

Hello

My Name is Otis Farrell I'm 55 years old been to Prison three times and have about 21 years locked up Off and On. I was taught how to lie, steal and scam people and break all the laws I could. Got good at it but if I was that good at it I would not be in prison. I never tried to change my life till I came to prison this time. 14½ years and a little girl that at the time was 1½ old. I just want to say when she was born she had my heart in her hands. But it was to late to think about that because I was on my way back to prison with 14½ years to do.

Now I'm at (Exact) same as always in the hole for the fifth time. So I got to thinking it over with my self it was time to change my life not just for me but my little girl to and hope she would forgive me for all I have done like not being there for her and not being able to take care of her like a Daddy should have been doing.

So when I got out of the hole I sent app's to all the shops in the physical plant. About two weeks later I got a call from the powerhouse they would like to interview me for a job. On 3/5/2013 I got the job as a boiler helper.

Now I've been there a few day and did not know anything about boilers but know how to use tools and fix stuff.

The day I met (Mr. John Carlson) the first thing he ask me was what the hell you doing in my shop. I told him I would like to learn a trade and change my life so when I get out I could take care of my self and my little girl.

All he said was we will see about that and walked off.

At the time it was Mr. John Carlson & Mr. Mulcare that I was working for after Mr. Carlson talk with me. It seem that they both would keep a eye on me when I was in the shop working.

About six months went by when Mr. Carlson & Mr. Mulcare called me to the office they said you like to work hard and learn stuff I said yes Mr. Carlson told me that him and Mr. Mulcare would teach me everything about boilers they know so I would have a trade. when I get out all I had to do was promise them I would never do drugs again so I made that deal with them.

That was (Sep 2013) But we lost Mr. John Carlson but my promise still stands.

My self and Mr. Mulcare got with Mr. Marlett about getting a program started in the powerhouse. We went to physical plant manager and he gave us the Ok to do it.

That was the (Boiler Class 2 installer license I completed) that and then we talked with Mr. Marlett again about doing a apprenticeship program.

we looked into it and started the boiler operators program up and running

Now 12 years latter I have with the help of a few good staff I have completed what I set out to do for my self and my little girl I changed my life while in prison and got six different trades.

If it was not for Mr Marlatt, Mr Carlson, Mr Mulcare and these apprenticeship program and giving me a chance to change my life I would be walking out to the same old life trouble. But now I'm a new man with a new look on life and a few trades under my belt.

Apprenticeship Program

Boiler Operator. Journeyman Certificate.

Boiler Class 2. Install license.

Heavy equipment training.

Forklift training

Traffic Control flagger.

Heart saver first aid CPR AED Card.

All I can say is thank you for the apprentice ship program and Mr. Mulcare, Mr. Marlatt Mr. John Carlson for all the help and time you all put into helping me change my life for the best.

Thank you

Otis Farrell

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Jean Hill, Superintendent

Hello, my name is Todd Givens and I was formerly an inmate at E.O.C.I. I would just like to let you know that things are going very well for me, since my release in May of 2001. Because of the education and training I received from Joedy Marlatt in the electrician program he runs, I gained the tools to become a successful person. I am currently a full-time apprentice electrician at Gordon's Electric and Heating, Inc., and well on my way to becoming a journeyman electrician.

I am truly grateful for giving me the opportunity to come out of incarceration with such a valuable career opportunity. I firmly believe the electrician program is by far one of the best rehabilitative tools available at E.O.C.I. I strongly encourage the continuation of this program to ensure a better future for those inmates that truly want to improve themselves.

Sincerely,
Todd J. Givens

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