



Bill Johnson Correctional Center
Alva, Oklahoma

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

Delayed Sentencing Program

In 2010, the Delayed Sentencing Program from William S. Key Correctional Center was transferred to BJCC and the program currently houses approximately 220 trainees. The delayed sentencing program provides youthful offenders the tools to lead a successful life in society and to introduce pro-social behaviors and attitudes that may enhance their ability to have positive relationships in their lives. Trainees are given assessments to determine placement into specific groups. The groups that are facilitated by drug and alcohol counselors are: Cage Your Rage, Life Without a Crutch, Commitment to Change, Thinking for a Change, Moral Reconation Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Relapse Prevention, Straight Ahead, and Re-entry.

Regimented Treatment Program (RTP)

The primary mission of BJCC is RTP. Due to the program design as a high structure unit, BJCC was built with medium security standards with double-razor wire fencing. The RTP consists of three phases beginning with high structure treatment. The following 6-9 months include participation in Therapeutic Community (TC), cognitive and behavioral counseling, education, substance abuse treatment, and re-entry programs in addition to public works projects. Public works project include Department of Transportation crews and several other city, county, and state projects. Aftercare is provided for one year to RTP graduates upon discharge or release to suspended sentence or parole.

Therapeutic Community (TC)

The TC is a highly structured program of behavior modification. The trainees of each floor make up a “family” with a hierarchical system. The hierarchy in a TC provides operational structure. The structure of a TC is similar to that of a small town. The civic type structure improves accountability and more effectively addresses behaviors. The trainees, working under the supervision of staff, operate the TC.

Trainees are accountable for monitoring their behavior as well as the behavior of family members in respect to family, unit, facility, and department rule. Issues of accountability are correlated to issues of a similar nature that could occur outside the facility.

Re-Entry

Trainees nearing the completion of this phase of the program begin attending re-entry programming designed to focus their attention to the demands of re-entering society. Before a program completion is awarded, the trainee must complete an exit interview and have an approved discharge summary/re-entry plan.

OPERATIONS

MEDICAL SERVICES

BJCC is staffed with a medical team consisting of a physician and nursing staff, a correctional health services administrator, and records technician. A psychological clinician provides mental health services. Dental and additional psychiatric and acute care medical services are presently provided by neighboring correctional facilities.

EDUCATION

All trainees at BJCC who have not completed their secondary education are required to attend education classes. Trainees can obtain certification in Literacy and Adult Basic Education as well as earn a General Equivalency Diploma.

FOOD SERVICE

An integral part of BJCC's support services is the Food Services Unit that prepares

three meals per day and food for special events. With cooperation from the U.S. Department of Labor, BJCC food service staff created an apprenticeship program that enables selected trainees who complete the program to earn journeymen's status in the culinary arts.

RELIGIOUS/VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers are an important part of the RTP and are a valuable resource in providing necessary and court ordered services to trainees. Approximately 100 volunteers bring valuable expertise to this facility enabling BJCC to better assist trainees return to a productive, drug-free life. The completion of the Benson Center/Eversole Chapel has provided the trainees even more opportunities to participate in relationship and reintegration classes and provides a location to host meetings and events.-