## **AVIS LEE**

451 Fullerton Avenue Cambridge Springs, PA 16403



#### **STATUS:**

- Incarcerated in 1980 at the age of 19
- Avis has served 35 years of her life sentence
- Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

#### **Objective:**

I would like to take the state civil service tests for the following fields: <u>Fiscal Occupations</u>: Corporation Tax Accountant Technician, Fiscal Assistant, (Local Government, Real Estate Valuation Analyst, Unemployment Compensation Tax Trainee; and <u>Education</u>: Rehabilitation Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

#### **Education**:

Pennsylvania Business Institute, ASB, Accounting/Management, 1991

Penn State Master Gardeners, 1988-89; 2015 to present

Bloomsburg University, 1985-86

General Education Diploma, 1977

Library of Congress Braille Transcriber, 2004

Crawford County Area Vo-Tech School: New Options Women in Technology and

Trades Curriculum, 1999

Fine Line: Re-Entry Project/The Ex-Offenders Association of PA-Training, 2003

Caning and Wicker: Rattan

**Upholstery Apprentice** 

Bookkeeping 1 and 11

Adding Machine

Drafting

Internet 101

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#### Work:

**Garment Factory** 

**Culinary Arts** 

Proofreading

Carpentry and Plumbing

Construction and Maintenance

Nursery and Greenhouse; Muncy Farm

Upholstery Technician, 1997-98

Braille Transcriber, The International Association of Lions Club, 1999-present

### **Programs**:

Individualized Counseling on Co-dependency, 1992

Stress Management, 1993 Looking Glass Group Therapy, 1993

Anger Management, 1994 House of Hope, 1996

Peer Facilitator Training, 1996 Drug/Alcohol, Phase II, 1996 Women's Issues, Drug/Alcohol, 1998 12 Step Study Group, 1999

Drug/Alcohol Relapse Prevention, 1999 Drug/Alcohol Aftercare, 2001

Low Intensity Violence Prevention, 2012 Impact of Crime

Civic Responsibility Citizenship

Bereavement Group Long-Termers Group

### **Community Engagement:**

Lions Braille Vision, Braille Lab Create For Kids, 2010-present

Cookbook, Typist and Contributor, 2000 Drawing Class

Music Appreciation and Choir, 2007 Various Exercise and Sports Teams

Decarcerate PA, Life Lines Project PA Prison Society Art and Humanities

Let's Get Free, Commutation and Advocacy Knitting Class

Choir Calligraphy

Cake Decorating

SCI Cambridge Springs Inmate Organizations:

Phoenix Organization

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Runathon

**B-Progressive Unit:** 

Volunteer work for outside organizations, "50+" Community Group

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## **Community Engagement (cont'd):**

SCI Muncy Inmate Organizations:

PA Lifers Association

Jaycettes

Trendsetters

## **Spirituality:**

**Protestant Services** 

Kairos

Walking Your Faith, I and II

Jewish Studies

#### THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

...Is dedicated to preventing teen violence. I've been able to do this now through creative writing, art, social media and Meet and Greet formats. These include:

Let's Get Free, Women and Trans Defense Committee, theatrical production, Chin To The Sky

Mother's Against Teen Violence: "A Week Without Violence"-pamphlet presented to middle school students

Pennsylvania Prison Society, Arts and Humanities Program: Mary Dewitt, artist and director-<u>Portraits of Lifers</u> along with recorded interviews

Erie Health Department: Teen Suicide, prevention and intervention