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Your Comments or Concerns

As an advocate, I strive to provide the best advocacy for women. We believe in equality for women. Unfortunately, TDCJ does not provide women the same opportunities as men in the areas of education, programming, rehabilitation, vocational, and religious programs. For example, men are able to use the Pell Grant for education, women are not given that opportunity. Men have more vocational classes and faith-based ministries. As society has changed, we see an increase in women inmates, therefore, we need to prepare them to be positive citizens when they return to society. The TDCJ mission statement points out that they want to promote positive change in offenders' behaviors and reintegrate into society. How can this be done if women are not given the same opportunities as men.

Your Proposed Solution

TDCJ education should be able to provide the information for women to receive the Pell Grant. In addition, women should be given more vocational and rehabilitation programs.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes