SABUNI SOCIAL SERVICES | PSI COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Education Opens Doors.
Education Builds a Country.

Making postsecondary education accessible, attainable, and meaningful for all.

Listen & Learn • Connect & Support • Empower & Succeed

Education is an investment in the country's future

Economic opportunity

Skills and credentials can expand access to employment, income, and career advancement.

Stronger families

Parents who understand education pathways can help children imagine and pursue future opportunities.

Safer communities

Education and career pathways can expand choices and support successful reentry after incarceration.

Education can be part of reducing incarceration—but the claim must be precise.

A 2018 research meta-analysis found that people who participated in correctional education were 28% less likely to recidivate in the strongest research designs.

This finding is about reoffending after release, not proof that education alone reduces the overall incarceration rate.

Understand the barriers before designing the solution

Survey high-school students about plans after graduation and interest in college, training, or work.

Ask about parents' education levels and whether family experiences influence students' aspirations.

Identify barriers: affordability, transportation, childcare, language, digital access, and limited information.

Ask adults what local classes, credentials, and career pathways they would use.

Collect information through

Short surveys, listening sessions, school and community partners, and follow-up conversations.

Use the findings to

Identify who is being reached, which barriers are most common, and which supports are missing.

Listen first. Design with the community.

Make education attainable through local partnerships

Municipal partnerships

Work with local municipalities, libraries, recreation centers, and community events to offer information sessions or introductory classes.

Education & workforce partners

Connect residents with high schools, community colleges, universities, adult education, workforce programs, and financial-aid guidance.

Community liaison team

Engage trusted community members to share information, identify needs, support referrals, and follow up with families.

A clear pathway from interest to action

Community class or workshop → individual guidance → referral → application/enrollment support → follow-up

Start locally; evaluate the pilot before expanding to larger partners.

Turn access into measurable progress

First 2 months | Prepare

Recruit partners and liaisons; map local programs; create and distribute the community survey.

Months 3–4 | Launch

Host 2–3 information sessions; provide individualized referrals and application/financial-aid guidance.

Months 5–6 | Evaluate

Follow up with participants; review outcomes; improve the model and plan next steps.

Suggested pilot measures (adjust after baseline data)

50 residents surveyed • 3 community sessions • 25 individualized referrals • Track applications, enrollment, and completed next steps

Success means fewer people are stopped by preventable barriers—and more people can take a meaningful next step toward education, training, and employment.

Education is freedom, power, and possibility.