



Five Points Correctional Facility Hosts Umpiring Clinic

Ten inmates at Five Points Correctional Facility recently had the opportunity to take part in an umpiring clinic hosted by American Softball Association certified umpire, Joseph Mucedola, Sr. The clinic focused on the rules and regulations for umpiring a game, and participants were taught where they should be physically on the field when they are making a call. They were also given the opportunity to ask questions on a variety of scenarios, and by the end of the clinic, they were much more confident in their abilities to umpire a softball game.

Inmate Jose Mendez said, "When I am released I will be able to apply for a job at a recreation center because of this clinic. The training helps me deal with conflict resolution, how to be assertive, and has made me a better decision maker. All of these things spill over into my personal life."

Inmate Kenneth West commented, "After the clinic the umpires are now a unified group. We discuss calls, especially controversial ones, and come to agreement as a group. We are a much more organized group on the field."

Since this clinic was held, the recreation staff have noticed a marked improvement in the skills of the men who participated.