



THE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY LETTER.

A Victim Impact Program



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The Accepting Responsibility Letter is a Victim's Outreach course where offenders are chosen to participate based on sign up sheet request and SOMS waiting list.

The Victim Insight Inquiry compels the offender to acknowledge and articulate their thought process that contributed to the decisions they made in committing their offense. The victim(s) are encouraged to voice the impact of the harm caused by the crime committed against them by the offender via a Victim Impact Statement.

How it works: The offender is asked to write a letter based on his /her life and about the crimes they have committed leading up to their current phase of incarceration. The letter is to be ended by expressing to their victim how incarceration has rehabilitated them up until this point and any remorse that they feel. Once the assignment is complete, the letters, the Victim Insight Inquiries, and the surveys, will be collected from the offenders or mailed back to FTIO P.O. BOX for completion credits (if completed in cell). Once received, the FTIO team will transfer letters over to the victim(s), or victim(s) next of kin who is listed in our files for each offender's committed crime.

The ARL Program is held one day per week, for a six week duration. Each week's sessions are equipped with a one question written assignment, along with a survey and victim's insight inquiry. The group will also be diving into in depth discussions about the question of the week and their own personal scenarios. The six questions that the offenders answer each week, will come together at the end of the program to compose The Accepting Responsibility Letter. These Letters will either be placed in the incarcerated member's file or if victim has chosen to participate, sent to them in hopes of receiving a response. The ARL will encourage the participants to engage in group discussions, reading and writing assignments, and the completion of weekly victim's insight inquiries and surveys.

We encourage all offenders to participate in Victim's Impact course! Offenders who have no documented victims can participate using themselves, friends, or family members as the recipient to their Accepting Responsibility Letter. (I.E.: John who is serving 2 years on a drug offense writes to his wife and children, as they were the victims to his horrible addiction and behavior which led to his incarceration.) Therefore the ARL is a program that can assist the entire Inmate population as non-violent offenders can name themselves or others effected by their offense as their victim.

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to assist the incarcerated men and women, who have fully held themselves accountable for their actions that has affected another person, write a sincere ARL.

Each weekly question gives the participant a platform to fully express themselves pertaining to the factors that contributed to their committed offense. They ARL is broken down into six categories.

- History of upbringing
- Accountability
- The impact and emotional state of mind of the victim's family
- Remorse
- Rehabilitative Journey
- Re-entry

These six categories are converted into six questions, which the participants will discuss and complete writing assignments in group weekly meetings, as well as fill out Victim Insight Inquiries and Surveys at the end of every session.

The questions are structured in a chronological order of events so that the participants can identify the stages of derailment in their life, as well as identifying the contributing factors that lead to their incarceration.

The ARL program allows the participants to hold themselves accountable for the crimes they have committed, as well as make amends to the victims of their committed offense.



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F.T.I.O. is on a mission to lower recidivism rates, by implementing Innovative curriculum, Reentry services, & Spiritual guidance!

Prison From-TheInside-out Inc. offers rehabilitating curriculum throughout the world's prison communities. FTIO allows incarcerated men & women via Our Bio Program to use our website From-TheInside-Out.com as a platform to speak out and share their life stories, a form of self-help therapy. We also strive to assist with in-custody Spiritual rehabilitation, family services and in custody advocacy. We will follow up with reentry services such as housing assistance, job training, and trade tools and mentor/companionship.

By implementing our services we would like to see recidivism rates decline nationwide. We would like to have a closer eye placed on the judicial system, to prevent people from receiving cruel and unusual punishment and excessive sentences. Most importantly we want to ensure that everyone is treated as they "legally" should, as a human being and not as just a number, while serving their time.

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FOUNDER & CEO

The ARL's Weekly Assignments

Please read each question and answer it.

These weekly questions are converted into assignments which are meant to assist the participants in formatting detailed letters to their victim(s) so that an in-depth story line of the participant's life leading up to his/her crime is given. The last question allows the participants to Accept Responsibility!

WEEK 1: Explain the elements of the environment in which you were raised in that contributed to the actions that lead to your criminal conviction?

WEEK 2: Explain the events that occurred during the commission of your crime and the impact it had on society?

WEEK 3: At the sentencing phase of your plea agreement or jury conviction, please describe the state of mind of all of the people impacted by your crime.

WEEK 4: Express any remorse for the victim(s) of your committed offense? Please elaborate.

WEEK 5: Elaborate on all of the endeavors of Rehabilitation you have pursued and accomplished since being incarcerated.

WEEK 6: Accept Responsibility! Provide a detail of your plans of re-entering society once released from prison.

VICTIM INQUIRY QUESTIONNAIRE

Offender: _____ DOC #: _____ Institution: _____

Please list all the names of the victim(s) of your committed offense that you intend to be recipients of your ARL. (IE; next to kin, wife, children, etc.)

As a result of your committed offense, are any of your victims deceased? (If yes, please identify which victim(s):

In what City/County did your committed offense occur in:

What is the date of the committed offense? (ie.00/00/00)

Have you ever made an attempt to reach out to the victim(s), or the victim(s) next of kin, in your committed offense? (If yes, please elaborate on your efforts and the outcome of your endeavors):

What is the length of your sentence for your committed offense?

How many years have you been incarcerated? _____

Are you eligible for any early parole consideration by new legislation (California Inmates?)

If yes, please list new legislation that applies to your circumstances:

THE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY LETTER Survey

Offender name

DOC #

institution

The purpose of this survey is to collect data pertaining to The Accepting Responsibility Letter and to solicit feedback from its participants to analyze the efficiency of this curriculum.

1. How did this lesson have an effect on you?

A. Positive B. Negative C. Indifferent

2. Do you feel this program is beneficial to the inmate population?

A. Yes B. No

3. Would you refer this program to others who seem interested in rehabilitation?

A. Yes B. No

4. In your own words briefly describe how The Accepting Responsibility Letter has helped you.

5. Thank you for Participating in this survey please sign and date below.

Participants signature

DOC #

Date

VICTIM INSIGHT INQUIRY

How did this week's assignment correlate to the contributing factors of your committed offense(s)?

How did this week's assignment aid you in holding yourself accountable for the decisions you made on the day of your committed offense?

How did this week's assignment provide insight into the level of impact the crime you committed against your victims had on them and their family?

How did this week's assignment make you feel?
