

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Peer Tutoring Behind Bars

Correctional Education Conference, Harrisburg, PA

May 2 – 4, 2022

Monday, May 2, 3:00-3:50 pm

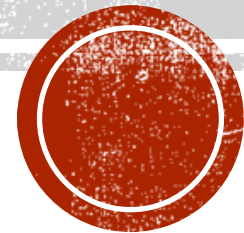
Wednesday, May 4, 9:00 – 9:50 am



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# INTRODUCTIONS

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# AGENDA

- Opportunity
- Development and Implementation
- Challenges
- Successes
- Questions



# OPPORTUNITY

- Grant
- Challenges
  - 3 bureaucracies
- Keys to success



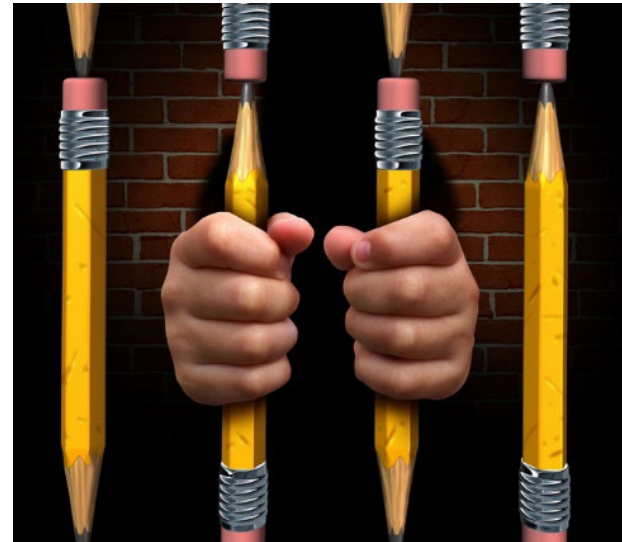
“People don’t care what  
we know until they  
know that we care.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt



# PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Collaboration and Support of DOC Staff
- Criteria
  - Environment
  - Participants
- Interviews
  - Questions
- Process
  - Tutors
  - Learners
- Scheduling and Pairing
  - Tutoring sessions
- During COVID





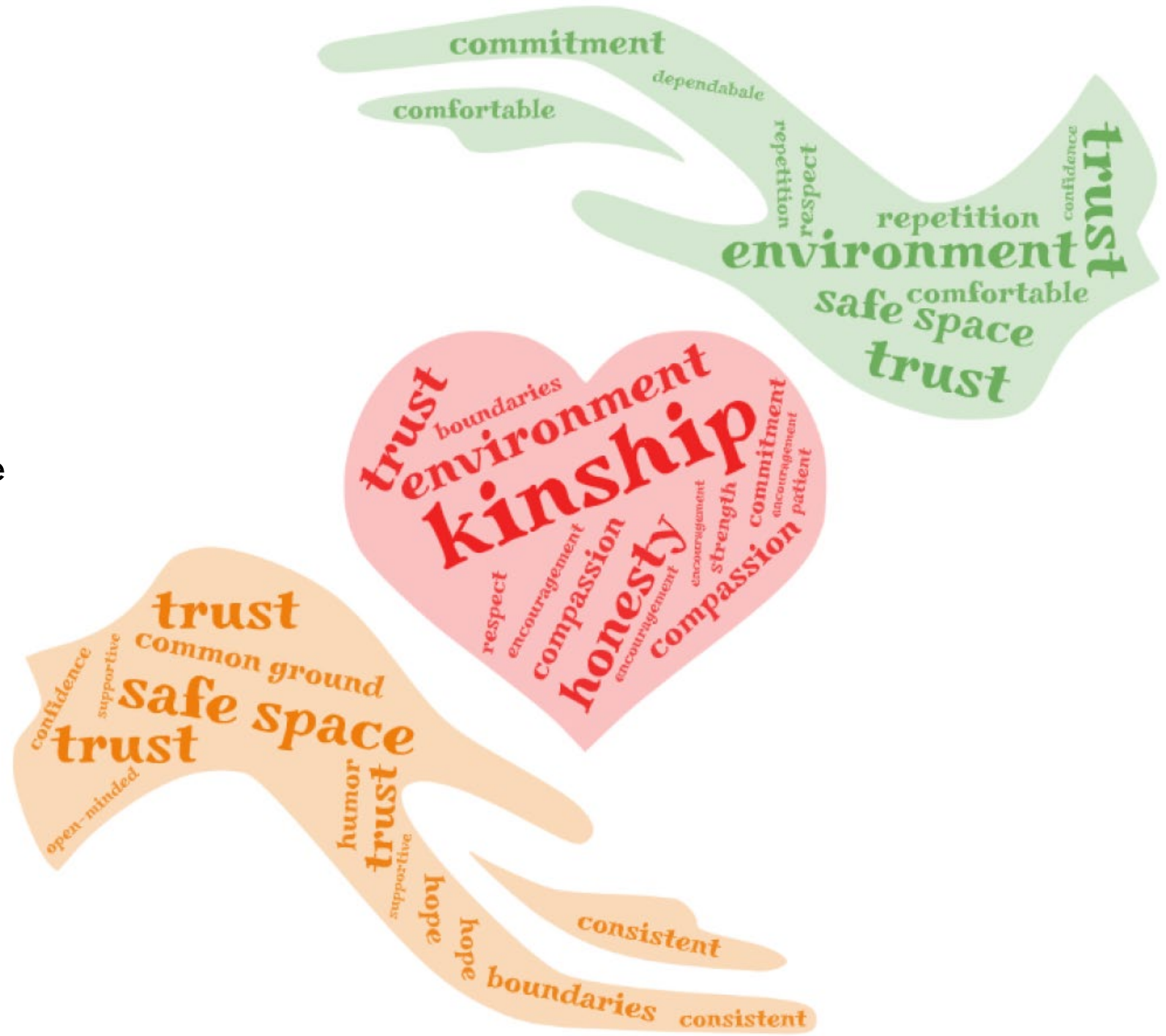
# CHALLENGES

- **Pre COVID**
  - Resources
  - Schedules
  - Computer/Internet
  - Personalities
  - Space
- **Post COVID**
  - Off site March 2020 – July 2021 and February 2022
  - Schedules
  - Investment
  - Class time



# SUCCESSSES

- Numbers
- Gains
  - Tangible and Intangible
- Attitude change
- Growth





# INTANGIBLES

Post Test <sup>1000 words</sup>

NP=NOT PROFICIENT PP=PARTIALLY PROFICIENT PR=PROFICIENT

PR IMPROVEMENT IN =

- confidence
- speaking up
- vocabulary
- courage
- dedication
- perseverance
- tenacity
- communication
- commitment

\* NOT ALL PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE SEEN AND MEASURED WITH A TEST. THE IMPORTANT THINGS, THE INTANGIBLES, ARE THE LIGHT YOU DISPLAY TO THE WORLD AND YOUR LIGHT IS ETHEREAL.



# QUOTES

## WRITING PROMPT

Explain what being part of the tutoring program means to you.

## LEARNERS

This tutoring program means the world to me. It keeps me on my feet, makes me think beyond what's in front of me. Before I used to think, I couldn't do this. Now I know I can do anything. I put my mind and time in.

Remember you really a smart person, you just made wrong mistakes, but I think everybody that don't have a GED should sign for tutoring it really get you motivated, I love it and I'm going to do my best and I will put my all into it.

The tutoring program means helping each other. We learn from each other. Also to have patience. And to take our time.



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I can't even begin to describe what the program means to me. There are days when I'm tired and don't feel like going to tutor but then I think of the time & preparation that Ms. Howell does for us and the dedication that my learners have and the progress they are making. That I can't possibly miss a session! Cause when I get there & in that atmosphere and we're working I'm also having so much fun!

# TUTORS

ahha moment, or one light bulb is so inspiring that I feel like my soul smiles. The tutoring environment is a wholesome productive place. Encouraging each other, NOT cussing, and trusting one another to keep confidentiality really helps me to grow, and be mindful of my daily behavior. I'm learning so much about how to interact with others in a healthy way.

Tutoring to me is a way to help people. The environment allows us all to interact honestly so we can all feel better and accomplish more. Tutoring is a way to change the odds for women who have struggled. We can all become stronger and more confident through these positive interactions and I am grateful to be able to participate.







*Questions*







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