



# FEFI Project

## « Finding Education for Female Inmates »

### Feed-back on French Experimentation

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# Following female inmates' requests through Q1 in France

- 1 - They would like to have more teaching*
- 2 - They found that the proposed frames do not enough focus on professional areas*
- 3 - They would like to be eligible for additional professional training with the possibility to get certified.*



# Then we identified two « measures » to experiment

*1 - Start of prior learning' valorization in prison  
of Limoges*

*2 - Implementation of vocational training  
to get certified in prison of Saintes  
with short sentenced female inmates*



# About 1st experimentation

During April 2015 we have been able to implement at the prison of Limoges (in the only one wing for female inmates) what we call the « 4th way to pass exams ».

Its acronym is VAE (that means skills' validation of prior experiential learning).



# Two first results

- 1 – Develop a service to bring to female inmates where it does not exist yet
- 2 – Make sure that a project started by a female inmate inside the prison can still go on after she's released (*inside/outside link*).



# Where are we now ?

## Inside the prison

- 1- 3 candidates wanted to be involved but only one fit the rules (3 years of work experience in the same field of competences)
- 2 – teachers in prison and VAE counselors both in Limoges helped this candidate to fulfil its 1st booklet (administrative part) while she still was in prison.

## To match her release

- 1- we had contact with the ex-female inmate where she now lives to make sure she still wants to go on
- 2 – then we organize the service with the VAE Department in the area of Bordeaux (*remember, she was sentenced in Limoges*)



# Complications

Have to build a bridge between services located in Limoges and in Bordeaux

- VAE counselors made their job by delivering information in prison of Limoges
- Teachers in prison of Limoges helped the inmate to start to fulfill 1st booklet
  - Work was not totally finished when the female inmate was released
  - Have to find some colleague in Bordeaux area to organize follow up

Difficulties are very heterogenous. For example,

- There was no computer / no internet at home
- Female moved from home several times in a few weeks
- She has no phone so cannot be reached to plan interviews by VAE counselors



# About French 2nd Experimentation

- 1 – Try to mix a training session already running in a « short sentences » prison
- 2 – Try to initiate a training session with an ending validation in another prison

## Complications

We were in February 2015 when we had to start FEFI experimentation but the school year had already started from September 2014 so no teachers, no classrooms free, ...





## *...Finally...* about 2nd experimentation Where are we now ?

June 2015 : we attended Trapani (IT) study visit and learnt from ZWW that Executive Office in Brussels allows 6 extra-months to FEFI project. So now, on September 14, we have been in position to open in prison of Saintes one training session titled « Business Hygien and Prevention » addressed to female inmates and may be some male too.

As we were beginning of school year, it was not so difficult to find learners, teachers, rooms,...



Vi ringrazio per l'ascolto