Officer Eglin has been working hard to address the many barriers that are faced when an offender returns to the community. Since taking this position Officer Eglin has organized multiple workshops for resume writing and employment skills, identified numerous service providers in the area and built new relationships, and introduced The Good Grid to both offenders and service providers to name a few. Most recently, Officer Eglin organized a resume and employment skills class in collaboration with a job fair being host by Goodwill. If you have any questions regarding Reentry in Area 1 (NWA) please feel free to contact Officer Eglin at kris.eglin@arkansas.gov.

Financial Aid for Offenders: Eligible or Not?

Individuals with criminal history can still be eligible for financial aid to complete their higher education. Upon release, most eligibility limitations will be removed. In addition, individuals may apply for aid in anticipation of being released so that the aid can be processed in time. The only two limitations to eligibility that remain after release are: 1) if an individual was convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs while receiving federal student aid (however eligibility can be re-established) and 2) if an individual was convicted a forcible or non-forcible sexual offense and is subject to an involuntary civil commitment upon completion of a period of incarceration for that offense.

The best course of action? Go meet with a financial aid advisor (such as UALR TRIO) and let them help you determine your eligibility. For more information visit: https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/projects/mythbusters/