

## **The Post Star (via the AP) : NY criminal justice group offers prison education resources**

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NEW YORK (AP) — A criminal justice nonprofit in New York has created an online resource center to promote the expansion of education programs in prison.

The Vera Institute of Justice on Monday launched the resource center as part of its Expanding Access to Postsecondary Education Project.

Fred Patrick, director of the institute's Center on Sentencing and Corrections, said the resource is for anyone interested in the subject. It offers colleges and correctional institutions guidelines and best practices for how to incorporate or expand educational offerings in prisons, and offers information and articles for anyone looking to find out more about the issue.

Patrick said there's also a section where prisons can ask for specific assistance for what they're looking to do in their facilities.

Advocates say education programs help reduce recidivism.