

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES EMPLOYMENT PILOT
PROGRAM
(CSEPP)

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WORKING WITH PRISONERS AND OFFENDERS

Education And Training

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- Correctional Services Pilot Program (CSEPP) commenced in 2003
- Program developed to minimise recidivism by providing intensive assistance
- Client Eligibility: 18 – 29 years of age
3 years or more in prison
last 6 months of a sentence
- Clients are prisoners and/or offenders
- CSEPP is established in 7 male prisons; 2 female prisons at present and various Community Correctional Offices throughout Victoria
- Corrections Victoria provide an updated Eligibility List on a weekly basis
- CSEPP contracted to a consortia and one other organization
- Potential clients are interviewed and assessed for suitability and commitment
- Develop and maintain the client's confidence and trust

- Understand and assess the client's background; previous skills and experience
- Determine the client's desired path in life and employment goals
- Assess the client's needs against their skills and experience
- Determine the available pre-release training available to meet their short and longer term goals
- Advise and encourage the client to enroll in suitable training programs prior to release
- Provide ongoing pre-release support and advice
- Consult with the prison RTO where necessary
- Provide a Transitional Support service to clients assessed as requiring more intensive assistance immediately after release to enable a smoother transition to the community
- Consult with the CSEPP Community Employment Consultant to ensure continuity of service and support