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ABSTRACT

The Intensive Learning Centre

A New Educational Program for Young Adult Offenders John Morony Correctional Centre NSW.

This is a descriptive paper relating to the development and implementation of a program for young adult offenders in the NSW correctional system, which was the vision of the Commissioner Ron Woodham, and which at the time of the conference will have been running for fifteen months. As the program is currently in its infancy, there has not been enough data gathered to bring to this paper an analytical focus and for this reason the paper describes the process of developing and implementing a project of this scope and the problems encountered along the way.

The areas discussed in this paper include the following:

- the vision of the program, its goals aims and objectives and its integration within other young adult offender initiatives within NSW correctional centres.
- the profile of the young adult offender.
- the selection process of inmates for this program, their previous education level and work histories.
- the educational courses offered, the development and on going fine-tuning of the program.
- through-care initiatives.
- the difficulties encountered with implementation.
- the results so far. As Corrections Education Officer employed for this program, I will draw on anecdotal evidence of results observed in the inmate population of the program thus far.