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Redeeming Scholars Project Development



ABOUT

- Campus-based, peer mentor program
- Purpose-help formerly incarcerated individuals access post-secondary education
- Based on a model from California
- *Currently in project development*

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Assessment Findings –*Sampling of What we heard*

- Universal support for Redeeming Scholars-like program
- Movement toward rehabilitation from punitive corrections
- Person-center/post-incarcerated approach
- Focus on all post-secondary (trades, community colleges, universities)
- Equity
 - Disproportionally impacted individuals
 - Variations in community-based resources
 - Considerations for victims
- Aligns with institutions missions
- Should dovetail with in-prison education activities
- Help with basic needs during transition (food, shelter)
- Low to moderate cross-sector knowledge
- Oregon's fragmented system of government



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Currently

- Starting Project Development
 - Developing the program framework and defining the role of potential staff
 - Working with key stakeholders & institutional partners (formerly incarcerated, trades, community colleges, universities, HECC, state corrections)
 - Future work will focus on systemic challenges that may need to be addressed
 - Seek designation from Governor as an Oregon Solutions project
- Continue to coordinate with Sen. Dembrow on in-institution education
- Outreach & coordination with Governor's Racial Justice Council
- Additional coordination and communication with this Committee



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Redeeming Scholars – Preliminary Draft Assessment Findings



THANK YOU

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