

# PbS E-Newsletter

December 2019




## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PbS Launches New Youth Reentry Survey  
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Slides and Video Recording of the Post-Data Collection DLW are now available (must be logged in)  
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## TIMELINE:


 **Jan. 15**  
Updated and New FIPs Due

 **Feb. 15**  
Improvement Plan Progress Notes are Due

 **Apr. 1**  
Data Collection Begins

 **Apr. 15**  
Improvement Plan Progress Notes are Due

 **Apr. 22**  
Youth and Staff Climate Survey Collection Day

 **Apr. 30**  
Data Collection Ends

## BLOGS & RESOURCES:

Family Visitation, Behavioral Incidents, and Staff Safety Concerns in Juvenile Correctional Facilities

Understanding What Makes Justice-Involved Youths Prepared and Ready for Reentry

It's All About Creating Opportunities

## REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Send us your stories, articles and news for publication!  
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## 2019 Year in Review



*"It gave me a reason to do more, work harder and destroy the assumptions of what incarceration means for future life." Stephen*

The words of Stephen, incarcerated for about nine years, ignited new urgency at PbS in 2019. He is the perfect example of why we do what we do. Stephen was awarded a total of \$4,000 from PbS to further his education and help smooth his transition to living independently. We were so proud when he called the office last fall to thank us for the support and let us know he was just about to earn his Master's Degree in Global Supply Chain Management. Incarcerated at age 15, he now has a job with medical, vision, dental and retirement benefits.

Stephen is just one of hundreds of young people who can overcome tremendous disadvantages and barriers with just a little help.

### Four Key Successes of 2019.

We had a very productive year. Here's what we accomplished helping juvenile justice agencies improve and do more to help give young offenders a much needed second chance:

- Completed new national standards for reentry services and integrated them into our current PbS for Community Residential Standards;
- Developed a new PbS Youth Reentry Survey and shared with correction and community residential programs to learn more about how prepared and ready youths are when they leave;
- Built incredible new technology that allows for deep dives into information about isolation and room confinement and data dashboards that you can customize so your favorite information greets you when you log in; and
- Incorporated the new PbS Education and Employment Foundation to reach more young people like Stephen.

### A New Foundation. A New Way To Help.

The new PbS foundation is an innovative way all of us can support and create the essential educational and employment opportunities that are usually unavailable to youths involved in the juvenile justice system. While evidence shows that an education and a job keep kids out of trouble, far too often those are out-of-reach for kids like Stephen. Juvenile incarceration decreases the chances for high school graduation by as much as 39 percent and increases adult incarceration by as much as 41 percent.

As a way to combat this stunning statistic, last year PbS awarded a total of \$13,500 for youth and staff scholarships, matching summer employment earnings and funding for easing reentry back into the community. But sadly, we received applications totaling more than \$300,000 in requests. It's time we do more.

Want to help? Do you shop on Amazon? If you do, are you willing to [make PbS your charity of choice](#)? You can also consider donating online. Any amount is appreciated.

There are so many youths with the potential for bright futures, who are waiting for your help.

Thank you. I look forward to our work together in 2020.

With gratitude,

Kim Godfrey  
Executive Director, PbS Learning Institute and President, PbS Education and Employment Foundation

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