

FCI Coleman Low Hosts First Federal Kairos Inside

Strengthening futures through partnership and purpose.



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(BOP)- FCI Coleman Low has made history as the first Federal Bureau of Prisons' (Bureau) institution to host the First Step Act (FSA) *Kairos Inside* program, a faith-based initiative delivered by Kairos International. Held from September 13-16, 2026, the multi-day event represents a significant step forward in expanding rehabilitative and community-supported programming across the federal system.

Kairos Inside is an approved FSA Productive Activity designed to strengthen cognitive growth through **structured reflection, spiritual development, and pro-social community engagement**. Kairos International supports this work with more than 30,000 trained volunteers in the United States and thousands more worldwide. The program encourages personal accountability, emotional growth, and healthier decision-making during incarceration and after release. It also connects participants to church-based support networks to promote continued positive engagement once they return to their communities.

Introducing this initiative at Coleman Low required extensive planning and coordination between the Bureau (Chaplaincy Services Branch, FCC Coleman, the Southeast Region, and the Commercial Law Branch) and Kairos International leadership.

During the event, participants worked with trained volunteers in an environment focused on reflection, compassion, and constructive relationship-building. **Activities supported personal insight, encouraged accountability, and helped participants develop supportive connections that contribute to long-term change and successful reentry.**

The successful implementation of *Kairos Inside at Coleman Low* demonstrates the Bureau's commitment to innovative programming that **enhances reentry readiness** and strengthens institutional culture. The launch also represents a milestone in supporting national rehabilitative initiatives.

Chaplaincy Services Branch Chief Heidi Kugler, senior staff, and field chaplains from FCI Otisville and FCI Miami traveled to FCI Coleman Low to support the event, reinforcing the Bureau's dedication to expanding meaningful, community-supported opportunities for those in custody.

FCI Coleman Low has set an important example of how faith-based and volunteer-driven programs can positively contribute to individual growth, institutional operations, and broader community partnerships. **VIDEO**