



# I-CAN

## Individualized Corrections Achievement Network



### Program Description

- Launched in early 2013, I-CAN is an innovative evidence-based reentry initiative designed to reduce recidivism among incarcerated men and women. I-CAN draws on national best practices to provide individuals in DOC custody with the tools and support needed to ensure a successful return to the community.
- As part of this program, DOC has contracted with two not-for-profit organizations – the **Fortune Society** and the **Osborne Association** – each of which has expertise in working with people involved in the criminal justice system, as well as a long history of working in NYC’s jail facilities.
- Every year, I-CAN serves 6,400 incarcerated individuals

### Recent Initiatives

- **Hard-skills Training** — Through partnerships with the Hostos Community College and Solar1, I-CAN partners introduced hard-skills training in VCBC and EMTC, including electrical, plumbing, painting, HVAC, carpentry and building maintenance.
- **Fresh Start**— A 36-hour culinary arts class was launched in EMTC and RMSC. It includes cooking skills and introduces participants to the food industry. Every year, Fresh Start participants prepare and deliver turkeys to two churches in Manhattan.
- **I-CAN supports 14-point agenda**— I-CAN plays an integral role in the Agency’s reform agenda. For example, at GRVC and AMKC, DOC’s two model adult facilities, I-CAN is providing 2.5 hours of programming. This includes comprehensive daily programming, incentives, and industry-recognized training on weekends.

### Services for I-CAN Participants

	In the Jails	In the Community
Employment	Interview and resume prep	Interview and resume prep
	Work readiness training	Work readiness training (more intensive)
	Construction (OSHA-10, electrical, plumbing, etc)	Construction
	Mold remediation, asbestos abatement, lead removal	-
	Building maintenance	Building maintenance
	Culinary arts	Culinary arts
	Computer classes	Job placement; paid internships
Life skills	Cognitive behavioral therapy	One-on-one case management
	Anger management	Reentry planning
	Coping skills/trauma-informed care	
	Financial literacy	
	Health and wellness	
	Reentry planning	
Substance use and mental health referrals	Relapse prevention classes	Referrals to substance use treatment
	Referrals to treatment	Referrals to mental health services
Housing	Assessment of housing needs	Housing placement
Family/parenting	Parenting classes	Parenting classes
	Relationship classes	Relationship classes
	Family events	Family events
Government ID and benefits	Birth Certificate	Birth Certificate
	Benefit applications	Benefit applications
Creative arts	Creative writing	

Note: some vocational training is currently offered only in select facilities. As the program expands, they will be introduced in other facilities as needed.