



“CHESS THAT BRINGS FREEDOM PROGRAM ”

**CHESS PEDAGOGICAL IN PRISON UNITS OF
ESPÍRITO SANTO STATE - BRAZIL**





Chess that Brings Freedom Program is a partnership between Santa Maria de Jetibá municipality (Pro-chess – Program of Pedagogical Chess) and the Espírito Santo State Secretary of Justice (Program of Imprisoned Worker), both awarded a prize by the state government and coordinated by the Brazilian Chess federation.



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PRO CHESS

Programa de Xadrez Pedagógico



The Pro-Chess Program gives an opportunity, to all public students in the municipality, to practice chess as pedagogical tool in order to help in the development of the cognitive shrewdness and improve the teaching/learning process as well.





We have as objective the practice of chess as a playful activity in order to develop the cognitive, moral and social shrewdness among the prisoners and to give them a chance to learn a new profession by being responsible for the creation of the boards and pieces of the game.





We have been working with the program in 22 prisons located in Espírito Santo – Brazil.





At these 22 prisons we have a total of 2250 prisoners taking part in the program. They were divided into 225 groups and we assist them twice a week with classes of two hours each, as for the serigraphy, they have classes of 8 hours a day twice a week.





The average prisoners are male, from 19 to 30 years old, semi-illiterate, low income and Afro-Brazilian citizens, who were arrested for murderer, robbery, and drug dealing.





As a result we noticed a better relationship and less violence among the prisoners who are practicing chess. Now the ones who took part in the program are working as volunteers, teaching others prisoners to play chess. It was also created a State Circuit of Chess in Prison, and 1556 new chess players were recognized by the Chess State Confederation.





The boards and pieces made during the serigraphy classes will be sent to 890 public schools all over the Espírito Santo State.





Thank You !!

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Additional information: The previous slides were my presentation of the Brazilian project in prisons (chess project that brings freedom). Here are links of the videos for my other projects.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9MUIWNYVws>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVlxNcJqInY>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvtoUqJprQ4>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjytXb3EQ8A>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYcSfMiZyRg>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivYdwR_y6_Y

