHIELD Ministries.

Many government and service agencies assist their clients in searching and applying for a program which includes housing. For these agencies and organizations, being able to refer their clients, who are often times hard to place, is one indeterminable benefit which SHIELD provides.

FIVE YEAR HISTORICAL DATA As of December 31, 2022 APPLICANT REFERRAL DATA

APPLICANT REFERRALS	FY2022	% FY22	FY2021	% FY21	FY2020	% FY20	FY2019	% FY19	FY2018	% FY18
SC Department of Corrections	74	34.4%	24	20.2%	30	27.8%	33	25.2%	25	21.9%
SC Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services	18	8.4%	10	8.4%	11	10.2%	32	24.4%	35	30.7%
Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center	10	4.7%	15	12.6%	6	5.6%	17	13.0%	4	3.5%
ISO (Intensive Supervision Office)	1	0.5%	2	1.7%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	4	3.5%
Detention Centers (Outside of Charleston)	1	0.5%	3	2.5%	2	1.9%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%
US Federal Probation	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.5%	2	1.8%
ST- Law Enforcement Agencies	105	48.8%	54	45.4%	50	46.3%	86	65.6%	70	61.4%
Public Defender's Offices (Charleston, Berkeley, Lexington, Greenville, and Richland Counties)	27	12.6%	21	17.6%	12	11.1%	7	5.3%	8	7.0%
Dr. William Burke	2	0.9%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SC Mental Health: Well Path/Correct Care Recovery Solutions	2	0.9%	2	1.7%	12	11.1%	8	6.1%	12	10.5%
State Agencies (MUSC, Vocational Rehabilitation)	6	2.8%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	3	2.3%	3	2.6%
Nonprofit Organizations	34	15.8%	16	13.4%	19	17.6%	13	9.9%	8	7.0%
VA (Program and Hospital)	2	0.9%	2	1.7%	4	3.7%	0	0.0%	6	5.3%
Website	12	5.6%	5	4.2%	0	0.0%	9	6.9%	0	0.0%
SHIELD Affiliation	12	5.6%	3	2.5%	3	2.8%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%
Family/Friends/Cellmate	11	5.1%	10	8.4%	7	6.5%	0	0.0%	5	4.4%
Pastor/Church	0	0.0%	4	3.4%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Private Attorney	2	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.3%	0	0.0%
Total Applicant Referrals	215	100.0%	119	100%	108	100%	131	100%	114	100%

Note: There are 37 active participants who were admitted in previous years and rolled-over into the new year, included in the referral data.

"Each year, about 600,000 people in the United States enter prisons; and at the same time, people are sent to jails across our country over 10 million times per year. Individuals returning to their communities after a term of imprisonment face a number of barriers to success, including housing insecurity, inability to access health care, food insecurity, and barriers to education and employment."

REPORT TO CONGRESS FROM THE REENTRY COORDINATION COUNCIL APRIL 2022: Coordination to Reduce Barriers to Reentry: lessons learned from COVID-19 and beyond. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1497911/download>

THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE PROGRAM

The SHIELD Ministries Community of Hope Program is an educational program which includes 5 pillars of service for men who are re-entering into society with criminal backgrounds or current charges (Prison, Prison re-entry and Prison Intervention). Men begin their Journey of Hope through our 5 areas of service categories, which are Crisis Stabilization, Regulatory Compliance, Cognitive Learning (Life Skills), Workforce Development and Spiritual Development. All our services are designed to meet individualized needs which have been identified by multiple research government and educational researchers as risk factors for a successful re-entry. All our direct services, together, address the risk factors which directly have been shown to contribute

The Harvard University Institute of Politics Criminal Justice Policy Group reported “research showed that several dynamic risk factors – namely health, employment, housing, skill development, mentorship, social networks, and organization type – significantly affect the success of reentry. Thus, community-based organizations aiming to facilitate successful reentry and reduce recidivism rates should place special emphasis on addressing these risk factors.”

https://iop.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/sources/program/IOP_Policy_Program_2019_Reentry_Policy.pdf

to reducing recidivism rates.

Services provided under the Crisis Stabilization category include housing, food, clothing, hygiene, medical care (health and mental health care), legal identification and transportation to meet participant needs. One of the highest priorities of a majority of our students is to comply immediately with law enforcement registration requirements. Our Re-entry and Resident Support Specialists ensures that new admits are transported to and register with the SC Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services and the Sheriff's Office if applicable. This, along with providing internet accessible device monitoring and partnering with professional counselors who provide onsite counseling services are major components of our Regulatory Compliance Services.

Once these priority needs are met, men then begin classes and are referred to work, typically with our partner temporary agencies. Men begin with temporary agencies to become acclimated back into the workforce as they begin to learn about how to become assets to their employers in their Career Readiness Class. Men are immediately enrolled in the His Way Ministry's Friday evening Mentorship Program.

“The His Way Ministry family meets once a week to share our experiences, strength, and hope in a safe environment. We encourage each other in our faith walk and in the natural walk of jobs, relationships, food, shelter, etc. This is a time to encourage and to be encouraged.” <https://www.hiswaysc.org/>

Students continue through comprehensive studies designed to teach men how to think, learn, and succeed. The Core Educational Track takes on average 18 to 24 months to complete.



CRISIS STABILIZATION

HOUSING

14,915 Nights of Housing

105 men spent a combined total of 14,915 nights in the SHIELD Ministries Program in 2022.

"Stable housing with appropriate supportive services is a key factor in preventing homelessness and reducing recidivism. The goal is to reduce barriers to public and subsidized housing, and advance promising models that improve outcomes for people who repeatedly use corrections and homeless services."

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/reentry-program>

SC PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES

45 Men Receiving 30 Day Program Fee Assistance (1,191 Nights)

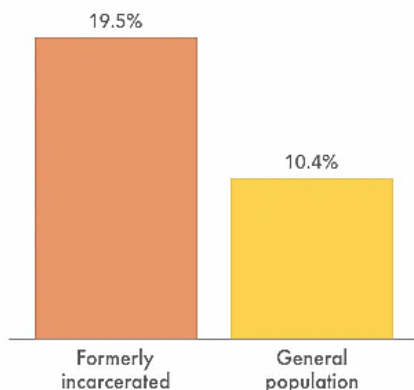
SHIELD Ministries is one of nine programs in South Carolina who received an award from the SC Probation, Parole and Pardon Services to help probationers pay for the first 30 days of their re-entry housing program fees. SHIELD's educational program includes housing and students pay \$23.57 per day to participate in the Community of Hope Program. Discounts for monthly and fixed income payers are available.

76 Welcome Packages

Upon admittance men receive a welcome package which includes sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, washcloths, toilet paper and hygiene packs.

FOOD INSECURITY

Formerly incarcerated people are twice as likely to experience food insecurity



"Food insecurity is an often-overlooked consequence of incarceration, and it can't be separated from the more well-known problems of homelessness and unemployment. While the estimates vary somewhat, researchers consistently find that food insecurity is more common among formerly incarcerated people."

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2021/02/10/food-insecurity/>



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

37,288 Meals Provided

As the Re-entry Coordinating Council reported to Congress in April 2022, Food Insecurity is one of the barriers of successful re-entry. SHIELD Ministries is a local partner agency of the LowCountry Food Bank and also receives donations from Delancey Street Foundation and churches. It is estimated that our food pantry provides 2-3 meals per day for our students who have spent a combined total of 14,915 days in the program. The estimated number of meals provided is 37,288.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided to students directly by staff, volunteers, upon entrance and also by bus passes. One of the Regulatory Compliance services offered is transportation to the SC Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, if applicable, for registration.

"Transportation has been identified as a major barrier to successful re-entry."

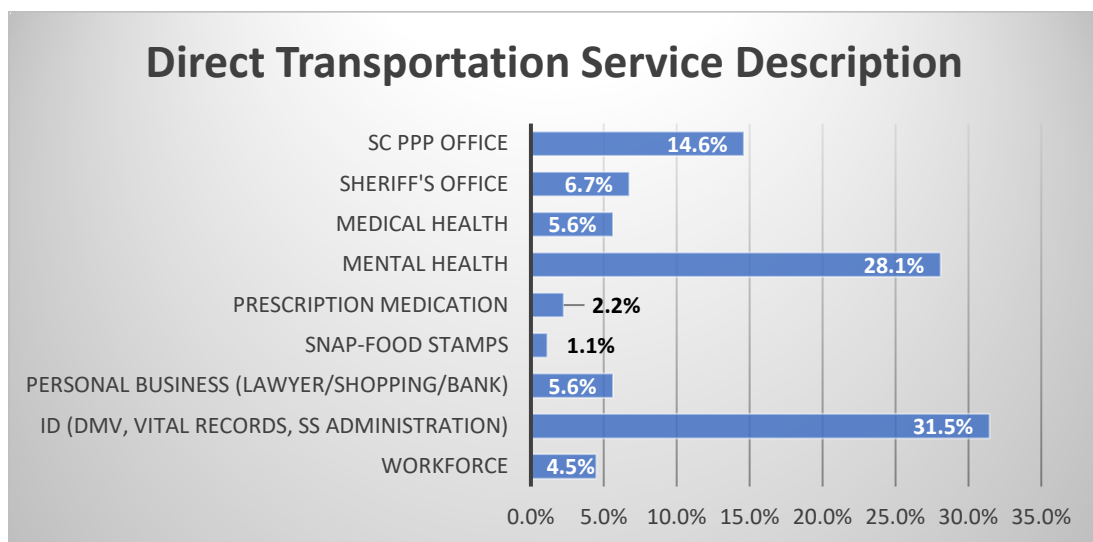
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00328855211029894>

678 Trips Provided

178 trips were direct transportation services provided by staff and volunteers.

500 trips provided through Bus Passes (bus pass trip detail is not included in the graph below).

Transportation is considered a Crisis Stabilization and Regulatory Compliance service depending on where the participant is transported. SHIELD Ministries' prioritizes registration with Law Enforcement agencies as one of the highest priorities of newly admitted students along with medical/mental health. The next priority is assisting students with obtaining identification.





STUDENT REFFERAL AND PARTNER SERVICES

One of our guiding principles has always been not to duplicate services but to refer, partner with, and establish close working relationships to fill the gaps of service for the re-entry population. We do not seek to compete but to “complete”. What this means is that we seek to provide our students with comprehensive and individualized services directly or through referrals to other governmental agencies, health care providers and nonprofit organizations. The impact is that our students receive specialized services and there is not a duplication of services. This core operational standard has proven efficient and effective in time and cost savings not only to the organization but to our donors, governmental agencies and other nonprofit organizations. Results provide a greater impact for our students through the diversity of service providers.

MUNISSIONS RE-ENTRY SOFTWARE

In 2022, we implemented Munissions Re-entry Software System. Our re-entry specialists use Munissions for student assessments, goal planning, progress tracking, and referral services. Through Munissions we are able to capture student data, responses, assessments, and activity which automatically feed into Munissions. Another vital industry module of Munissions is the ability to perform readiness to change predictions using the URICA scale (University of Rhode Island Change Assessment Scale). It additionally reports on the risk of recidivism through multiple assessments as well as goal tracking and individual data entry designed to identify criminogenic needs.

“This comprehensive software solution streamlines intake, tracking, reporting, and analysis so you can easily understand and improve intervention efforts.” <https://www.munission.co/reentry>

Munissions also provides the ability to refer our students out for professional care. The implementation of Munissions not only provides better outcomes for our students but it streamlines our processes and enables us to quickly identify and address necessary intervention measures.

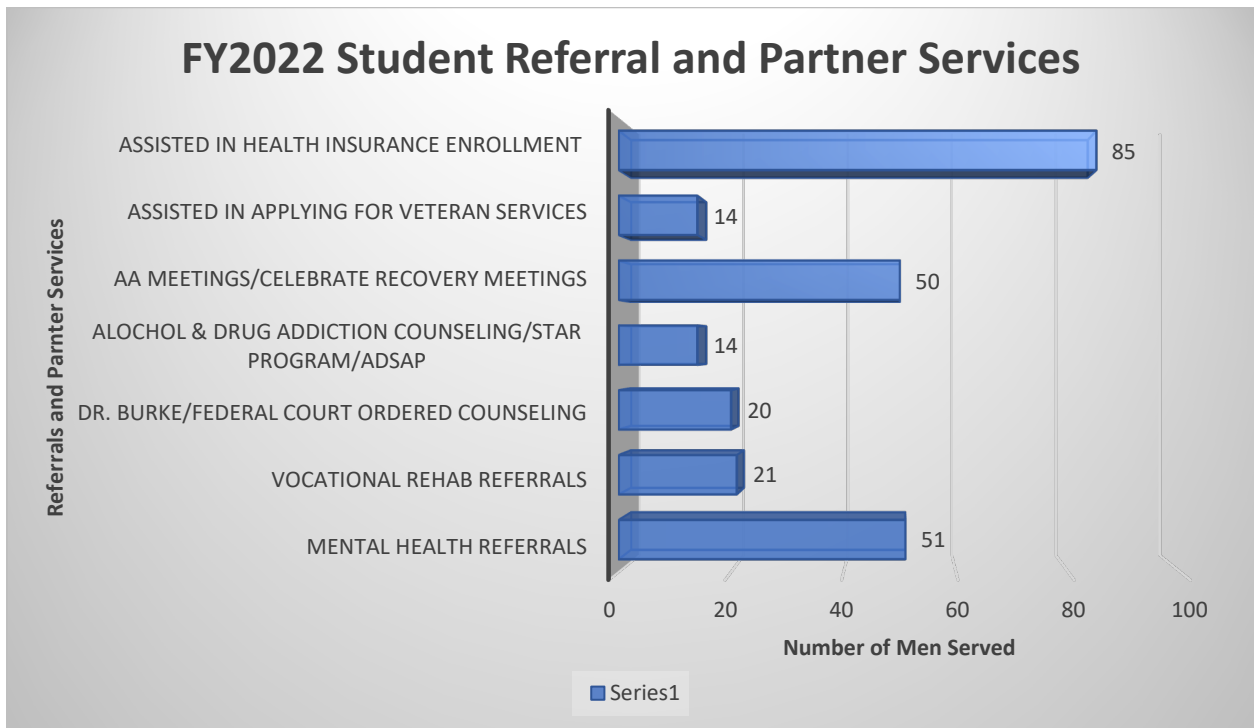
URICA

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND CHANGE ASSESSMENT

“The URICA is a 32-item self-report measure that includes 4 subscales measuring the **stages of change: Precontemplation, Contemplation, Action, and Maintenance**. (There is also a 24-item version.) Responses are given on a 5-point Likert scale ranging from 1 (strong disagreement) to 5 (strong agreement). The subscales can be combined arithmetically (C + A + M – PC) to yield a second-order continuous Readiness to Change score that can be used to assess readiness to change at entrance to treatment.” <https://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/urica.pdf>

CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS

“Criminogenic Needs are factors in an offender’s life that are directly related to recidivism. Research has identified six factors that are directly related to crime: low self-control, anti-social personality, anti-social values, criminal peers, substance abuse and dysfunctional family.” <https://www.in.gov/courts/iocs/publications/probation-guide/recidivism/criminal-behavior/>



16 Veterans Served

Of the 16 veterans who we proudly served in 2022, four were able to secure stable housing. In August 2022, a Preliminary Assessment of Veterans in the Criminal Justice System release reported:

"Justice Department data showed that about 8% of all U.S. inmates, or about 181,500, were military veterans. The preliminary assessment identified multiple risk factors that contribute to incarceration for veterans, including combat-related trauma and post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, substance abuse, adverse childhood experiences and sexual trauma while in the military." <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/crime-courts/commission-will-study-veterans-are-likely-non-veterans-get-trouble-law-rcna44326>

Dr. Caroline Leaf, states "true transformation requires mind-management strategies to rewire neural pathways. Directing the way your brain changes (neuroplasticity) transforms energy patterns in the brain, changes blood measures, and eventually establishes a new and healthy level of balance in the brain and body. You, like the study subjects, can use the Neurocycle to methodically use your mind to take advantage of neuroplasticity to rework your neural circuitry, managing and improving a variety of mental and physical states, even if you have very dysfunctional brain networks and physiology from toxic thoughts and trauma."

Leaf, Dr. Caroline. Cleaning Up Your Mental Mess (pp. 129-130). Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

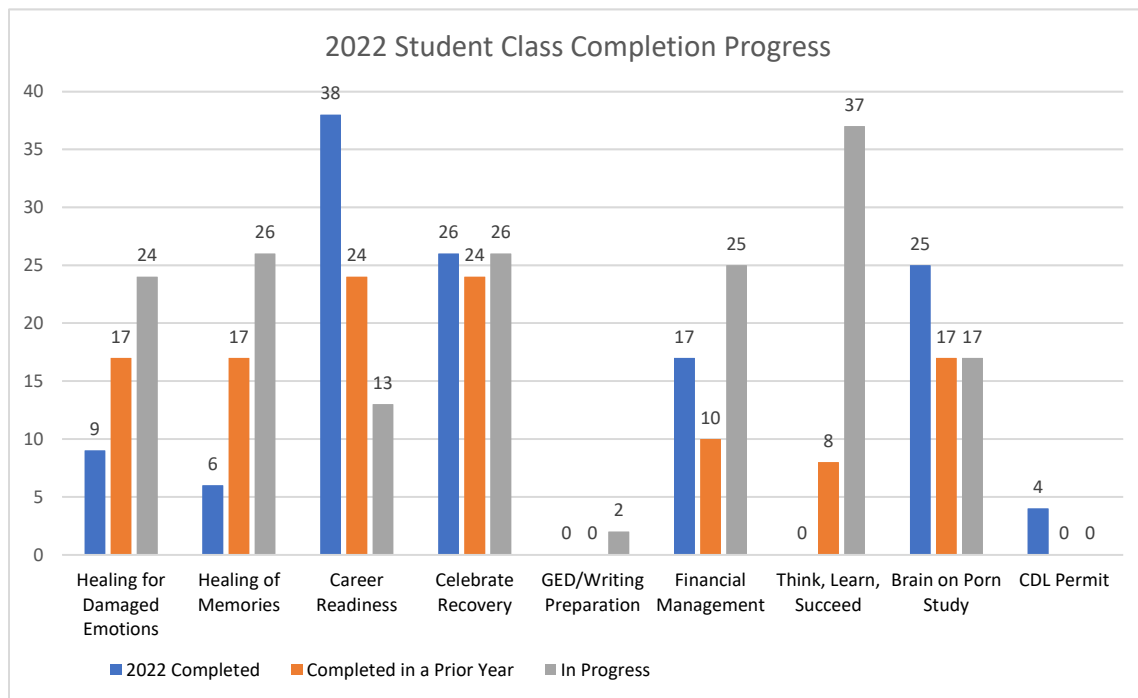
Regulatory Compliance is the adherence to all governing laws which include court ordered counseling, register for Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, along with meeting specified rules and regulations of governing law enforcement. Over **15** men have been court ordered into our program. SHIELD Ministries assists men in understanding their responsibilities, rules, regulations and requirements.

SHIELD Ministries provides services through partnerships with treatment counselors who provide court ordered counseling onsite to ensure accessibility and accountability for attendance. Some specialized treatments also include regular polygraphs. Polygraphers are able to conduct their tests onsite. Additionally SHIELD Ministries provides transportation for men to meet their initial registration and ensures that men are meeting this requirement. Law Enforcement agents are able to access the property at any time for meetings and or searches.

We provide an optional weekly Worship service. Men on probation and men who are required to register as sex offenders are prohibited from attending churches, therefore this service is considered a regulatory compliance service and a spiritual development service.

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL LEARNING

23 Graduates of the 105 who were enrolled in FY2022, were graduates of the SHIELD Core Program. It generally takes between 18-24 months to complete the Core Program. This could vary due to the schedule of classes offered and the fact that program enrollees can enter the program at any time during the year. It is essential for students to meet all class requirements and attend all classes. Students who remain in the program after graduating participate in various assigned classes on a regular basis.





COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SHIELD Ministries uses Cognitive Learning principles in classes focused on Life Skills, Workforce Development, and Spiritual Development. The courses descriptions listed below are courses offered as a part of the SHIELD Ministries Core Educational Program. Additional classes, such as GED/Math are offered as needed along with specialized classes such as Untangling Relationships.

Think, Learn, and Succeed: Understanding and Using Your Mind to Thrive at School, the Workplace, and Life (12 weeks):

Think, Learn, and Succeed, Author, Dr. Caroline Leaf explains: "How you understand and use your mind is predictive of how successful you will be. Nothing will work unless you get your mind right first. This book is all about helping you make that switch to a life well-lived, filled with meaningful success. This book is about helping you achieve your goals and dreams. This book is about mental self-care, which includes learning how to control our mindsets, the unique way each of us think, feel and choose and learning how to build healthy, long term memories. It takes you beyond mindfulness into a lifestyle of cognitive transformation."

<https://drleaf.com/products/think-learn-succeed-book>

This class uses both the Think, Learn, and Succeed book and workbook to understand the science behind thinking and how to use your mind to learn through changing your brain through your mind, through neuroplasticity. This class is a pre-requisite for Healing of Damaged Emotions and Healing of Memories.

Healing of Damaged Emotions (20 weeks):

"Events in our lives, both good and bad, form rings in us like the rings in a tree. Each ring records memories that affect our feelings, our relationships, and our thoughts about God. In this classic work, David Seamands encourages us to live compassionately with ourselves as we allow the Holy Spirit to heal our past. As he helps us name hurdles in our lives—such as guilt, poor self-worth, and perfectionism—he shows us how we can find freedom from our pain and enjoy the abundant life God wants for us." Author Dr. David Seamands

<https://www.amazon.com/Healing-Damaged-Emotions-David-Seamands/dp/0781412536>

It was through this study and the Healing of Memories study, where David Truluck, co-founder of SHIELD Ministries began his healing journey with Chaplain David Golden which would then led to the birth of SHIELD Ministries over 20 years ago. Chaplain Golden currently leads this and the Healing of Memories in SHIELD Ministries.

Healing of Memories (20 weeks):

"This book examines the work of the Holy Spirit in healing certain types of emotional and spiritual problems which cannot be solved without individual and careful attention. Time alone cannot heal the memories of experiences so painful that we've been pushing them out of our conscious minds for many years. Yet such memories continue to cause us emotional and spiritual problems. They must be dealt with directly and deliberately." Author Dr. David Seamands <https://www.amazon.com/Healing-Memories-David-Seamands>

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

"The objective of workforce development is to create economic prosperity for individuals, businesses, and communities. Workforce development focuses on an individual's ability to grow their skills and develop the tools they need for business success. Workforce development is built around learning rather than training."

https://myworkchoice.com/blog/workforce-development/?utm_source=google.com

Work Readiness Class (4 weeks):

Students will learn the importance of communication in the workplace as they practice listening, speaking and writing. They will learn how to be direct in a positive way about their past criminal backgrounds. Students learn what character traits employers are looking for. The course also includes time management strategies which include the ability to prioritize using the 4 Ds: Do, Defer (Delay), Delegate, and Delete (Drop). While Financial Literacy is considered a component of Career Readiness, SHIELD offers that as a separate course.

Financial Literacy Class (4 weeks):

Financial Literacy is designed to help the student understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing. The student will create a personal budget and financial goal plan. The student will obtain a checking and savings account or create a step-by-step plan on how to re-establish the ability to do so. Students will learn how to create payment plans so that they can successfully be able to pay back restitution including probation fees, child support, counseling fees, program fees, and/or ankle monitor fees.

CDL (Commercial Driver's License) Training Pilot Program Book Learning Phase I (5 weeks):

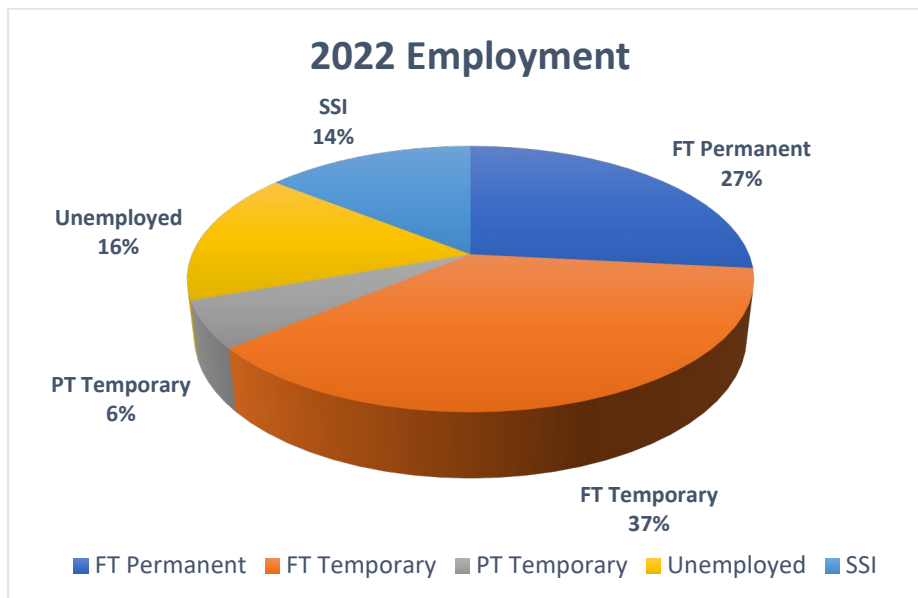
Four men received their CDL permit. In 2022, SHIELD Ministries launched a CDL Pilot Program with two phases. In Phase I, men studied the South Carolina CDL Learners Permit Manual in preparation to take the test. Five men were enrolled and four men were able to pass their CDL Permit test. In Phase II, men will enroll in the CDL driver's training at Palmetto Training. They are applying for WOIA funding to pay for this training.





EMPLOYMENT

SHIELD Ministries refers men to various temporary employment agencies within the first few days of release. As the men work in a temporary agency environment, this allows the men to acclimate back into the workforce as well as attend the career readiness class to prepare to transition to a full-time and then full-time permanent position. The end goal is for men to become gainfully employed. Men are expected to work and attend classes in the SHIELD Ministries Community of Hope Program.



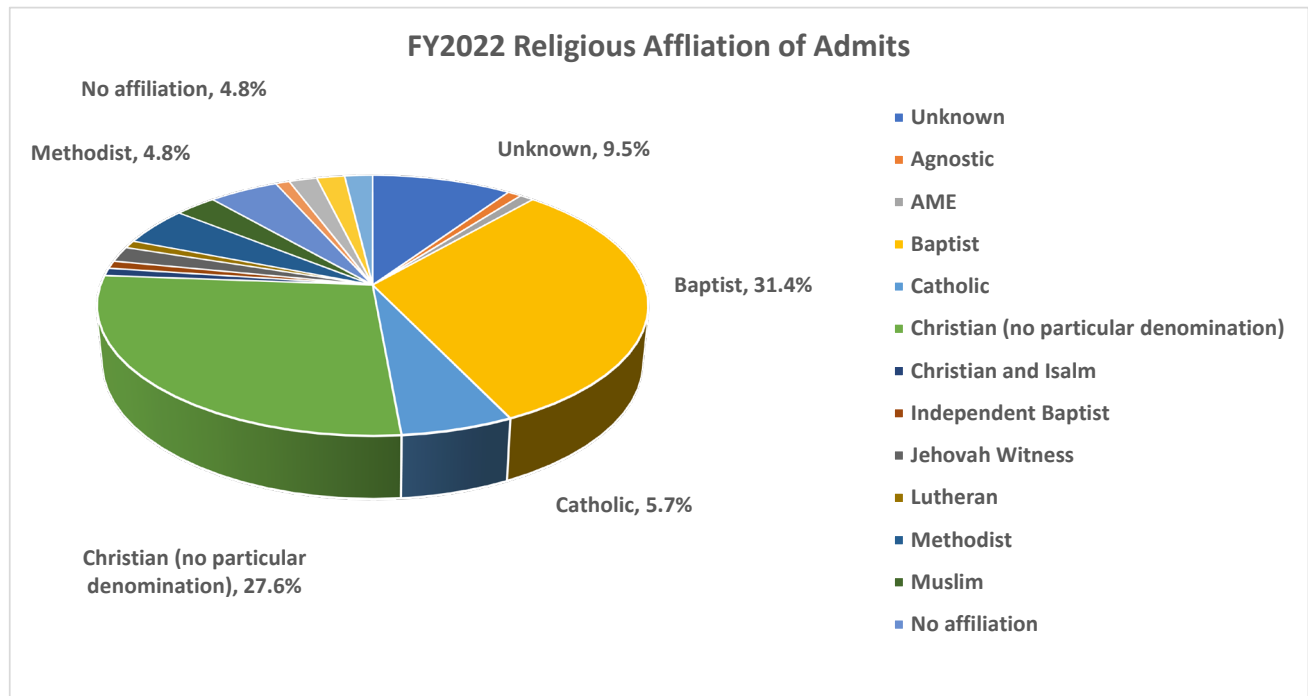
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

SHIELD Ministries was founded through a calling of God as a result of a redemptive work of Christ Jesus in the life of David Truluck, Executive Director. In 2002, God used Chaplain David Golden, who provided spiritual counseling, as he led David Truluck through Healing for Damaged Emotions and Healing of Memories. God also used Dr. William Burke, Assistant Director of Psychiatry of MUSC, Assistant Professor, College of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and private practitioner, to provide specialized counseling and treatment in conjunction with Chaplain Golden's mentorship and spiritual counseling. In addition, God used a small prayer team in a mighty way to not only facilitate David's inner healing but to birth SHIELD Ministries.

A major common factor that was realized in David Truluck's healing process in both the spiritual and physiological areas, was cognitive behavioral therapy/learning which was evidence-based and at the time considered "the gold-standard psychological treatment."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5797481/>

We serve men will all types of religious backgrounds, however our classes are based on Christian Faith-based principles and are scientifically evidenced-based.



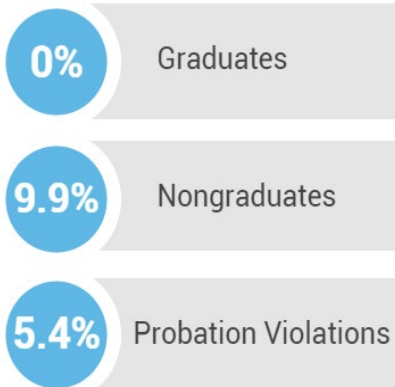
WORSHIP & PASTORIAL SERVICES

We offer optional worship services to our men. Men who are on the Sex Offender's Registry and are on Probation are prohibited from attending churches. In 2022, there were 15 men who were baptized. Additional Pastoral services provided are spiritual counseling, grief counseling, hospital visits, and officiating funerals.

RECIDIVISM RATES



FY22 Recidivism Rates



South Carolina

See less

Recidivism Rate ⓘ	Ranked in the US
21%	#1
Prison Population ⓘ	Ranked in the US
16,157	#23
Parole Population ⓘ	Ranked in the US
4,980	#30
Probation Population ⓘ	Ranked in the US
31,975	#31

<https://wisevoter.com/state-rankings/recidivism-rates-by-state/>

South Carolina is reported to have a 21% Recidivism Rate, the lowest in the United States.

“Recidivism is when a person who has committed a criminal offense and has been convicted of repeating a crime or reoffending after already receiving punishment or serving a sentence. The term “recidivism” is primarily used in regard to substance abuse and criminal behavior, but also in medicine where the term “recidivism” is a synonym of the word “relapse”. Recidivism rates in the U.S. are some of the highest in the world with almost 44% of criminals released returning to prison within their first year out.”

<https://wisevoter.com/state-rankings/recidivism-rates-by-state/>

“Crime in America states that “cognitive behavioral therapy and federal substance abuse programs have been reported to work better than other intervention programs.”

<https://www.crimeinamerica.net/offender-recidivism-and-reentry-in-the-united-states/>



ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT

Programs like SHIELD help alleviate the public's burden of cost of incarceration. A 2017 report from the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics outlined what the expenditure costs which taxpayers fund through our government:

"In 2017, county and municipal governments spent nearly \$100 billion on police protection and nearly \$30 billion on corrections.

Real (inflation-adjusted) justice system expenditures increased 62% from \$188 billion in 1997 to \$305 billion in 2017.

State governments made nearly \$50 billion in direct expenditures for corrections activities, 88% of which were for correctional institutions.

Numbers of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees in state and local justice systems grew 16% from 1997 to 2007, then fell 1% from 2007 to 2017." <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/justice-expenditures-and-employment-united-states-2017>

It is estimated that the rate of inflation between 2017 and today has increased by 22.02%. Therefore the estimate of current cost to state governments in the United States for today using this rate is **over 36.6 billion dollars**. <https://www.inflationtool.com/us-dollar/2017-to-present-value?amount=3000000000000&year2=2023&frequency=yearly>

SHIELD Ministries' FY2022 \$3.2+ Million Positive Impact



As of 10/3/2022 SC Department of Corrections reported average annual per Inmate cost* with a daily rate of \$88.35 per prisoner.	
Shield Ministries Estimated Annual Prison Savings for FY2022 (SC Daily Prison Per Man Cost \$88.35 x 14,915 total days in program.)	1,251,478
Estimated income based on participant total days who were enrolled in the SM Program in FY22 and collected employment/salary data.)**	874,087
Estimated income for 2022 participants who successfully exited the Program during 2022 and were employed. Calculated at pay at time of exit.	516,707
SUBTOTAL	2,642,271
ROI (Return on Investment calculation based on Public Support Donations (excludes program fees.)	889.2%
Estimated Shield Ministries Program Expenditures	583,920
TOTAL 2022 ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY	\$ 3,226,191

*Calculation of the SCDC per inmate costs is based on the average number of inmates in SCDC facilities and a small number of authorized absences and does not include state inmates held in designated facilities, institutional https://www.doc.sc.gov/research/BudgetAndExpenditures/Per_Inmate_Cost_1988-2022.pdf

**This number consists of program days, number of days, enrolled in the program



TESTIMONIALS - CRISIS STABILIZATION

Michael A., *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ "When I first got out, SHIELD Ministries helped me get everything I needed from clothes to healthcare and a job."

Charles B., *(entered 2023)* ~ "The Staff here has provided me with Drug and Alcohol Counseling and with some transportation. So far through SHIELD Ministries, I've been able to attain a CDL learners permit with the hope of being able to complete my CDL training soon at tech school or truck drivers training facility. The His Way Friday night meeting has been a social source of fellowship which has been good for me."

Timothy R. *(entered 2022)* ~ "God, shelter, classes and a curfew have helped me in so many ways. I can't even begin to express my gratitude. The entire staff has gone above and beyond to see that I have stability and structure, shelter and guidance."

Allen P. *(entered 2022)* ~ "The SHIELD Ministries program has helped me in my recovery from alcohol addiction. I have been able to keep a positive mind frame, a steady job and I will be able to get my driver's license in a couple of weeks and then save money to buy a car. SHIELD Ministries has helped my adjustment back into society tremendously."

Todd P. *Veteran, Program Graduate (entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ "Helped me get going with VA" benefits."

Juan C. *Veteran, Program Graduate (entered 2016, re-entered 2017)* ~ "SHIELD helped me with food, clothing, housing, get my id and help me through the His Way Friday Night Mentoring Group. I also got my COVID vaccination here."

Dermaine G. *(entered 2022, FSV)* ~ "When I was released, I was provided with food, clothing, and housing on the first day and had a job the following week."

Irvin G. *(entered 2021)* ~ "helped me to get to my appointments as I dealt with cancer treatment. This was a comfort to me as I did not have to worry about catching the bus."

Marvin C. *(entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ "First of all I'm appreciative for the food, clothing, and housing, counseling, and transportation. His Way was very productive and I enjoyed Ashley (Pennington sharing) "specifically".

Steven M. *(entered 2022)* ~ Has impacted my success so far, "Housing, His Way Friday Night Mentoring, Clothing, Food and bus passes."

Derbert K. *Veteran (entered 2022)* ~ "Helped me with housing when I got released, clothing food. I am working with the VA."

Keith H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "Helped with housing after release from jail and getting on my feet."



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

Barry L. *Program Graduate (entered 2018, re-entered 2021)* ~ "The people in His Way has helped a lot of people to move forward in their life."

Kyle H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "I have really enjoyed the guidance I have received from His Way. It has given me a family."

TESTIMONIALS - REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Michael A. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ SHIELD "helped me meet my compliance through Probation, getting me there and helping me stay positive about my situation."

Rodney W. ~ I've gotten "a clear understanding of the rules here and SHIELD has showed me the seriousness of my obedience to stay here, SHIELD along with my Agent shows me they have a close relationship together and encourages me to be responsible in reporting."

Leroy C. *Program Graduate* ~ "I try my best to abide by the law. I report to my Parole Officer every month and pay my parole fees every month. I abide by the rules and regulations so that I can be successful and accountable all the time."

Todd P. *Veteran, Program Graduate (entered 2019, reentered 2020)* ~ "Brought me to Probation and Sheriff's office when I was first here."

Hilberto Z. *Program Graduate* ~ "I initially got assistance in registering. I've been offered the tools to help me comply and be accountable with the rules so that I can be successful in life."

Joe P. ~ SHIELD Ministries "help us to be accountable" and "when it comes to my registering, being successful with rules."

Allen P. (entered 2022) ~ Regulatory Compliance "has helped me with my probation and Probation Agent be successful by the onsite visits and by abiding by the rules of SHIELD Ministries."

Bernard G. *Program Graduate* ~ Regulatory Compliance has helped me, "yes it really helped. No violation since I've been on probation."

Marvin C. *(entered 2019, re-entered 2020) Program Graduate (entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ "I check with Probation monthly. I have no problems with my probation."

Tristian L. *(entered 2021)* ~ "Being here at SHIELD has let me be in an environment so that I don't have the temptation to offend while on probation and can get my life together."

Marcus H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "Brought me to the registry to stay in compliance with my PPP office and has help me stay accountable by removing temptations."

Derbert K. *Veteran (entered 2022)* ~ "It helped me because my Agent can come directly to my place to see me."

Steven M. *(entered 2022)* ~ "helped me attend my last court date by way of computer here in the office."



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

Barry L. *Program Graduate (entered 2018, re-entered 2021)* ~ "SHIELD helped me through the time I was on Probation and dealing with the people in Probation. Without the Leadership of SHIELD this would have been a huge hurdle to climb."

Kyle H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "SHIELD helped me register with Probation and the Sheriff's Office, provided transportation, and helped me understand and abide by Probation and the Sheriff's Office rules and regulations which has helped me be successful."

TESTIMONIALS - COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL/ LIFE SKILLS

Michael A. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ "This program helps me learn how to be a better man. I think positively now and I have a better outlook on life. For once in my life I'm in control of my emotions and I'm not running from my past."

Bernard G. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ learned the "power of forgiveness, how to control my behavior, emotion" and major impact to my success through "His Way, Friday nights, where we give testimony about things that happen in my life."

Charles H. *Veteran, Program Graduate (entered in 2018)* ~ "The classes, that I am taking at SHIELD Ministries has given me a better understanding of my life. With the classes I have taken has made me a better person. Dr. Burke's class has helped me to understand what I did wrong in my past. Helps me to understand and abide by Probation/Sheriff's rules. I have the VA benefits that give me all my medication, glasses for me at no cost. Also hearing aids for a better life. I know that God has been here with me all of my stay here at SHIELD Ministries, along in worship services from Pastor David Truluck."

Charles B. ~ "I've learned a good bit about my thinking pattern and I am not willing to give up on myself in order to succeed. Learning to deal with my issue is still a bit of a struggle but one day at a time."

Todd P. *Veteran, Program Graduate (re-entered 2020)* ~ "Learned to not allow my past to define me. Learned to see how my past has been affecting my now and how to be able to change my thinking of my past to better my now."

Hilberto Z. *Program Graduate* ~ "I am currently participating in Healing of Memories, have taken Healing for Damaged Emotions and also am currently in Learning to Succeed. I have also taken Brain on Porn study. Through all of them, I have learned there's hope in healing. I understand there's also hope through the changing of our thinking."

Allen P. *(entered 2022)* ~ "It has helped me keep a positive attitude and stay focused on my goals and future projects, relationships, emotions, and brought me closer to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Marvin C. *Program Graduate (entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ "Knowing I am able to be more responsible for building a brighter future and capable of being a brighter person."

Tristian L. *(entered 2021)* ~ "This program has turned my way of life and habits 180° from the past. Since coming here to SHIELD, I have found out problems in my life, I never wanted to acknowledge. Healing for



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

Damaged Emotions, Healing of Memories have helped point out where my problems lie and how to go about fixing them."

Marcus H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "It has reaffirmed my education in psychology and cognitive thinking, reminding me about healing, the power of suggestion over actions, and how powerful depression can be if you allow it to control you."

Steven M. *(entered 2022)* ~ "I have learned to change the way I process events and my overall thinking habits."

Barry L. *Program Graduate (entered 2018, re-entered 2021)* ~ "Mr. Golden is not only a great teacher but a wonderful individual that has taught many people through life. In his class I learned to handle my damaged emotions and relationships with not only family but friends also. If you need help in handling your emotions, this is the class to be in." (Healing from Damaged Emotions).

Kyle H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "I understand my feelings better and know how to better adjust to situations."

TESTIMONIALS - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Michael A. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ "Thru Jobs for Life, I developed good work habits and now I have had the same job for 3+ years now."

Bernard G. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ Through Workforce Development, I have "always had employment" even when "Temp services all knew about my background."

Leroy C. *Program Graduate (entered 2019)* ~ Even with "my past background" I can and need to "work and be sure I succeed and like what I am doing on a job. My boss picks me up and brings me back."

Joe P. *(entered 2022)* ~ "Helped out with taxes and a job."

Dermaine G. *(entered 2022, FSV)* ~ "This program made it easy for me to get a job, a ride to work and to practice driving and my driving license. This program also stressed the importance of being on time."

Allen P. *(entered 2022)* ~ "The Workforce Development helped me with getting a job and now, I am ready for permanent employment with a company."

Marvin C. *Program Graduate (entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ responds to Workforce Development training, "Well its nothing like receiving an outcome when you are prepared properly and understand the matter."

Marcus H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "helped me obtain employment, transportation via bus passes for first week of work."

Todd P. *Veteran, Program Graduate (entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ "helped me get a job and showed me some work-related skills to keeping a job."



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

Barry L. *Program Graduate (entered 2018, re-entered 2021)* ~ "The Workforce Development is great program to not only get a job but to maintain a job. It helps you to go through the process of applying for a job and helps you to walk through an application for a job. It was a true impact on me."

TESTIMONIALS - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Leroy C. *Program Graduate (entered 2019)* ~ "I attend church services. God has worked in my life by me going to church. My life has changed since I got out of prison. I am a better person in life because I have Jesus in my life. I am trying my best to be a man of God by praying to Jesus Christ day and night with love and peace and hope for the best."

Michael A. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ "Through SHIELD Ministries, I have met with Pastor David and went to Church to hear him preach. He is a man of integrity and accountability."

Todd P. *Veteran, Program Graduate (entered 2019, re-entered 2020)* ~ "Got Baptized."

Bernard G. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ "Showed me how to forgive"

Irvin G. *(entered 2021)* ~ "Having David pray for me and having John and David to talk to me made me feel loved and cared for."

Rodney H. *(entered 2023)* ~ "God has helped me to become more of a servant to the men around me. We are all here with different issues, not be judgmental but understanding."

Hilberto Z. *Program Graduate (entered 2018)* ~ "I've participated in the services. Through prayers God has worked immensely in my life, helping me be a better servant."

Joe P. *(entered 2022)* ~ "I received 'help with spiritual life, spiritual counseling.'"

Dermaine G. *(entered 2022, FSV)* ~ "learned 'not to do something because people are watching, don't do it because God is watching. God be working in my life the day I decided to change my ways.'"

Allen P. *(entered 2022)* ~ "SHIELD Ministries and the His Way class has brought me closer to my brothers and sisters in Christ and my relationship with Jesus. With the help of David, John, and Taylor and His way class, I just want to say thank you all so very much for helping me and I love you all for all you do for me."

Tristian L. *(entered 2021)* ~ "Being here at SHIELD has brought me closer to God and helped me learn I always have a home with Him and am never truly alone."

Marcus H. *(entered 2022)* ~ "Prayer has helped me immensely."