# ORANGE COUNTY CORRECTIONS INMATE PROGRAMS



# **Orange County Corrections Department**

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### **Orange County Corrections Department:**

#### Vision

We are an extraordinary correctional organization protecting the public by cultivating staff excellence; providing quality offender services and care; leading and inspiring positive change in the lives of others, and being responsible stewards of our resources.

#### **Mission**

We operate a safe, secure correctional system, delivering quality programs and services while maintaining the dignity and respect of staff and those we serve.

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# The Orange County Corrections Inmate Programs Division is committed to:

#### **Reduction of Recidivism:**

We reduce recidivism by developing and providing comprehensive educational programs through evidence-based practices to deter future criminal behavior.

#### **Community Partnerships:**

We seek out partnerships with community and faith-based providers to develop and implement meaningful programs and transitional services to promote offenders' re-entry into the community.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Orange County Corrections Department offers a variety of educational, religious and rehabilitative programs to adult and juvenile inmates. This booklet provides a list of classes and services offered at OCCD.

- Inmates eligible and interested in a program may submit an Inmate Request Form in order to register for a specific class or program.
- Dependent upon the housing location, classification, and disciplinary status, inmates may or may not be eligible to participate in a program.
- Classes are subject to change due to operational issues and demand.
- Certificates are awarded upon completion and may be used in court to show active program involvement while in custody.
- Regular attendance is required.
- Court has the option of sentencing inmates to programs offered by the Orange County Corrections Department.



# PROGRAMS ASSESSMENT

#### **Orientation:**

During the orientation, male and female inmates are informed about all programs and services offered at Orange County Corrections. Inmates are able to make program requests while they are in the Booking and Release Center or once they arrive in their permanent housing location.

#### Assessment:

The goal of the assessment and orientation process is to determine the programmatic needs of inmate while incarcerated at Orange County Corrections. Eligible inmates are given the Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST), the Drug Assessment Screening Test (DAST) and the PROXY risk assessment to determine their possible risk of re-offending. Inmates are consequently moved by Classification according to their program requests and/or program recommendations and placed into different programs.



# **EDUCATION SERVICES**

The mission of Education Services is to assist incarcerated male and female inmates (adults and juveniles) in achieving the highest academic standards consistent with Orange County Public School Board.

<u>Adult Basic Education (ABE)</u>: Inmates reading below a 9th grade level attend classes to teach basic reading skills.

**English as a Second Language (ESOL)**: Develops listening and verbal skills in for speakers of languages other than English, whose proficiency level falls below the third grade.

<u>**High School Studies:**</u> Participants considered test-ready receive classroom instructions on the essentials of passing the High School exam via computerized tests.

**Inmate Library:** Provides a variety of reading material from Monday to Friday to all inmates of the Orange County Jail.

<u>Adult Literacy Program</u>: Participants with a reading score below 6 are eligible to enroll in this program provided by community volunteers. Classes consist of reading curricula focused on basic reading levels 1 through 4.



Chemical Dependency



<u>New Beginnings Program</u>: Intensive drug education for female offenders addressing their substance abuse, alcohol addiction and criminal thinking errors.

<u>**CHOICES Program</u>**: Intensive drug education program for male inmates with emphasis on continuum of care, relapse prevention, life skills, critical thinking, anger management, HIV education, Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous.</u>

**Vivitrol Initiative:** In collaboration with community partners, Orange County Corrections Medical staff screens opiate-addicted inmates to determine Vivitrol eligibility. If eligible, inmates will receive the initial Vivitrol injection on the day of release. All inmates are mandated to receive follow up appointments with the participating substance abuse providers. Inmate are also provide with monthly Vivitrol informational seminars.

Chemical Dependency Cont.

**<u>Residential</u>** Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT): Affords male inmates the opportunity to participate in intensive drug treatment groups and individual sessions, develop a sobriety maintenance plan and participate in a continuum of care program upon release.

<u>Alcohol Anonymous</u>: Classes are facilitated by an AA volunteer who provides information and alternatives to dealing with alcohol addiction. Individuals share testimonies and their life experiences.

**Narcotic Anonymous:** Classes facilitated by a NA volunteer who provides information and alternatives in dealing with drug addiction. Individuals share testimonies and their life experiences.



Veterans/Restorative Justice Programs



#### Veterans Program:

Provides services to inmates that have served in the military to create a seamless transition from the jail to the community. Inmates participate in Life Skills, Victim Impact classes as well as being provided with individual case management by Orange County Corrections Programs staff and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### Victim Impact Class:

This 8-week program is geared toward helping offenders to become more aware of the impact that crime has on victims and to take responsibility for their negative actions and begin to make amends. The curriculum makes victims and their rights a central premise. Victims of different crimes are invited as guest speakers to tell their story.



#### Self-Help Programs

**<u>AIDS</u> <u>Awareness</u>**: Provides female offenders with prostitution charges or otherwise court-ordered with HIV/AIDS education and safer living strategies. HIV testing for inmates is offered in every facility.

<u>Anger Management Class</u>: Provides inmates with a series of six classes addressing anger, low self-worth, coping skills and thinking errors.

<u>Goodwill Money Sense</u>: This class provides male and female inmates with employability skills training and financial education.

**<u>Healthy</u> Start:** Provides comprehensive health education for pregnant and post-partum female inmates.

Life Skills Class: This class curriculum focuses on decision making skills, goal setting, financial responsibility, motivational techniques, communication skills, interpersonal relationships, and cognitive behavior restructuring groups.

**Parenting Program:** This class teaches inmates positive parenting skills and informs about the negative effects of child abuse and neglect.



Self-Help Programs Cont.

<u>Sexual Trauma Program</u>: An evidence-based psycho-educational program that provides orientation, assessment, individual and group counseling provided by the Orange County Victim Service Center for female victims of sexual abuse.

<u>Cognitive Behavioral Change Program</u>: This class provides a 3-week curriculum for male and female inmates focusing on cognitive behavior restructuring addressing criminal thinking errors.

**Young Fatherhood Initiative:** The Young Fathers Initiative (YFI) is an evidence-based, cognitive-behavioral parenting skills training and development program created for incarcerated fathers ages 24 and younger. The program helps young father gain understanding of child development stages, fosters positive co-parenting behavior and provides support through mentoring after re-entry to the community.

**<u>RESTORE</u>**: Is an evidence-based program that focuses on the inmates' criminogenic needs through cognitive behavior intervention and open forum groups to identify needs upon transitioning into the community. The program is geared toward low-custody inmates who are going to be released into the community in the near future.



**Case Management Services** 

**ID Services:** In partnership with the Florida Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV), Orange County Corrections provides Real ID compliant program participants with a replacement ID or driver's license. The DMV mobile flow van provides services to inmates and staff members once per quarter.

**<u>Pre-Release Orientation</u>**: Programs staff facilitates orientation classes for inmates with 45-60 days until their release date to provide them with community based referrals. Guest speakers from various community agencies are invited to provide inmates with their contact information.

**Individual Case Management:** Case Managers provide intensive individual case management for sentenced and pre-sentenced inmates assisting them with housing, shelter, placement into in-patient drug rehabilitation, mental health counseling referrals and transitional services. A comprehensive resource guide to community based organizations is provided, so they may continue services after release. This network of support creates a pathway for successful reintegration into society.

Low Income Non-Custodial Parent Outreach Service (L.I.N.O.S.): This cooperative effort between Orange County Corrections Programs unit and the Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement unit assists incarcerated individuals to get back to compliance regarding their child support obligations.

# FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS

The Orange County Corrections Department is committed to providing a wide variety of religious and faith-based programs to meet the spiritual needs of the inmate population. The variety of programming also supports their faith-based education and transition to the community.

#### Faith Based Providers

- Good News Jail and Prison Ministry
- Orange County Jail Ministry
- Knowledge for Living, Inc. (Islamic Ministry)



#### **Additional Faith-Based Programming**

**Discover Your Potential:** Provides male and female inmates the opportunity to participate in a 6-week class curriculum that uses open discussion to evaluate life situation and choose ethical solutions.

**Inside-Out:** Good News Jail and Prison Ministry provides a 4-5 week Christian-based re-entry program assisting male and female inmates with a smooth transition back to society.

**Life Learning:** The faith-based Life Learning class consists of selfawareness, spiritual well-being, employability, financial management, family life and restorations.

#### PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

In this 6-week training program taught by the local Community College, students learn a variety of basic construction skills that are required for many entry level positions in the field of building construction. Successful graduates are eligible for 72.5 C.E.U.'s, a 10 hour OSHA card, First Aid, Maintenance of Traffic certification (MOT) and CPR certification. They also may obtain 3 college credits towards an Associate of Science Degree in Building Construction Technology.



# WORK RELEASE CENTER

**In2 Work:** This 4-week course prepares participants for employment in the food service industry. The class combines practical work in the kitchen with classroom instruction. Graduating students receive the Safe Staff Florida Food Handler Certification.

**Job Placement**: Residents receive individual job placement services immediately upon entering the Work Release Center.

**Drug Court:** Programs staff attends drug court and provides comprehensive updates on resident's progress to drug court staff and judge.

**Employer Recruitment:** Vocational counselors go into the community to recruit employers on a daily basis for residents of the Work Release Center.

**Job Club:** Goodwill Industries teaches classes to inmates emphasizing on employability skills, dressing for success, resume writing, interview skills and online computer applications.

<u>Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Program (CBT)</u>: New Work Release residents are required to complete the CBT curriculum, focusing on cognitive behavior restructuring, addressing criminal thinking errors and causes of recidivism.





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