

# ORANGE COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION

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## INMATE PROGRAMS UNIT & RE-ENTRY AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICES

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# **Community Corrections Division/ Inmate Programs Unit**

## **Vision**

To partner with the community in providing reentry services and programs to reduce recidivism.

## **Mission**

The Community Corrections Division delivers evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism and positively impact our community.



## **Inmate Programs Unit 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. Additionally, information on voting, voter registration, and absentee ballots are made available to the inmates.

**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 the Classification Unit according to their program requests and/or program recommendations and placed into different programs.

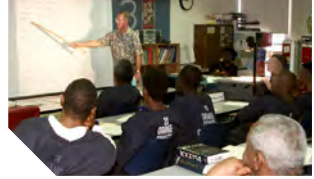
## EDUCATION SERVICES

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.

**GED:** Participants considered test-ready receive classroom instructions on the essentials of passing the high school exam via computerized tests.

**Pre-GED (formally ABE):** Inmates reading below a 9th grade level attend classes to teach basic reading skills.

**Adult Literacy Program:** 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.



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

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

### Chemical Dependency

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

**CHOICES Program:** 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.

**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 provided with monthly Vivitrol informational seminars.



**Residential 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.

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



## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

### Veterans/Restorative Justice Programs

**Veterans Program:** Provides services to inmates that have served in the Armed Forces to create a seamless transition from the jail to the community. Inmates participate in Life Skills, Victim Impact classes, in addition to 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 assisting 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 focuses on victims and their rights a central premise. Victims of different crimes are invited as guest speakers to tell their story.

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

### Self-Help Programs

**AIDS Awareness:** 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.

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

**Healthy 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.

**Sexual Trauma Program:** 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.

**Cognitive Behavioral Change Program:** This program provides an evidence-based 10-session curriculum for male and female inmates focusing on cognitive behavior restructuring addressing criminal thinking errors.

**RESTORE:** An evidence-based program that focuses on 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.

**New Start Program:** The New Start Program is operated by qualified Orange County Corrections Programs staff to provide Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) curriculum and art enrichment activities to inmates cleared from sub-acute housing. OCCD Medical staff work in collaboration with OCCD Programs staff to ensure medication compliance and address the mental health needs of each participant.



## **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

### **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.

**Pre-Release Orientation:** Programs staff facilitates orientation classes for inmates with 45-60 days prior to 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 Florida Department of Revenue and Child Support Enforcement assists incarcerated individuals in becoming compliant with 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

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

**Discover Your Potential:** Provides male and female inmates the opportunity to participate in a 6-week class curriculum that utilizes 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 self-awareness, spiritual well-being, employability, financial management, family life and restorations.

## VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Construction Program:** In this 6-week program taught by Valencia 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 receive a NCCER Core Construction certificate, Maintenance of Traffic certificate, OSHA 10, First Aid and CPR certifications. Graduates are also eligible for 3 college credits towards an Associate of Science Degree in Building Construction Technology.



**IN2Work Program:** This 4-week course offered at the Phoenix Facility, prepares participants for employment in the food service industry. The class combines practical work in the kitchen with classroom instructions. Graduating students receive the ServSafe Florida Food Handler Certification.





## **RE-ENTRY AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICES**

Re-entry and Transitional Services works with inmates and offenders transitioning into society by addressing specific criminogenic needs, to include housing, employment, food, health benefits, vocational and educational options to assist them navigate through society successfully.

**Job Readiness Program:** Evidence-based program that focuses on preparing offenders to enter into the work force. In this 2-week program, offenders meet once per week for 6.5 hrs per session. The program is designed to assist offenders with exploring career possibilities and the tools used to maintain employment.

**Drop-In Center:** Hosts a computer lab for the building and production of resumes and an on-site clothing closet for offenders in need. Clothing can be obtained for both the homeless population and for those seeking employment.



## Construction Program Graduates



## GED Graduates



## Parenting Inside Out Graduates



## Good News Jail Spanish Ministry Inside Out Graduates





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# **We Value**

*Open, Fair and Honest Communication,  
Ethical and Accountable Behavior,  
Professional and Dedicated Work Ethic,  
Respect and Compassion for All*

*“Reducing Recidivism  
One Person at a Time”*

