HIRE Program is a nationally-recognized program that helps ex-offenders assimilate into society and improve their lives through sustainable employment.

**HIRE Program Statistics and Highlights**

- **12,000** cumulative job placements
- **over $11.00** average hourly wage year to date for initial job placements
- **85%** HIRE program participants stay out of the criminal justice system at least three years after placement
- **20,000** offenders released from DOC each year
- **$20,000** cost per year to house an inmate
- The top industries for placement are production 48% food service 15% warehouse 9% construction 7%
- The HIRE program helps reduce the state’s recidivism rate by matching over 2,500 ex-offenders annually with more than 1,200 willing employers.

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