

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

# Transfer Conference for Counselors



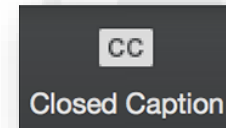
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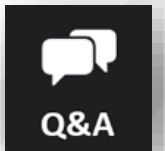
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# Breaking Barriers for System-Impacted Students



# Introductions

Jennifer Lawler, M.S.

- Tenure-Track Academic Counselor for Lassen Community College
- We serve an estimated 900 students who are currently incarcerated across CA

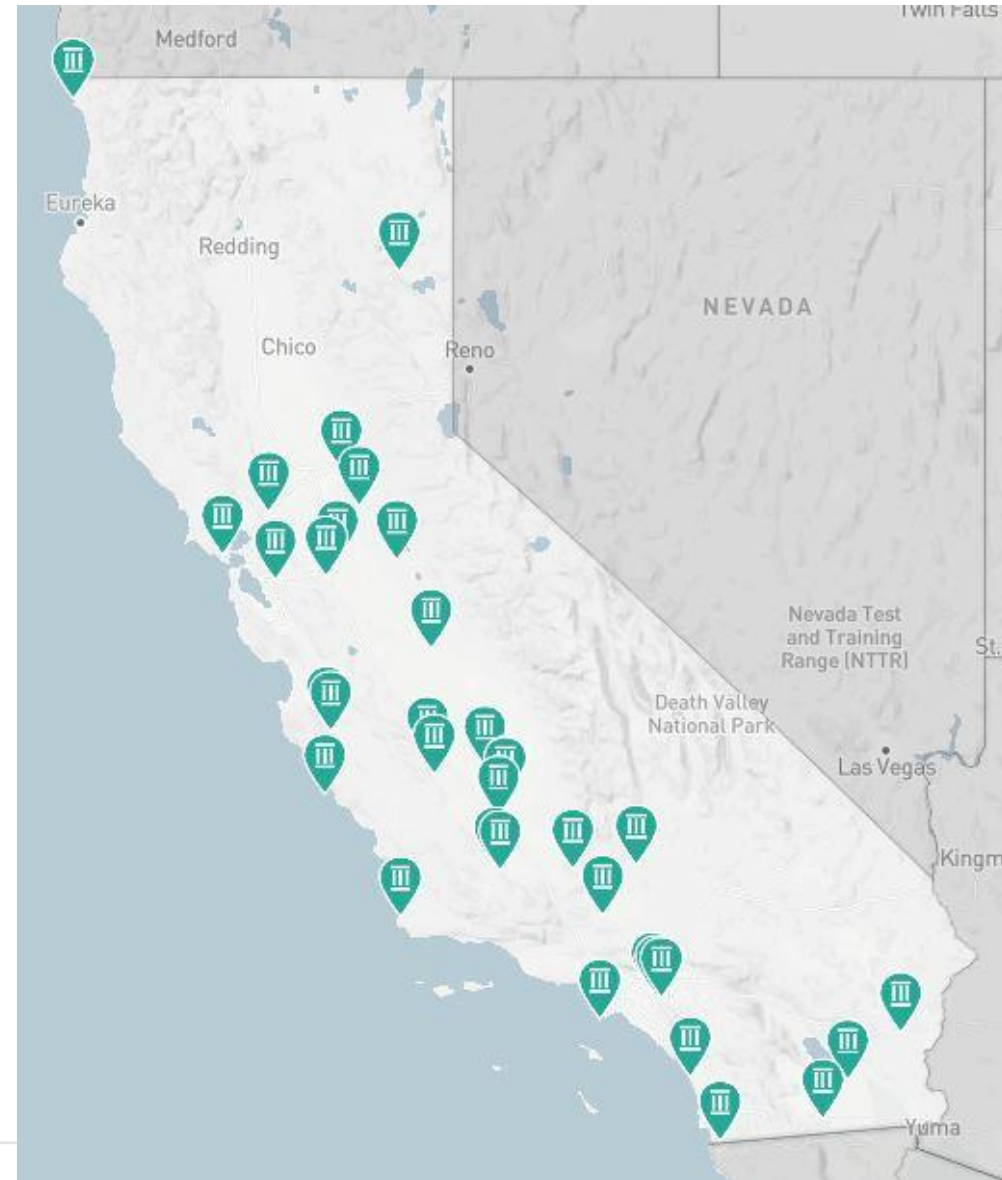
Annette Rempt, M.A.

Special Populations Counselor at Southwestern College (SWC)

SWC serves 400+ students on site at Richard J. Donovan (RJD) state prison. On campus we serve a growing population of system impacted/formerly incarcerated students.

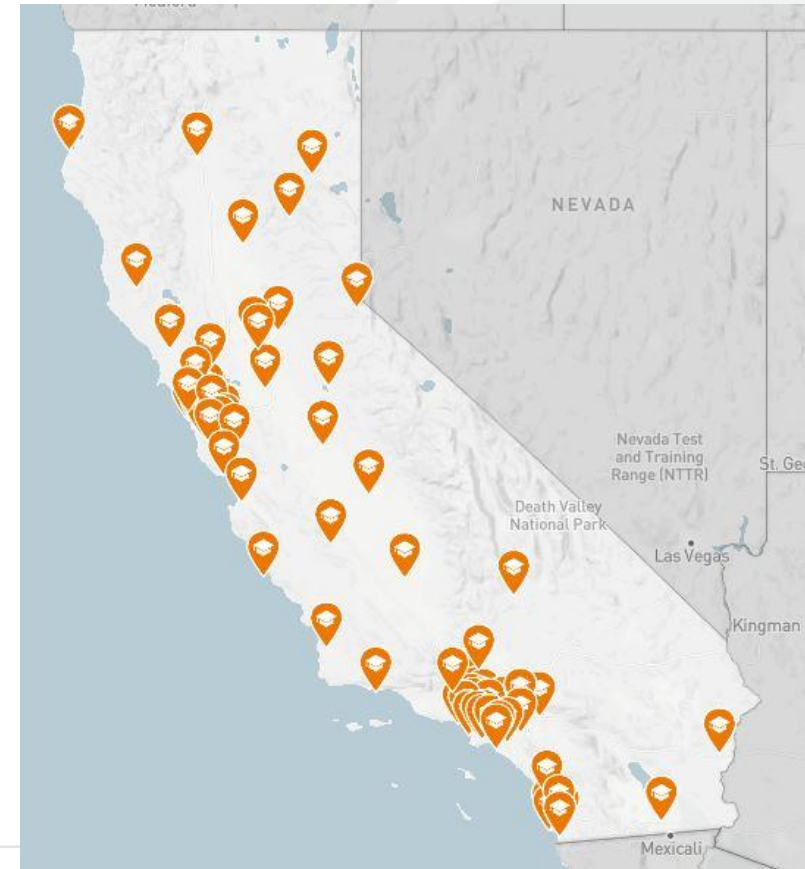
# College Education while Incarcerated

- 29 Jail Programs
- 23 Youth Programs
- 23 Prison Programs
- 6 Federal Programs



# Supporting Programs in Higher Education

- CA Community Colleges- Rising Scholars Network
- California State Universities- Project Rebound
- Universities of California- Underground Scholars



# Barriers while Currently Incarcerated

- Accessibility to information
- Transcript requests
  - Duplicating courses
- Finances to pay for college
- Textbooks





# Barriers while Currently Incarcerated

- Unexpected transfers
- Unaware of college policies
  - Different type of drops, academic renewal, repeat limitations
- Automation of communication from their attending college
- Communication with other colleges
- Limited outside support system

# What Can We Do to Support?

- Currently Incarcerated
- Create and update educate plan with information from other college credit and/or scheduled release
- Automated letters/emails convert to printed letters
- Share information about other services- DSPS, EOPS
- Communicate with other colleges on their behalf
- Follow through and be honest with the students

# What Can We Do to Support?

- Currently Incarcerated
  - Deliver unofficial transcripts each semester or as requested
  - Help students understand different forms and petitions
  - Remind students of drop deadlines/important academic calendar dates
  - Provide feedback or confirmation of requests by students
  - Advocate for your students on a policy/institutional level

# How to Prepare Students to Transfer?

While currently incarcerated:

- Transcripts are Key!
  - Help clean them up
  - Request officials well in advance
  - Ensure they meet all requirements
- Gather all necessary forms together
- Connect students with direct contacts
- Understand there is another transfer process between facilities for in-person program
- Petition to graduate if possible



# Barriers for Formerly Incarcerated

- Parole/Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP) restrictions
- Computer skills
- Transportation/Basic Needs
- Transcripts
- Conviction limitations & selecting a major
- Financial Aid

# What Can We Do to Support?

- Formerly Incarcerated
  - Connect students to high-touch wrap around services
  - Create detailed comprehensive student ed. plan
  - Transcripts/petitions
  - Career Counseling/Employment
  - Trauma Informed Training for Counselors/ Student Services Staff
  - Advocate for students within the bureaucracy of CCs

# How to Prepare Students to Transfer?

formerly incarcerated:

- Completion of Major Prep
- Help with transcript clean up
- Campus tour opportunities
- Provide a warm hand-off
- Underground Scholars/Project Rebound



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# Resources/ Q&A

- Rising Scholars Network:
  - <https://risingscholarsnetwork.org/program-directory/>
- ASCCC Teaching Incarcerated Students Canvas Course
  - <https://www.asccc.org/content/teaching-incarcerated-students>
- Project Rebound:
  - <https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/project-rebound>
- Underground Scholars:
  - <https://www.asccc.org/content/teaching-incarcerated-students>
- 20MM CA's Best Practices: Pathways from Prison to College
  - <https://20mm.org/smart-justice-best-practices/>



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