

# Mission

The mission of Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center (KBCCC) is to successfully transition offenders back into the community by implementing proven evidence based practices in re-entry while at the same time protecting offenders, staff and the public.



This facility was named after Kate Barnard, an important figure in the history of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. She was an active social reformer and the first female in the nation to be elected to a state-wide office without a single female vote. She was elected the first Commissioner of the Department of Charities and Corrections (1907-1915) during a time when women were not allowed to vote in Oklahoma.

## OFFENDER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### **WORK RELEASE**

Provides offenders with an opportunity to seek, obtain and maintain employment in the community prior to release.

### **GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS**

This program is designed to connect young girls to their mothers who are incarcerated. The mothers and daughters are provided life skills training, parenting workshops, twelve-step programs and drug prevention programs.

### **DOMESTIC ABUSE COUNSELING**

A program that assists offenders with avenues to address and resolve domestic violence issues.

### **THINKING FOR A CHANGE**

A cognitive based behavioral program to help the offender work on thought processes, attitudes and beliefs behind their thought

processes. The program teaches the offender to think in a positive way before reacting.

### **CO-OCCURRING DISORDER GROUP COUNSELING**

The term co-occurring refers to offenders that have substance abuse and mental health issues at the same time. This group allows the offenders to talk about their issues and find help in finding solutions to the issues and at the same time learn ways to manage their symptoms as they begin the recovery process.



# Community Corrections

The concept of community corrections has been well established in Oklahoma for some time. On March 18, 1970, the Oklahoma Crime Commission awarded the Department of Corrections a grant to open community treatment centers in the state. The first, Oklahoma City Community Treatment Center, was opened October of 1970. Since that time the Department of Corrections has introduced additional centers in Tulsa\*, Enid, Lawton, Muskogee\*, Oklahoma City, McAlester\* and Union City. All operate under guidelines set forth by state statutes, the Board of Corrections, and the policies of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Inherent in these guidelines is a basic philosophy of providing increased opportunities to offenders for engaging in responsible behaviors.