

The DeKalb *CHANGE* Academy

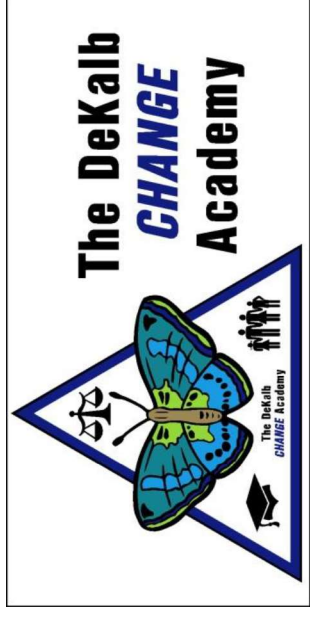
Serving at risk students, their families,
area schools, and the juvenile justice
system in DeKalb County



The DeKalb *CHANGE* Academy is a court-ordered alternative to expulsion placement for secondary students of DeKalb County. The program's purpose is to provide at risk youth a second chance at earning high school credits. Utilizing evidence based practices to identify risk factors, assess criminogenic needs, provide targeted interventions, and secure wraparound services for program participants, *CHANGE* Academy staff is committed to helping youth reestablish connections with families, schools, and communities by equipping them with the tools necessary for overcoming the various barriers that place these youth at risk of an unfavorable life outcome.

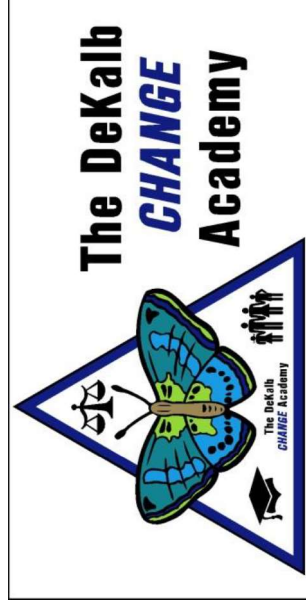
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A program of
DeKalb County Community Corrections



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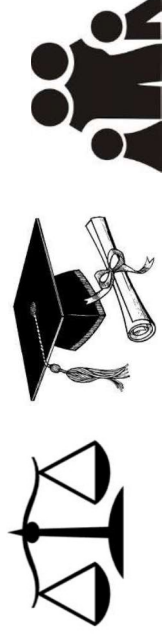


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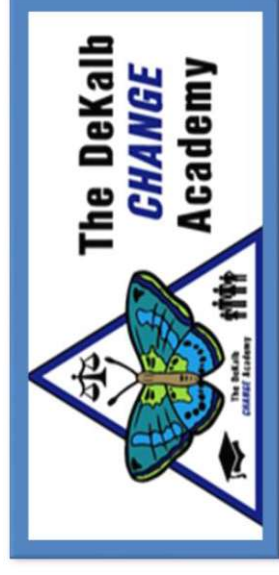
The DeKalb *CHANGE* Academy is.....

- an alternative education program for students eligible for expulsion due to offenses committed at school
- a second chance for students to earn high school credits that count toward graduation
- committed to helping disenfranchised youth reestablish connections with families, schools, and communities
- a collaborative effort launched in August 2012 between area school districts and DCCC and in service to the juvenile justice system
- administered in accordance with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) for state funding and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) for standards-based curriculum
- utilizing evidence based practices to identify risk factors, assess criminogenic needs, provide targeted interventions, and secure wraparound services for participants
- aiming to reduce recidivism among DeKalb County juveniles using a curriculum designed to improve competency in the five core domains which include pro-social skills, moral reasoning skills, academics, workforce development, and independent living skills
- working collaboratively with area providers and local agencies to secure wraparound services to meet participants' needs
- adamant that parent participation is key to a child's success and requires each participant's parent/guardian to complete a parenting program
- a "win-win" situation for all—benefitting the area's schools, juvenile justice system, at risk families, and area youth in need of services
- an agent of positive *CHANGE* dedicated to improving our community and enhancing the quality of life for all



CHANGE Academy Programming

- State approved, online academic curriculum
- Juvenile Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) is a 12-step cognitive behavioral therapy program designed to help people make decisions by doing what is right.
- McMillen Health offers *CHANGE* students various health and wellness sessions throughout the year.
- Junior Achievement, a program that introduces teens to personal finance and careers. The program is facilitated by community members.
- *Digital Boundaries*, a program advanced by YWCA Community Education, covers the effects of technology on young peoples' safety
- *Eyes Wide Open* is a relationship awareness education program that teaches teens about healthy relationships and is offered by YWCA Community Education
- Trust-Based Relational Intervention is a trauma-informed intervention style designed to meet the needs of vulnerable children, and is used daily in the operations of DeKalb *CHANGE* Academy.



Mission

of the DeKalb *CHANGE* Academy is To empower students to become successful learners through alternative-to-expulsion credit recovery and community life-skills programming.

Vision

Changing Habits to Achieve New Goals Everyday