

Work-related Injuries Among California's Inmate Laborers

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How did I get here?

Workers' Compensation Claims

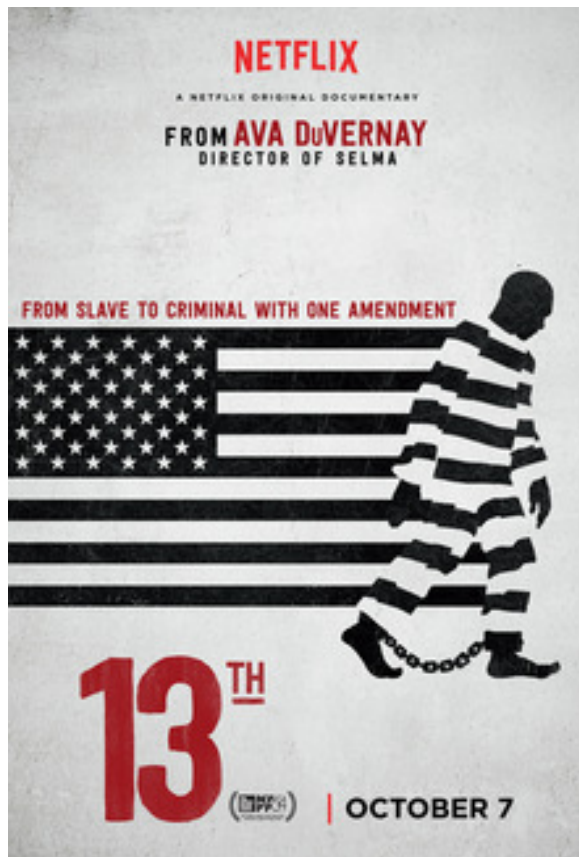


Employment Records

Unmatched Records



The most common occupation description among claims that did not match to employment records was **inmate.**



The Intercept

CALIFORNIA BLAMES INCARCERATED WORKERS FOR UNSAFE CONDITIONS AND AMPUTATIONS

Spencer Woodman
December 28 2016, 8:23 a.m.

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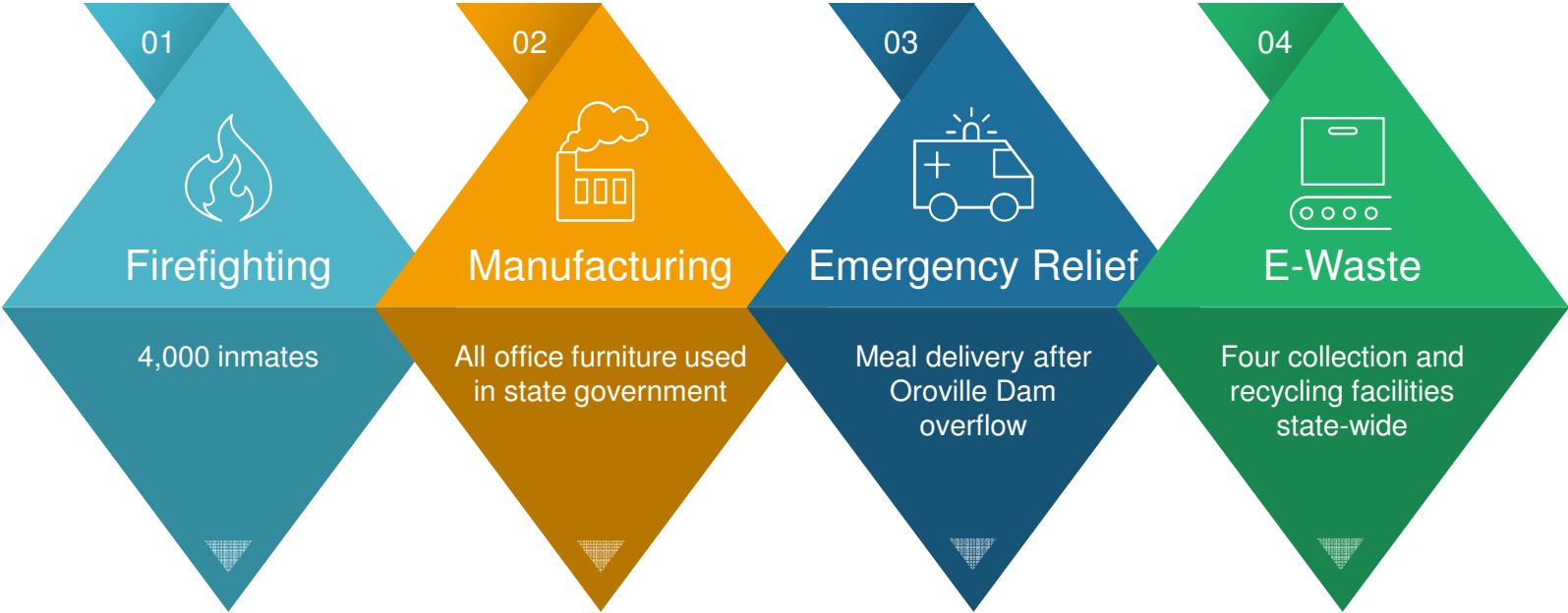
The image shows a close-up of a person's hands operating a sewing machine. The person is wearing a black watch on their left wrist and has a tattoo on their right forearm. They are working on a piece of light-colored fabric. The background is dark.

IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER months of [organizing](#) via smuggled cellphones

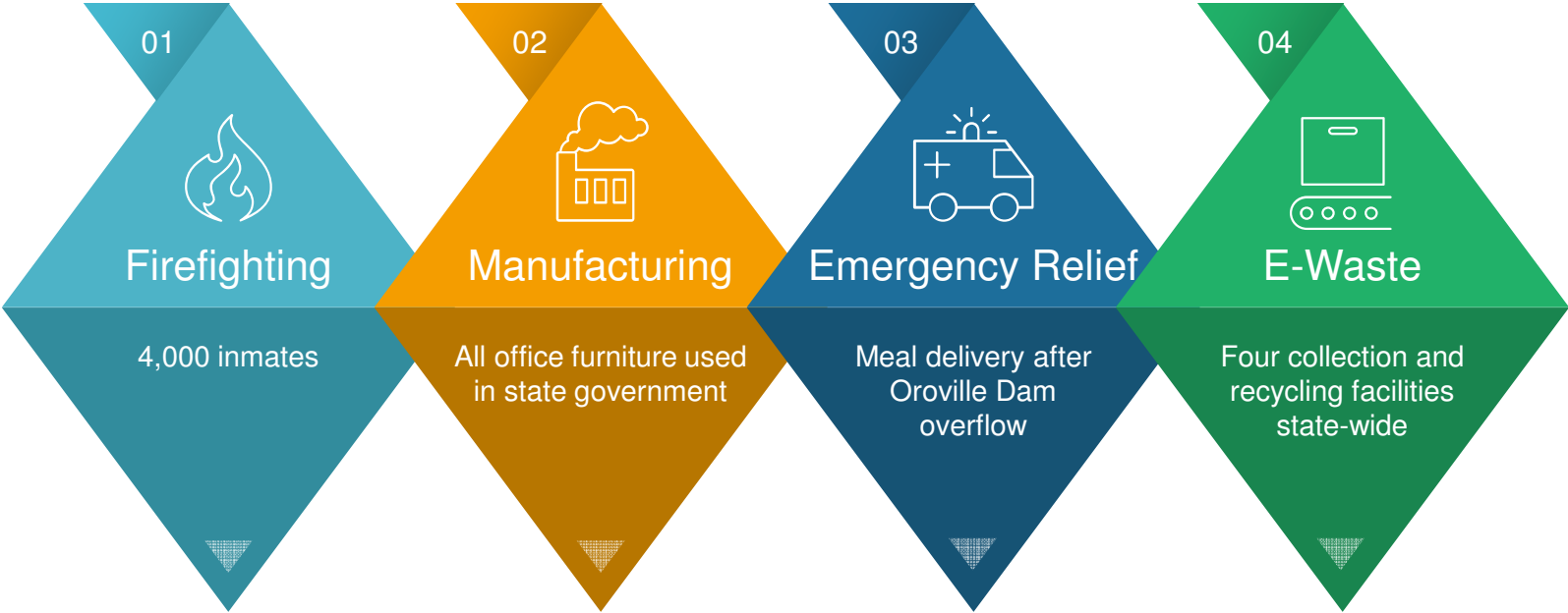
California's Inmate Laborers



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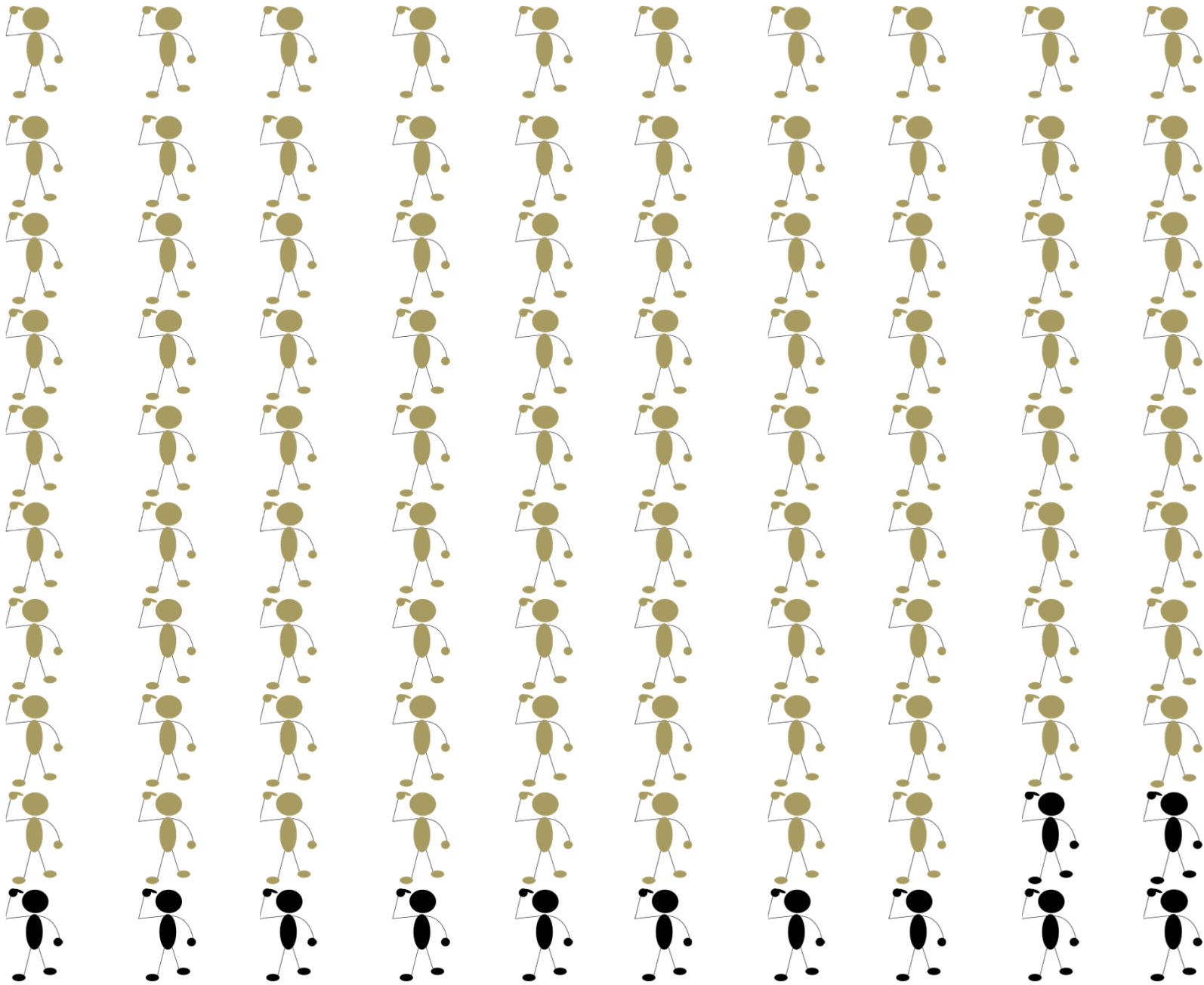


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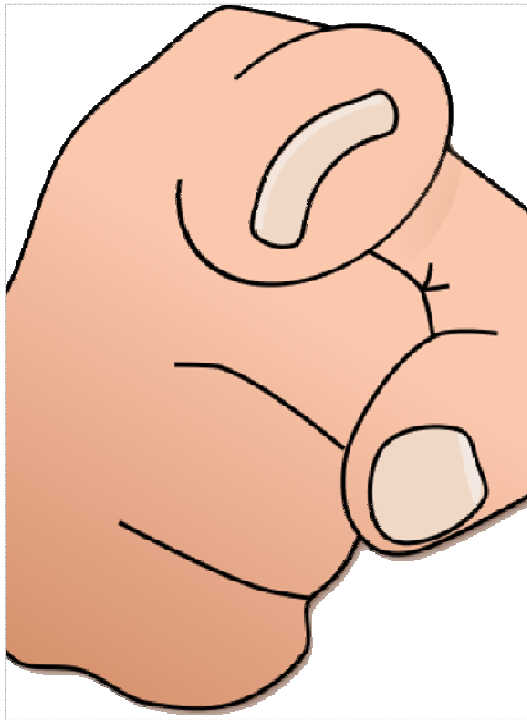


Year	Claims
2015	1,650
2016	1,491

1 in 10
inmate
laborers is
injured?



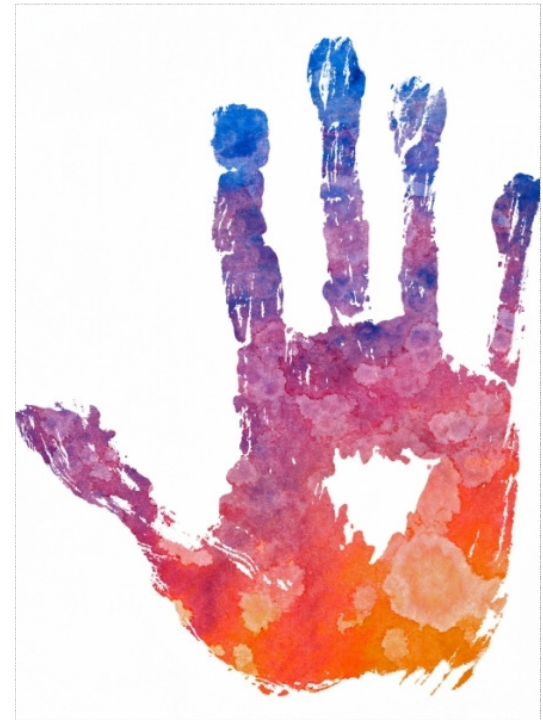
Part of Body



12%



10%



9%

Nature of Injury



19%



16%



14%

Hiking on uneven trail, raining, slipped and fell and injured left knee and right ankle

A transportation van made contact with work truck sending full weight of body to one side

Inmate sustained full body burns due to gas line explosion (x5)

Inmate worker claims she put gloved hands in a bucket of water with chemicals and the solution went inside the gloves and burned both hands

Exposed to poison oak in brush

While pulling brush was accidently hit in hand by a chain saw (76 chainsaw injuries)

Do We Care?

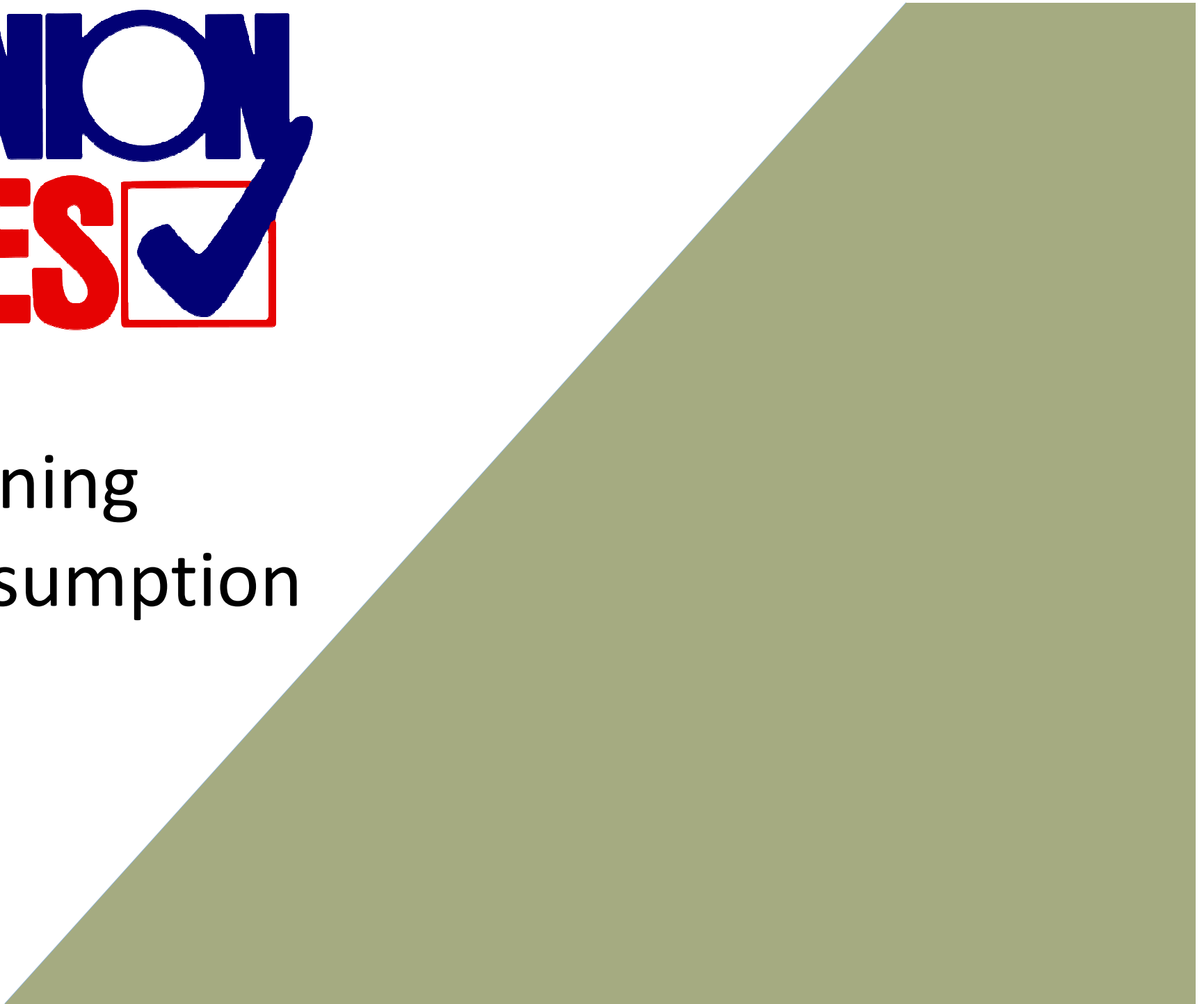




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Training

Presumption





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\$2 per hour
Disenfranchised
Saves state \$\$\$







Inmate claiming
burn to bicep
from pulling a
hot pan out of
the oven





"Prisons do not disappear social problems, they disappear human beings. Homelessness, unemployment, drug addiction, mental illness, and illiteracy are only a few of the problems that disappear from public view when the human beings contending with them are relegated to cages."

Angela Davis

