

# Milwaukee County House of Correction



# Milwaukee County House of Correction Offender Programming

- The Milwaukee County House of Correction offers a variety of programs that are available to all inmates.
- HOC remains dedicated to quality programs with an emphasis on education and treatment and employability.
- We seek positive impacts on an individual's rehabilitation as well as their physical and mental well being in an effort to reduce recidivism.



# Education



**MATC** is open year round and provides GED, Adult Basic Education and English Language Learner classes. Three part-time instructors teach an average of nine hours per week.

## **Franklin Alternative Youth Program**

Franklin Alternate Youth Program (FAYP) provides educational services for inmate's 17-21 years of age. Students may work toward high school credits or the GED/HSED. Two full-time instructors and four instructional assistants are assigned to CCFS. FAYP will resume classes in the fall.

## **Assessment**

HOC currently provides a fulltime officer who conducts the test of adult basic education (TABE) and GED testing. Inmates sentenced to 60 days or more are tested to determine the appropriate level of programming. A referral is then made to the appropriate program. During the assessment, inmates report the highest academic degree obtained. WCS will also help with TABE testing.

# New Programs



**Case management team** –Focus on re-entry services from the correctional system by providing resources for shelter, treatment (both AODA and Mental Health) for inmates who need them upon release.

**AODA**



# Fatherhood

- Al Holmes of grater New birth Church - Serving male offenders in a six week program focusing on cognitive thinking, parental roles with extended resources upon release.



# New Programs

- **Center for self sufficiency**, which is a three-week program title “**Within my Reach.**” The focus is on establishing boundaries within one’s life, a healthy relationship course, resume’ building, job fairs, and community resources. Inmates receive a certificate upon graduation.
- **Solace** -females guest speakers who have overcome human trafficking come to the facility and share testimony to other female inmates who may have gone through human trafficking or who are going through it currently. Solace offers resources post release.



# New Programs

- **Nurturing parenting** targets mothers with younger children, help in understanding their child's development, help in communicating "their" feelings, and alternative ways to discipline children. **After completion of this program which is 15 weeks long, inmates receive a certificate and a free distribution of "Sesame Street: Little Children BIG challenges: incarceration" kit.** We either put the gift in their property or mail it to their children on their behalf as a gift for seeking to be a better parent.

# New Programs

- **Community building**

Community Building helps participants remove barriers to communication and unlearn dysfunctional and unproductive attitudes and behaviors.

- **Day Reporting Center**



# Employment Programs

## **Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)**

- This program targets ex-offenders in transition from various correctional environments (prison, jail, residential re-entry, probation/parole) to community and the world of work. It will be conducted at the HOC in eight sessions over two weeks. Basic class topics and activities will include:
- Soft Skills Training ,Criminal Background ,and Employment
- Interviews
- Cover Letters and Résumés
- Vital Documents

- **IN 2 Work program**

(Aramark) is a culinary arts program with training that at completion will provide a Nationally recognized “Serve Safe” certificate.



- **Fork lift training and certification**

- .Students complete a 3year forklift operators certification certificate.



# Continuing Programs





# Outside Work Detail

## **Outside Work Crews**

The HOC work programs teach soft skilled labor practices and allow inmates to earn additional good time days off of their sentence.

- Summerfest and other festival clean-up crews
- Highway clean-up
- Economic support foreclosure assistance
- Urban vacant lot clean-up
- Grounds maintenance /painting
- Ezekiel hope Project
- CCC Clean-up
- Milwaukee County Parks





- **Boerner botanical Gardens**
- **Whitnall Park Golf course**
- **Brown deer Golf course**
- **Juneau Park**
- **Milwaukee county Sports complex**
- **Washington Park**



- **Grant Park**
- **Kosciuszko Park**



**Before**



**After**

- **South shore pavilion**
- **Dineen**
- **McGovern Park**
- **Jackson Park**



# Benefits

- Good time credit
  - 607 days earned
  - \$26.62 per day for incarceration
  - Saved \$16,158.34
- Labor costs
  - Average 50 offenders daily working at parks
  - 6 hours per day at an \$8.00 per hour wage
  - Savings of \$2,400.00 per day labor costs

# Recycling

Each week we send our work crews out to various areas in the Milwaukee County area to provide clean up.



## **Recycling Program**

- **All materials collected from refuse clean-up crews is sorted and recycled.**
- **Other County departments are participating in the use of our recycling plant operation.**

# Continuing Programs

- **Crochet program** designed for female inmates to make blankets for children who are at Children's Hospital. The House of Correction has donated several blankets to the homeless and children in need of blankets. Over **50** female inmates have participated in this program this year.
- **Veteran's class** A program that was created to assist incarcerated and newly released veterans' transition back into the community when they are released.
- **Art classes** offer the inmates the opportunity to express their creative talents. Two retired art teachers conduct two classes weekly to both the males and females. The Art class provides services to over **500** inmates participated in art class this past year.

# Art



# Continuing Services

## **Word of Hope Ministries**

A program that reintegration of Ex-Offenders Adult Generation 5 project is focused on serving ex-offenders at least 18 years of age, who are returning from incarceration to Milwaukee's high-poverty, high-crime neighborhoods with limited skills. The project will consist of 5 major program components. The project goal is to help ex-offenders gain needed supports, become employed, and reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

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- **Spiritual wellness check program** was introduced to our discipline area. This program was designed to give spiritual guidance to our inmates that are in need of spiritual assistance.
- **Scholarship program** is designed for inmates to donate money for children who have parents who are in custody. So far over **10,000.00** dollars has been donated for this program this year.

# Substance Abuse/Religious Services

- **Narcotic Anonymous**
- Narcotic Anonyms is coordinated by the Chaplin, we currently have 2 classes a month on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **Alcohol Anonymous**
- We will continue to add additional alcohol abuse services. We currently have over 7 classes a month for AA which also includes a Spanish speaking service.

## **Religious Programs**

- Chaplains provide spiritual group activities through the Lutheran Ministries to approximately 60 inmates each week.
- The Chaplains provide 1:1 counseling to approximately 50 inmates each week.
- Approximately 1200 inmates are served each week through activities offered by volunteers.



# Library and Religious Services

## **Inmate Lending Library**

- Currently each housing unit receives a variety of books each month. All books are monitored by the officers and remain on the bookshelf. An Officer will operate the library. All books will be monitored and tracked with a color code for each section of the jail. Inmates will have the ability to check out books with the dorm officers. There is approximately a year's worth of books available to restock the shelves in all dorms once the original supply is depleted.

## **Inmate Law Library**

- The library currently operates twice per week on Mondays and Fridays. Inmates submit request slips to notify staff of the need to use the library.

# Program and re-entry team

