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DCF women inmates are changing their lives

GREENWOOD – The most recent educational graduation at Delta Correctional Facility marked a monumental step forward for incarcerated women, changing the narrative of their lives.

These women, despite facing the challenges of incarceration, have chosen to pursue education as a pathway to personal growth and a brighter future. They have enrolled in various classes, ranging from basic literacy to college-level courses, determined to better themselves. The educational opportunities include Threshold, Anger Management, MRT, C.O.R.E., Thinking For A Change, and Domestic Violence.

The graduation, held against the backdrop of prison walls, was not just a ceremony—it was a testament to resilience, hope, and the power of education. The women expressed themselves through reflections on what they have learned in each class. Afterward, they received an incentive meal. DCF's Education Program Director Rochelle Gunn-Hudson hosted the ceremony.

Director Gunn-Hudson said, "Research consistently shows that education reduces recidivism rates significantly. Incarcerated individuals who participate in educational programs have a 43% lower chance of reoffending upon release than those who do not. Education offers these women the skills they need to integrate into society successfully, find employment, and build productive lives post incarceration."

