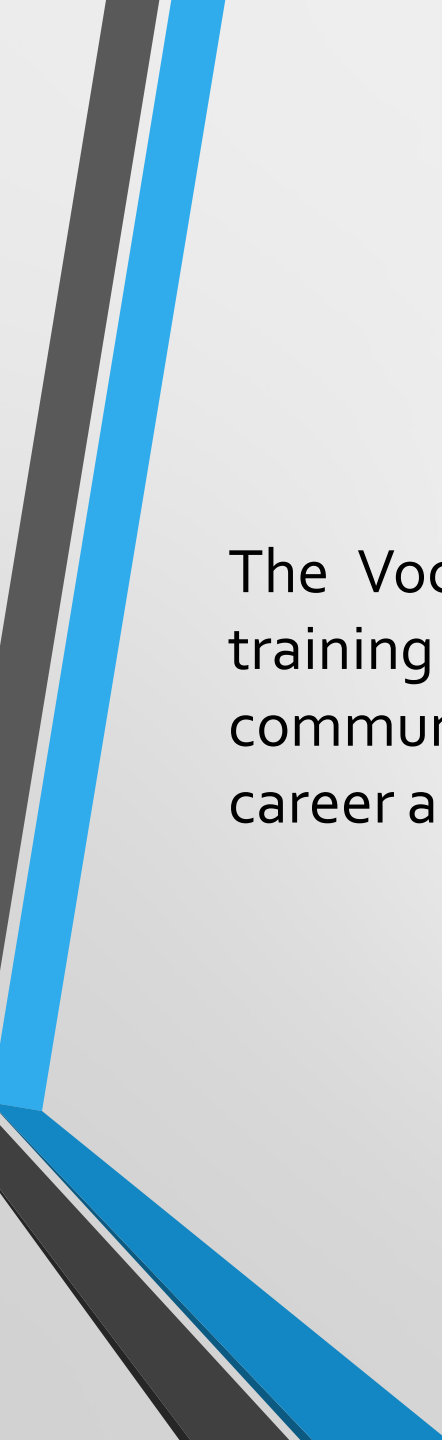




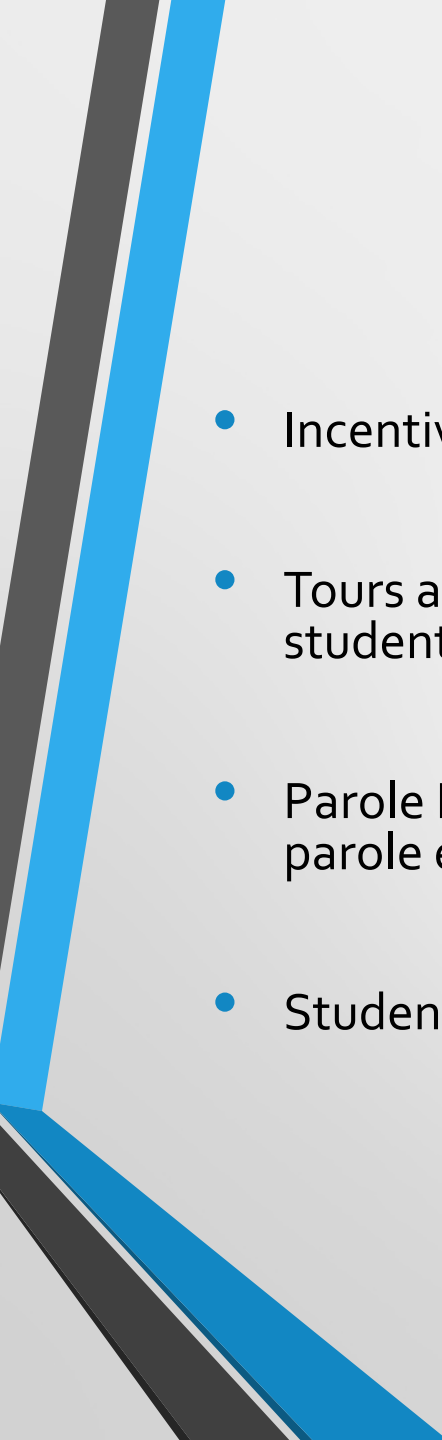
The Evolution and Expansion of Michigan's Vocational Village Programs



The Vocational Village is a first of its kind skilled trades training program that aims to provide a positive learning community for prisoners who are serious about completing career and technical education.

Vocational Village Basics

- Competitive admission process and extensive screening process
- Students are transferred from facilities across the state
- Live in specialized housing units
- Daily schedule replicates a standard workday
- Must maintain acceptable behavior and academic standards and are subject to removal for rule violations

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- Incentives are offered within the housing units
 - Tours are provided to employers that are interested in hiring our students
 - Parole Board members are aware of student's status when reviewing parole eligibility
 - Students are assigned a Vocational Village Parole Agent

Vocational Village Programs

- Carpentry
- Auto Technology
- Heavy Duty Diesel
- Plumbing/Electrical
- Masonry/Concrete
- Commercial Truck Driving (CDL)
- Cosmetology
- 3D Printing
- Food Technology
- Horticulture
- CNC Machine Tool
- Welding
- Computer Coding
- Line Clearance/ Tree Trimming
- Robotics
- Forklift

Timeline

- 2016 Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
- 2017 Parnall Correctional Facility Phase 1
- 2018 Parnall Correctional Facility Phase 2
- 2021 Womens Huron Valley Correctional Facility
- 2021 Richard Handlon Correctional Facility School House
- 2022 Parnall Correctional Facility Phase 3

Key Relationships

- Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
- DTE
- Last Mile
- Michigan Restaurant Association
- Meijer
- FOX Motors
- Sweet Express

Employability Support

- Villagers complete an Employment Readiness Program
 - Digital Literacy
 - FDIC Money Smart
 - Resume Workshop
 - Virtual and Mock Interviewing
- Job Developers
 - Build relationships with prospective employers
 - Work with employers to facilitate job interviews and placement
 - Facilitate tools and safety equipment needed for employment

The Numbers

- 1340 students have graduated and paroled
- 681 have successfully discharged parole
- 67 % of graduates on parole are employed
- 7.97% return to prison
 - 4.62% Parole Violation
 - 3.35% New Sentence