MSP: Real Life, Real Responsibilities, Real Preparation

PARCHMAN – Mississippi State Penitentiary Education and Programs recently hosted a Real-Life Reentry Simulation for participants completing Legacy Prep Academy and the Mississippi Rehabilitation Initiative (MRI).

Participants received paychecks, paid bills, purchased insurance, managed household expenses, and worked through real-life responsibilities. Some even had “babies” and quickly learned that bottles and Pampers are NOT free!

Deputy Commissioner Kelley Christopher led the simulation.

MSP Superintendent Frank Caswell popped in and almost received babysitting duty while one participant headed off to “work!” It truly takes a village!

Behind the laughter was an important lesson: Successful reentry takes preparation, family engagement, personal responsibility, and communities working together.

"At MSP, we are creating opportunities to practice life skills today that can help participants build stronger families and more successful futures tomorrow," said Education Program Director Kimberly M. Meeks. "We’re not just talking about reentry. We’re preparing for it!"



