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Chaplaincy Services

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Impact of Inmate Participation
In Chaplaincy Programs (Follow-Up)

“There are certainly multiple factors that go into the motivation and behavior of inmates in prison. One program or in-prison activity may impact the inmate with positive outcomes, but successful reintegration into society upon release is the result of numerous factors. Participation in Chaplaincy Services is a measurable factor that may predict the released inmate’s recommitment rate. This follow-up report indicates that a strong Chaplaincy Services program of religious services and activities may effectively contribute to public safety by lowering the disciplinary report rate, the disciplinary report average and the recommitment rate for participants. Prison operations and the communities that inmates are returned to are well served by an active chapel program. When inmates participate in chapel programming, the result is safer communities in and out of prison. This is an important public benefit.”