



Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, Lexington, Oklahoma

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

Offender Work Programs

Lexington Assessment and Reception Center provides job opportunities for both the medium and minimum security offenders. A significant amount of the minimum security offenders are assigned to the Prisoner Public Work Program crews. All inmates at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center are required to have a job. The following work programs are available for the offender population.

Prisoner Public Work Program (PPWP)

The number of offender participants varies but typically five crews with approximately 38 slots are working five days a week for the following agencies: City of Noble, City of Lexington, Department of Mental Health, OCI, and OMD – Heliport.

Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI)

Industries at LARC provide offenders with the following: (1) a constructive work program for offenders on a cost paying basis; (2) an opportunity to learn job skills and develop work habits that will help improve their success rate when re-entering

the work force; and (3) teaches good business practices.

Agri-Services Unit

The LARC unit is a heifer operation. When the calves are weaned they are sent to western units where they mature on wheat pasture. The Unit, with proper weed control and fertilization supports an average total herd of 118 head (cows and bulls).

Career Tech Skills Center

The Lexington Career Tech Skills Center is located on the grounds of LARC. Students are from the medium-security yard at LARC.

Medium Security to Discharge Electrical (MTD)

performance based training. This program prepares students for employment in the residential and commercial electrical trades. Offenders use interactive computer software; classroom instruction; hands-on and real-world working conditions in the shop area. Trade-related academic curriculum is incorporated in the areas of Life Skills, Basic computer Skills and Work Keys training. Upon completion offenders receive ODCTE Competency Certificates: Residential

Electrician's Helper, Commercial Electrician's Helper. Offenders also have the opportunity to test for State Journeyman License.

The Cabinetmaking Apprenticeship

Program trains workers to journeyman level in the cabinetmaking trade, covering all aspects of woodwork and design, using all types of machines, saws, planer, jointers, and power nailing tools, with emphasis on safety in all aspects of the skill.

Thinking For a Change:

This program is designed to assist in the modification of negative behavior.

Inside/Out Prison Exchange Program:

This program, initiated by East Central University, brings college students (primarily criminal justice majors) and incarcerated men to study as peers in seminars behind prison walls; fall semester only.

Friends For Folks (FFF):

Friends for Folks works in conjunction with Second Chance animal rescue. This program is designed to help long term offender's deal with their time. The offenders train dogs and donate them to local nursing homes as companion dogs.

Destination Character:

This is a faith-based program to teach character development through eight principles. Each principle will help the offender to analyze their life thus causing them to elevate their current/belief system. In discovering their value/belief system, each will come to better understand how choices are made and why certain actions take place. Destination Character addresses the void of character in lives of offenders in prison and to help educate these offenders to understand the real void in their lives.

OPERATIONS

Food Service

Lexington Food Service feeds approximately 1,450 offenders per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. Lexington Food Service is self sufficient in baking all of our bakery/ bread products from Pullman bread to hamburger and hotdog buns to cakes and pies and even breakfast pastries.

Medical Care

Our medical unit provides service 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We have a 10-bed infirmary, of which 4 are isolation cells with negative air flow and one has an in-cell camera for continuous observation.

Religious Programs

The Chaplaincy Program at LARC is dedicated to guaranteeing the religious freedom of the offenders incarcerated at the facility and assisting in the practice of such. The Chaplaincy performs those traditional roles assigned to the Chaplaincy, which include ministry, community religious resources, volunteer coordination, and administration and related concerns. In one month there are 155 different religious services conducted at the LARC and Rex Thompson Minimum Unit chapels. Space is provided for Sunday services and Muslim services, and trained volunteers go to A&R on the weekends.