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While Augie was serving his 13-year prison term for white-collar crimes, he had a front-row seat to the revolving door of prison. He saw men leave, one after another, only to return weeks, months, or even years later. They were woefully unprepared to re-enter society. Frustrated, Augie started creating courses to teach financial literacy, employment readiness, and goal setting to his fellow inmates. After his release, he created the **2nd Opportunity** program to help those who have experienced a life-changing setback get a second opportunity to lead a productive and purposeful new life.

Presentation

A common myth is that a person re-entering society after incarceration will succeed if they have a job. A job is not enough. Re-entry is a jigsaw puzzle unique to everyone.

The Jigsaw Puzzle Called



Some puzzles contain very few pieces and can be assembled rather quickly, while others are complex and require considerable time and effort. Various degrees of emotional and other types of support combined with a tenacity to overcome the numerous barriers and trauma play a part in the path. Education and advanced skills are significant components in the long-term success of a formerly incarcerated individual. This presentation walks through the journey from a visceral perspective. Having been incarcerated for 13 years, Augie speaks to the challenges and provides insights to those who are helping the re-entry population.

Key Takeaways

- Identify barriers commonly encountered during re-entry and beyond.
- Learn different tools for currently and formerly incarcerated population to develop a plan for long-term success.
- Learn from a trauma-informed perspective.
- Identify the vital role of counselors, case management, peer support, and mentors in the process.
- Recognize the anxieties of halfway house life, probation, employment, and education.



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