



Jess Dunn Correctional Center
Taft, Oklahoma

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

Work is the primary program at each facility; however inmates may earn the right to participate in numerous programs. Some of the programs available to the JDCC inmates include: *Thinking for a Change, Alcoholics/Narcotics Victorious, New Life Behavior, Celebrate Recovery, Keys to Life Choices, Narcotics Anonymous, Meth Addiction Recovery Program, and I CAN*. Most of these programs are ran by various dedicated volunteers and coordinated by the facility Chaplain.

INDUSTRY

Agri-Services Farm Operation

The Agri-Services Division of the Department of Corrections plays a vital role in enabling offenders to learn valuable job skills and work ethics. Offenders assigned to the 800 acre Agri-Services farm operation perform many tasks to include welding, repairing fence, weed control and watching cattle. The unit also raises Beefmaster cattle as seed stock for seven (7) Agri-Services units, which use Beefmaster bulls.



Jess Dunn served as warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary from 1938 to 1941. Dunn was killed in a shootout that resulted from an offender escape attempt on August 10, 1941. Also killed was a sheriff's jailer (a former OSP officer) and 3 of the 4 offenders involved in the escape attempt. The remaining offender was later executed for Jess Dunn's murder.



OPERATIONS

HEALTH SERVICES

The facility provides medical, dental and psychological services. Specific information concerning these services is provided during facility orientation. A \$2.00 co-pay will be charged for each visit requested by the offender; however, offenders will not be refused health care because of their financial status.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Correctional Recovery Support Services uses traditional mental health services of individual therapy and medication management. However, the model differs from traditional mental health services in that it relies heavily on psycho-educational classes and peer-to-peer support groups to teach fundamental strategies for recovery from co-occurring concerns of mental illness, substance abuse, trauma, and criminal thinking patterns. This model encourages offenders to take personal responsibility for wellness self-management and recovery by providing offenders with several options for service participation.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

All offenders remanded to the custody of the Jess Dunn Correctional Center retain the right to choose their religious beliefs and to practice religious acts. Religious activities/services are offered for all denominations and coordinated by the facility chaplain and volunteers.