

# THINKING FOR A CHANGE

## PARTICIPANT MINIMUMS

**When considering an offender for referral to Thinking for a Change please consider the following criteria:**

- A. Offender should have a current LSI-R score of 25 or higher.
- B. Offender must be functionally literate with a reasonable ability to read and write.
- C. Offenders who have displayed or assessed deficiencies with:
  - a. Impulsivity
  - b. Problem solving skill
  - c. Social interaction
  - d. Communication with others
  - e. Self-control
  - f. Reasoning
- D. Offender must be fully aware of the expectations and commitment required to complete the course.
- E. No active and or untreated mental illness.
- F. No uncontrolled chemical abuse.
- G. Offenders who have high risk factors in the following LSI-R domains:
  - a. Attitudes/Orientation
  - b. Companions
  - c. Family/Marital
  - d. Peer/Companions

Thinking for a Change is a closed group and you must start and end within the schedule to complete. It is not considered a replacement for “crime specific” programming (i.e. domestic abuse, anger management, CD treatment). T4C can be a helpful preparatory program for these specific interventions.

Thinking for a Change requires a commitment on the part of the offender **and** the referring agent. The agent will be expected to reinforce the principles and concepts presented in the program; such as “thinking reports” and “thinking check-ins” for example.