

Training Grant Skill Areas

This table may help you consider what kinds of trainings to offer. It outlines advantages, disadvantages and tips on skills that CSI offers through its Training Grants.

Skill	Advantages	Disadvantages	Tips
Soap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairly simple to learn Good for older participants (does not require high concentration or strength) Productions can be done quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising costs of oil can reduce profitability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm oil can be substituted for kernel oil to keep costs down. Caustic soda can injure skin- wear gloves when handling it, and keep it out of reach of children.
Needlework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time intensive. Less profitable in the camp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher demand (and profits) may exist outside the camp.
Tailoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harder to learn. High cost of sewing machines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires more time to learn- would need to increase hours per week or increase training period.
Machine embroidery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High demand for embroidered bed spreads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harder to learn. High cost of sewing machines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires more time to learn- would need to increase hours per week or increase training period.
Tie-Dying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sells quickly. High demand in camp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harder to learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Powder and ink spoil if stored for too long. Buy it in small quantities as needed. Caustic soda can injure skin- wear gloves when handling it, and keep it out of reach of children.
Hair dressing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast turnover of sales brings good income flow. High demand in camps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes difficult to buy supplies locally. Harder to learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales depend on location- a "salon" which is easily visible and accessible to the community attracts more customers.
Baking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy to learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires oven space. Must restock supplies frequently. 	