

LNH ACTION ASSIGNMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

November 15, 2007

NH State Prison for Women, Goffstown, NH

Please complete the following assignment before the program day:

Readings:

- NH Department of Corrections website: <http://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/index.html>
NH Judicial Branch website: <http://www.courts.state.nh.us/>
- LOCKED UP: Corrections Policy in New Hampshire – Paper 2: Options for Reducing the Prison Population and the Cost of Incarceration. Richard Minard, Jr., NH Center for Public Policy Studies, Feb. 2004
- Recent Trends in New Hampshire's Prison Population. Stephen Norton and Katherine Merrow, NH Center for Public Policy Studies, June, 2006.

Action:

Meet with a professional in the NH Criminal Justice system (*options below – sign up on the LNH sign-up sheet*). Develop a set of questions that will help you meet the stated goals for the session. Think about ideas and questions that were generated at the September Retreat.

Possible Questions:

- How does the system work from your perspective?
- What is your vision of an ideally functioning system?
- What are some of the challenges/opportunities that you face?
- What do you see as needing immediate attention?

1. **"Ride along" with a Probation/Parole Officer.** Contact info will be sent to you after matches are made to the appropriate District Office. (from the sign up sheet)
2. Individual Associates can arrange, on your own, to ride with a police patrol in your community.
3. Tour the **NH State Prison for Men (Concord)** on October 25th @ 9:00 AM (limited to 15 from the sign up sheet).
4. Tour the **Lakes Region Correctional Facility (Laconia)** on November 8th @ 1:00 PM (limited to 15 from the sign up sheet).
5. Tour the **Northern NH Correctional Facility (Berlin)** on November 1st @ 9:00 AM (limited to 10 from the sign up sheet)
6. Attend a presentation of the **Academy Program** (an alternative sentencing program). Hear from the people responsible for sending offenders to this program. Then join us for the graduation of the recent successful participants. The people who will be speaking to you include

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Judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, Probation and Parole supervisor, drug and alcohol counselor and case manager of the Program.

On October 31st @ 12:30 – to 3 PM. (TIME MUST BE ALLOCATED FOR CLEARING THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY) Merrimack County Superior Court, Concord. (limited to 15 people from the sign up sheet).