

Cynthia Gonzalez

SCI Muncy 007400

Status: Incarcerated in 1984 at the age of 23

Hometown: Harrisburg, PA

2024: Cynthia has served 40 years of her life sentence

Objective: Reenter community as a living atonement by mentoring, relearning the world as it is today and reconnecting with family and friends.



Education

- ➤ G.E.D
- Keyboarding
- > Basic Nutrition, 1988-89
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Pathways to Success
- Numeric Data Entry
- > Transcription
- ➤ The Amazing Human Brain, 1988
- Money Smart
- Time to Read 10-year recognition one-on-one reading education Literature and The Arts: Penn State University. 1998 Maintained 3.0 GPA
- Wheelchair Escort Training, 2006

- ➤ Unit Buffer Training, 2010
- Literature and The Arts, Penn State University; 1989-1990
 - Maintained 3.0 grade
 - Black Achievement Award, 1990
- ➤ Laubach Literacy Training and License, 1988
- ➤ Intermediate Sewing, 1988-89
- > Profile III Plus, 1988-89
- > Script, 1988-89
- Numeric Data Entry, 1988-89
- > Typing, 1988-89
- > Parenting-Step-Teen, 1988-89

Black Achievement Award

- Parenting-step-Teen
- Laubach Literacy Training and License
- > Intermediate Sewing
- Profile 111 Plus

Employment

- Central Kitchen
- Inmate Medical Intake Secretary
- Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPS)

- ➤ Garment Factory, 1994 to present
- > Chapel
- AOL Facilitator



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Religious Education

- > KAIROS, 2011
- ➤ Gospel Express Bible Course, 1986-2010
- > Battlefield of The Mind, 2007
- Handling Anger in a Godly Way, 2007
- > Friendship, 1994

- New Believers, 2010
- > Safe People, 2010
- Crossroad Bible Institute, 2001
- Discipleship, 2001
- Salvation Army Study, 1988
- > Emmaus Bible College, 1986-1987

Support Groups

- Violence Prevention PA 143 Victim Awareness, 2009-2009
- Seeking Safety, 2007
- > Adjustment, 1998
- ➤ Thinking for a Change, 2004
- ➤ Positive Relationships, 2002
- > Anger Management, 1994-2000
- > HIV Peer Education Program, 1999
- Living Safety and Moving on for Women
- Victim Awareness

- > Survivors, 1998
- Impulse Control, 1997
- Conflict Resolution, 1996
- Cage Your Rage, 1998
- Citizenship
- Violent Mind
- Facilitator, Thinking for a Change, 2004
- Stress Management and Relaxation, 2002

Drugs and Alcohol

- Looking Glass
- Drug and Alcohol in-patient
- > Facilitator, 2009-2014
- Out-Patient Group Therapy, 1999-2005

- Drug and Alcohol out-patient
- AOD Peer Assistant Training, completed, 2017
- > Aftercare, 2004
- > AOD Facilitator Training, 2003



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Certifications

- AOD Peer Assistant
- Mentor For Peers
- Thinking for a Change
- Unit Buffer
- **Volunteer Groups**
 - Seeking Safety Aftercare
 - Beyond Anger @ Violence
 - Step Ahead Employment Workshop
 - > AOD Aftercare
 - Project Hope
 - Beyond Trauma

- AOD Facilitator
- Wheelchair Escort
- Laubach Literacy
- Peer Support Specialist (CPS)
- Healthy Living
- Resume Workshop
- Goal Setting Workshop
- Impact of Crime
- > AOD Self Help Smart Group

Community Engagement

- Muncy Inmate Organization, 2000 to present
 - · Subcommittees-

Long Term Orientation

Waitressing

Parole Seminars

Soda

Picnic

Recruitment

Toy Lift

Sant Clause, for children in the visitor's room

Girl Scouts

Hickory Farms

Banquet

Long Term Offender Video

Pictures

Run-A-Thon



Activities

- ➤ Weightlifting, 1995-2004
- > Aerobics, 1994-2004
- > Fitness and Conditioning, 1999-2003
- ➤ Step II
- > '50's and '60's Show, 1995

Housing Unit Reports

Positive

The Woman I am Today

I am not the same woman I was 40 years ago entering into the penal system. I better understand the impact of my actions. I am a member of a community. I am proud of the changes I have made that has molded me into the woman I am today. I am the woman you would not have any qualms about if I were your neighbor. I am compassionate towards humanity, humble, level-headed along with having broad shoulders. I am family-oriented and loyal.



MY REENTRY PLAN

24Hrs- Week 1:

- 1 Meet with CCC counselor
- 2 Discuss rules of CCC
- 3 Set up living space
- 4 Seek medical and public assistance

30 days:

- 1 Learn transportation options
- 2 Seek employment/CPS/Mentor
- 3 Seek volunteer work
- 4 Find church and AA meetings support groups
- 5 Find trauma therapist

60 days:

- 1 Rebuild credit
- 2 Open savings account
- 3 Rebuild family ties

90 days- 1 year:

- 1 Look into learning how to drive
- 2 Continue working and mentoring others
- 3 Maintain my mental and physical health
- 4 Reuniting with my family
- 5 Have money saved to pay for out of state transfer and parole supervision
- 6 Meet and gain a good relationship with officer
- 7 Live with daughter in Texas until I can afford to relocate