

Mission

The mission of the Clara Waters Community Corrections Center is to provide specialized substance abuse treatment for those offenders who are eligible for community corrections center placement, community sentencing, and work release. The treatment component is provided by specialized staff, as well as a program curriculum which is evidence based and has shown positive outcome measures.

The facility is in partnership with Career Tech to provide skill level assessments and programs to assist offenders in obtaining meaningful employment upon release. The facility has a work release component which allows offenders to obtain employment in the community during their incarceration.

Target Population

Adult male offenders with 2,920 days or less remaining to serve whose crimes are categorized as low, or moderate.

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

The Clara Waters Community Corrections Center (CWCCC) functions as a multi-faceted facility with components to address the need for additional security beds, work release, and substance abuse treatment programs. It also includes prisoners of public work program crews to assist local communities, Life Skills and Reentry Transition services.

Education

Education is a priority in meeting offender needs. The ability to read, comprehend, and complete mathematical calculations is requisite to success in the other programs the offender may be required to complete, and society in general. The completion of GED will prepare the offender to meet prospective employers upon release. CWCCC will facilitate educational programs to address needs from literacy through the completion of the GED.

Cognitive Behavior

In an effort to decrease recidivism, the Department of Corrections seeks to address the thoughts, attitude and beliefs that precipitate criminal behavior. CWCCC offers the “Thinking for a Change” cognitive behavioral program, utilizing trained staff to address this need.

Transitional Program

The Transitional Program is a 100 hour program that target offenders that are within 60 days of work release eligibility and those

within 60 days of discharge, if not eligible for work release. The specified goals for the program are as follows:

- Provide offenders with the tools necessary to obtain and maintain steady and meaningful employment.
- Provide offenders with the desire and ability to establish or re-establish strong, nurturing relationships.
- Improve offender confidence in their ability to cope with daily life challenges.
- Develop mentoring relationships with ex-offenders who completed the program and are successful upon their release.

Substance Abuse Treatment

The CWCCC has a 20 bed, 4 month substance abuse treatment program. Offenders are provided tools necessary to address their substance abuse needs prior to release back into the community.

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, 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.

**Denotes community correction centers no longer operating.*

Clara Waters Community Corrections Center Capacity

General Populaion	220
Trustees	20
Work Release	36
Transit Detention Unit	16
TOTAL	292