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Subject: FC Correction Center Programs /New Jail Model

The New Franklin County Correctional Center will be designed as a direct supervision facility, with housing pods and classrooms that lend themselves to the best in inmate programs to increase success upon release and reduce recidivism.

Examples of programs that could be implemented are mental health counseling and support services, alcohol and drug counseling and sobriety programs, GED and educational programs, cognitive behavioral therapy programs to change ways of thinking, workforce preparedness programs such as resume writing and interviewing skills, specific skills training, financial literacy programs, parenting and co-parenting classes, and connections to supportive housing, healthcare, insurance, and other social services.

Programming will be consistent with Franklin County's national reputation as a leader in the Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals with mental health disorders, and with the tenets of the Data Driven Justice initiative to make decisions based on evidence-based best practices and constant monitoring of data and program efficacy.

With the collaboration of law enforcement, county justice services, social workers and case managers, community healthcare providers, alcohol and drug counselors, educators, and peer mentors, inmates will be connected to the services they lack. Research shows that inmates are far less likely to be re-arrested after release if they have access to such services. The team of professionals at the new Franklin County Corrections Facility will equip inmates with the tools they need to get their lives in order and on track.