

The Christian Mentoring and Transition Program (CMAT)

Matthew 25:34-40

- 78% of women behind bars are mothers
- Over the last 30 years, the female prison population has grown by 800%
- Nearly 2/3 of incarcerated women are in prison for non-violent crimes
- 10 million children have one or both parents in the penal system
- 40% of women leaving prison will return within 3 years of their release
- **Recidivism rate for CMAT Mentees is less than 9%**



"I can't tell you the heartache and sadness some of us have experienced due to abandonment of family and friends and feeling[] as if there is no one who cares about us...But thanks be to God that there are sincere Christians in the world that have offered their time, love and resources to the hurting and forgotten and the people who may just need a little help getting started."

- Mentee at MCIW

The CMAT Program

CMAT is a 501c organization. The program involves a partnership between Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD and the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women (MCIW) in Jessup, MD.

CMAT's mission is to recruit and train Christian women to mentor incarcerated women (mentees), pointing them to Jesus Christ and referring them to services/resources to assist with their transition to freedom inside the prison, and when they are released from prison.

Donations are used to provide scholarships for transitional housing for returning citizens; clothing for women who are being released from prison and their children; Transition to Freedom Awards for women who are released from prison; and Blessings in Place Awards for women with longer sentences who have exemplified exceptional progress while still incarcerated.



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