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HOMECOMERS

- I. Words have power
 - a. Not ex-offenders or felons, but **homecomers**
- II. Question One: What can we, the homecomers, do?
 - a. “Coming home report”
 - i. www.phelpsstokes.org
- III. Question Two: How can I, on the outside, know the people we serve better?
 - a. Answer: Go inside
 - b. Interest for increasing access to education
 - c. Lowering barriers
 - d. Employment, housing, education: all hard to get
- IV. Question: How do you do exchanges going with the flow?
 - a. How do we “remove self” as homecomers?
 - b. Answer: It’s not about me, it’s about us.
 - i. Helping others feel better
 - ii. Allowing people where they want to go
 - c. Problem: Individuals’ reward-focus
 - i. Instead, use group to problem-solve how rewards are best used
 1. Example: In half-way house, guys do mentoring
 - a. Gaps in housing, employment
 - b. Cannot fill the gaps
 - c. But can be there for each other
 - d. Makes a difference
- V. Key: Building trust in Community
 - a. How do you build the trust?
 - i. One exchange at a time
 - ii. Just start!
 - b. Give control to the community
- VI. Background checks
 - a. How to bridge while building that trust
 - i. Find integrating projects
 - b. Resource: Liability Manual (on TimeBanks USA website)
- VII. TimeBanks involvement

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- a. A TimeBank is a good intermediary organization that other organizations can look to
- b. TimeBanks give classes in prisons (depends on wardens)
- c. Ban the box: worked with City Hall Council
 - i. Outreach to community inform
 - 1. Passed legislation
- d. Homecomers are TimeBank members in prison and can connect with others
 - i. “Job clubs” to explore employment opportunities
 - ii. Use TimeBank to acknowledge helping and policy work
 - iii. Homecomers Academy
 - 1. We are using ourselves to be the change
 - 2. Had to reach back to help others
 - 3. We will not focus on the glass half empty, but half full
 - iv. Hours used for gift cards
 - 1. Kellogg foundation has funded incentives as “capacity building”