

the  A.D.E *institute*



Our agency provides life-changing programs for an underserved community

About us

44,000 citizens

In Michigan, 44,000 are currently incarcerated, with a staggering 29-fold growth in the prison population between 1980 and 2010.

56%

Of prisoners are categorized as "nonwhite," despite making up only 14% of the state's population

26%

Employment prospects for returning citizens in Michigan are significantly low, and it's families, particularly children of incarcerated parents, who suffer the most as a result of this challenge..

This initiative aims to improve public safety by reducing crime through comprehensive support for returning citizens, from their time in prison to successful reintegration into the North Flint community.



By providing essential services for sustainable housing and employment, and empower returning citizens to contribute positively to society.



The project's mission is to build upon this success by cutting the **26%** failure rate of North Flint's former state prisoners in half within three years.



VISION

Our vision is to create a community where returning citizens and at-risk youth have equal access to employment, education, full participation in the economical, political and cultural life of the community.

MISSION

The MADE Institute's mission is to provide comprehensive violence prevention, solution-driven research, and workforce development for at-risk youth and returning citizens.



Meet our Founder



“Never give up, keep going. There is always a chance and never forget where you come from”

- Leon El-Alamin





Leon El-Alamin

The founder and Executive Director of the M.A.D.E. Institute, a nonprofit organization that stands for Money, Attitude, Direction and Education.

Growing up on the north side of Flint, Leon was a good kid who took refuge at his grandmother's house to escape the challenges he faced at home and out on the streets. After graduating from high school, the allure of earning fast money made Leon start hustling drugs.

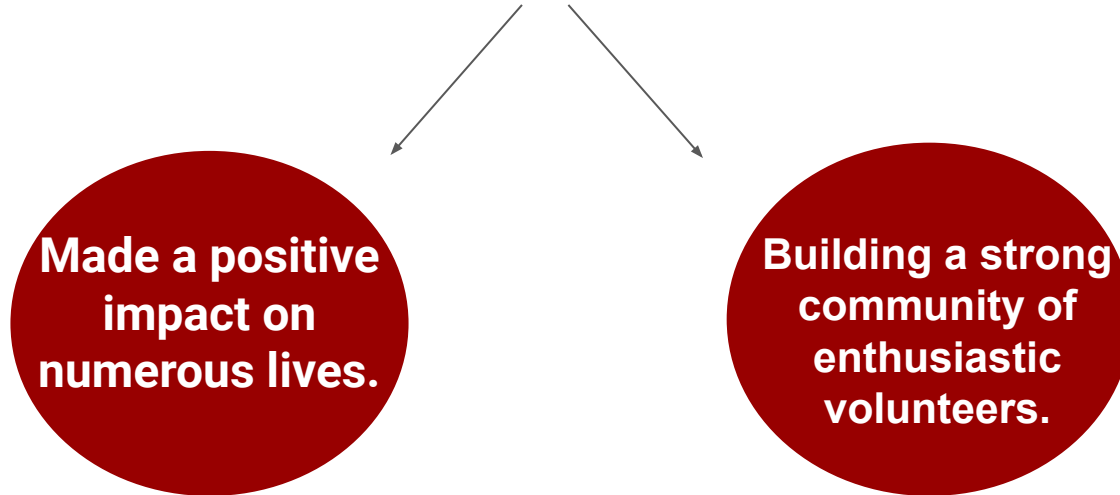
A few years later, a shootout over a drug turf war landed him in the hospital where he spent a month in a coma. The incident led to his eventual arrest and imprisonment on drug and weapons charges. At the age of 30, Leon was released from prison after serving part of a 12-20-year sentence. Several years after his release he launched the M.A.D.E. Institute in 2015.

Leon is a graduate of Mott Community College's workforce Development Green construction Program. He is also certified as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Recovery Coach through Genesee Health System and served on the City of Flint's 1st Ward Zoning Board of Appeals Officer..

A Decade of Progress



Our long term goal is to become a one-stop physical location that provides the needs and resources in one general location within the urban community.



How do we help?



We currently are providing housing, green construction style skill-trade training and other skilled trades training. Below are programs we seek to establish in the near future.

Entrepreneurship Program

Is an education program designed to promote continued learning outside the prison gates.

Green-Skills Trade

Is a blueprint to upgrade Industrial Blue Collar employment to better respect the environment

Re-entry Care Package

Is designed to ease the transition back into society

SELF - M.A.D.E Ventures

Seeks to create social enterprises

Health & Wellness

Is an evidence-based model of care for people with chronic health conditions returning to the community from incarceration.



More of our programs

Transitional Housing

The homes provide a place for individuals to live while going through some of the other programs with M.A.D.E

Urban Farming

Individuals learn traditional and urban farming principles and are given entrepreneurial training

Life Skills

We work with him/her to identify appropriate services and next steps toward reaching life goals

Social Justice

Facilitates the healing and reintegration process for individuals leaving prison, jail, and those impacted by violence.

Digital Technology

Is an innovative program designed to empower formerly incarcerated.

Workforce Development

Provide vocational training, job placement assistance, and ongoing mentorship.



OUR PARTNERS

Cultivate Impact: Partnering with The MADE Institute for a Brighter Future

LISC FLINT

United Way of Genesee County

Islamic Relief USA

Intuitive Solutions

Common Justice

Towsley Foundation

Catholic Charities

Community Foundation of Greater Flint

Community Foundation of South-East Michigan

Safe and Just Michigan

Ruth Mott Foundation



Partnership with us means

Joining The MADE Institute's work means becoming part of a transformative journey towards empowering individuals and communities through education and mentorship.

Our mission is rooted in the belief that education is the key to unlocking the potential of every individual and fostering positive change in society. By joining us, you align with an organization dedicated to making a meaningful impact on lives, particularly those facing financial barriers to higher education. Through your involvement, you contribute to the creation of future leaders who will drive change, uplift their communities, and make lasting contributions to the betterment of society.

Furthermore, by partnering with The MADE Institute, you become part of a diverse and inclusive network that values collaboration, innovation, and social responsibility.



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PROJECT UNIQUENESS

What makes this Project Different?

Providing Life-Changing programs in a variety of fields to better serve our communities

With values and **Leadership Development**, we can

Increasing equitability in opportunities for Education, Professional Growth, and Employment

Translate ideals of social justice, equality, and dignity into **better lives.**



Join Us

At the MADE Institute, our mission is to empower individuals, transform communities, and create a brighter future for all. We believe in the power of education, mentorship, and community support to drive positive change.

However, we can't do it alone. Your contribution, whether big or small, plays a crucial role in helping us achieve our goals. Your donation will directly impact lives, enabling us to provide education, resources, and opportunities to those who need it most.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of individuals and communities, and build a stronger, more inclusive society. Join us in our mission and be a part of the change. Donate today and help us create a better tomorrow for all.

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