

Scott County Jail Program Services

Programming Overview

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Enclosed in this packet, you will find information regarding programs at the Scott County Jail facilities. This is intended to be a guide for you in order that you may be acquainted with what is occurring and what initiatives we are working on implementing in the future.

Vision Statement

Those who enter here will be treated with dignity and respect; they will be afforded access to tools and resources that may assist and inspire them to be active participants in enhancing their role within the community

Program Guidelines as stated in Inmate Handbook

While incarcerated, eligible inmates have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of therapeutic, educational, spiritual and enrichment programs. The programs are to provide inmates with the opportunity to address those issues which may have contributed to their criminal behavior and subsequent incarceration.

Eligibility for participation is determined based on an inmate's security classification, availability of program space and location of programs and inmate conduct. The following list describes the various types of programs currently available to eligible inmates: (1) education, (2) vocational training, (3) life skills development (4) women's empowerment groups (5) substance abuse education/support, (6) spiritual, (7) parent education and (8) mental health assistance.

If you wish to participate in any type of program, make your request known by turning in a support service slip. The program officer will make note of your request and you will be notified of your status in the program.

Your acceptance into a program is a privilege. You will be required to follow the rules and you may be denied the chance to participate in programs as a result of any misconduct.

Current Jail Programming

Parent Education Program:

This class is presented by the Iowa State University Extension (ISU) office. It is offered so that parents may learn tools that may increase their knowledge and skills to foster a healthy nurturing relationship with their children. Subjects covered include: parenting styles, self-esteem in children, effective communication, disciplinary techniques, and an overview of family dynamics. This program is presented in two sessions (6 hours total) and is available once every month to female inmates.

Education/GED Program:

Educational programming assists individuals in accessing the tools needed for educational growth by providing GED pre-testing, assistance in obtaining educational records, and offers referrals for tutoring or basic education upon release. By providing these services, we can afford participant's the opportunities necessary to obtain employment and further education.

Women's/Men's Empowerment Group:

These groups meet periodically throughout the week and are designed to afford inmates an opportunity to meet and focus on strategies that are conducive to their well-being and will help support their reintegration into the community. This program includes discussions on fostering positive family relationships, self-sufficiency, and becoming self-reliant.

Current Jail Programming cont'd

A.A./N.A. Group

A.A/N.A. groups meet to assist inmates in their recovery with substance abuse. Community members come in to the facility to aid inmates in dealing with their abuse and discuss ways that will assist them in overcoming their addictions.

Jail-Based Drug Treatment Program:

The Center for Alcohol and Drug Services (CADS) provides an intensive therapeutic program for both men and women that utilizes a cognitive-behavioral treatment program to address substance abuse and criminal behaviors. Participants are housed together and attend classes throughout the week which address: drug & alcohol education, criminal & addictive thinking, relapse prevention, and reintegration preparation.

Religious & Spiritual Based Programming:

Inmates may choose to participate in spiritual based programs. Volunteers provide religious worship services, bible studies and discuss spiritual growth issues with inmates throughout the week for those who desire to foster a personal spiritual awareness.

Current Jail Programming cont'd

Inmate Workers:

Inmates may be assigned to work in a variety of positions in and around the jail facility. These include: laundry attendants, maintenance workers, and kitchen staff. Inmates may request to be an inmate worker. Inmate workers are housed together and are required to perform those duties assigned to them or they will forfeit their worker status.

Kitchen Vocational Program:

Inmate workers who are placed in the kitchen may choose to participate in the Food Service Manager/Sanitation course. Participants follow an individualized computer training program that allows them to obtain continuing education hours through Scott Community College. Upon completion of the program and testing requirements, participants also receive a National Food Service Manager certificate.

Work Release Program:

The work release program is an option for those inmates who qualify, to maintain employment while serving their sentence. Inmates exit the facility daily to work and return after their employment for the day has ended.

Current Jail Programming cont'd

Mental Health Diversion Program:

Jail staff works with Vera French Community Mental Health Center to identify those individuals who exhibit some type of mental illness and are habitual offenders that enter the jail on a regular basis. These individuals are put into an intensive case management program that addresses their mental illness and the issues that continue to contribute to their criminal behavior.

Electronic Monitoring:

At the direction of the court, offenders are diverted from jail time to home detention. The goal is to keep low risk offenders gainfully employed while keeping the family unit intact.

Alternative Sentencing:

The Alternative Sentencing program works with individuals who have been court-ordered to complete community service hours. Participants are placed at community work sites to fulfill their required hours. The Alternative Sentencing Coordinator acts as a liaison for the court to track completed hours.

Juvenile Life Skills Program:

Through a federal grant, the ISU Extension office will provide a facilitator to lead life skills classes for juveniles in our facility. Depending on the number of eligible juveniles, the program will run every other month and will be held for 2 hour sessions, 3 times a month. The program will be funded through January. The participants will work through Tackling the Tough Skills, a Curriculum Building Skills for Work and Life.

Programs in Development

Batterer's Education Program (BEP):

The 7th Judicial District will be the provider of a Batterer's Education Program (BEP) in the jail. This will be a weekly class that will be conducted for male individuals who have been identified as domestic abuse offenders. The individuals will be required by the courts to attend the program while in our custody. This program will seek to address the problem of abuse, while providing skills that may ultimately deter abusive behavior.

Bicycle Repair/Restoration Program:

This program will provide hands-on vocational instruction concerning the maintenance and the basics of bicycle repair. Using donated and discarded bicycles, inmates will be provided classroom and workshop instruction that will allow them to clean, repair, and restore bicycles in order that they may be returned to the community.

Custodian Vocational Program:

Inmates who serve as custodial workers, will be enrolled in the custodial vocational program. Inmates will be provided instruction on general and intermediate custodial care. Instruction will combine hands-on, classroom and computer training. Included in this instruction will be basic custodial/customer safety, restroom care, hard floor care, carpet care and product control. This program will utilize cleaning products currently being used by the jail.

Programs in Development cont'd

Community Restoration Program:

This program will assign low-risk inmates who are sentenced or are pre-trial detainees, classified as minimum security, to daily work in the community. The participant's will provide assistance to city, county, and state-wide agencies, as well as, non-profit organizations. Officers assigned to this program will provide practical training and instruction on the various tasks that are assigned to the group. At designated times of the year, community restoration participants will provide assistance to jail facilities in floor care and painting. This program is scheduled to start August 28, 2004

Cognitive Thinking Program:

This program will be designed to address criminal behavior and thinking. Classes will be presented to assist inmates in realizing the thinking patterns that contribute to their criminal behavior. The class will strive to aid them in making better choices, which may facilitate change in the offender's life.

Employment Skills/Life Skills Education:

The Safer Foundation will provide employment and life skills training to inmates seeking to gain new skills that will assist them in productively returning to the community. Safer believes that education and employment are essential to bringing about change in the offender's life and they will provide services to individuals that will support positive reintegration back into society.

Programs in Development cont'd

HIV/AIDS Awareness:

Lifeguard Harm Reduction Services will provide education classes that will aid in the prevention of the spreading of HIV/AIDS. They will address personal behavior and risk associated with those behaviors. They will also serve as an information and resource center for inmates on these issues.

Domestic Violence Support Group:

Family Resources will provide support groups to women who have been affected by any type of domestic abuse. They will seek to raise awareness of the issues surrounding domestic violence as well as to help women look more clearly at and make decisions about their current and past relationships.