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California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP)
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Coming Soon: Rehabilitative Advancement:

DRP is initiating information technology advancements to improve effectiveness and efficiencies of rehabilitative programs requested by the Three Judge Panel court mandate:

E-Readers

Helps offenders achieve milestone credits with increased access to college curriculum textbooks.



Tablets are pre-loaded with Voluntary Education Program (VEP) textbooks and provided to inmates enrolled in VEP college courses. Devices are checked, charged, updated and reissued for use by other inmates.

Enterprise Inmate Online Education Network

Secured inmate education network connects inmates to computers that enables use of online resources: internal centralized learning repositories, internet based certification programs, and distance learning environments.



Law Library Touch Screen Technology

Provide Administrative Segregation inmates with electronic touch screen access to the Gilmore Law Collection as mandated by *Casey v. Lewis* court case. This also reduces time and costs required to escort high security inmates to the library.



Offline Digital Resource Library for Inmates

Uses technology to reduce education textbook and library collection costs by providing those items electronically to inmates in classrooms and libraries via an offline "internet in a box" concept.



Internet Protocol Television Integration

Supports adult basic education, career technical education, and college on multiple channel televisions for inmates, using more efficient technology.



Today!

Reentry Hub and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs Expand

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) programs are offered to eligible inmates within 24 months of release, and vary in length from three to six months. CBT expands beyond Substance Abuse Treatment (SAT) to include anger management, family relationships, and criminal thinking.

All thirteen institutions with Reentry Hub facilities now provide CBT. [Folsom Women's Facility](#) launched their gender-responsive CBT program in February 2014. Six adult institutions – [Avenal State Prison](#), [California Institute for Men](#), [Correctional Training Facility](#), [Chuckawalla Valley State Prison](#), [Substance Abuse Treatment Facility](#), and [Valley State Prison](#) launched CBT programs in their Reentry Hub facilities on June 2, 2014. [High Desert State Prison](#), the newest Reentry Hub facility, and [California State Prison-Los Angeles County](#) will launch this program in July.

Single and Multi-Level Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in Ten Institutions

Ten additional institutions will begin providing SAT programs in single-or-multi-level "pro-social" modalities in July. These are an exciting new addition to DRP's programs for inmates, and support CDCR's commitment to SAT programs throughout institutions. The multi-level modality is offered in three levels: outpatient, intensive outpatient, or modified therapeutic community treatment. Placement is prescribed for each inmate based on his or her assessed risk and needs.

Single-level SAT institutions are [Calipatria State Prison](#), [California Correctional Center](#), [Centinela State Prison](#), [California State Prison-Corcoran](#), [Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility](#), and [Wasco State Prison](#). Multi-level SAT institutions are

[California Correctional Institution](#), [California Rehabilitation Center](#), [Sierra Conservation Center](#) and [Pleasant Valley State Prison](#).

These evidence-based programs are key to reducing recidivism; the [2012 Outcome Evaluation Report](#) states that offenders who receive substance abuse treatment while in prison and during aftercare recidivate almost 50% less than those who did not receive any treatment.

Offender Mentor Certification Program Expands

The [Offender Mentor Certification Program \(OMCP\)](#), which trains and certifies long-term inmates to mentor fellow inmates in various substance abuse treatment programs, is also expanding. OMCP courses are now being conducted at [Valley State Prison](#), [Central California Women's Facility](#), and [California State Prison-Solano](#). OMCP participants who successfully complete the training and pass a written examination are then sent to institutions throughout the state to assist in CDCR's expanding focus on substance abuse treatment.

New Transitions Employment, Job Readiness and Financial Literacy Courses

[Transitions](#) is a pre-release program to build job readiness skills including job search, resume writing, interviewing, and access to career centers, as well as financial literacy. [Central California Women's Facility](#), [Folsom Women's Facility](#), and [Valley State Prison](#) have been offering this program since 2013. Classes began in June at [Ironwood State Prison](#) and [Chuckawalla Valley State Prison](#), and will begin in July at [Avenal State Prison](#) and [Substance Abuse Treatment Facility](#).

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The right inmate in the right program at the right time:

Academic Programs

Increase inmate reading levels to minimum 9th grade level and achieve a GED or high school diploma. Access to college courses also available

Career Technical Education

Prepares inmates for viable vocational career paths upon release by training to industry certification levels

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment

Provides evidence-based treatment for Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Family Relationships and Criminal Thinking

Offender Mentor Certification

Trains and certifies long-term inmates as interns to assist as mentors in various substance abuse treatment programs

Pre-Employment Transition

Provides job readiness skills including job search, resume, interviewing, financial skills, access to career centers

California Identification Card

Assists in obtaining state-issued I.D. cards used to secure employment, housing, bank accounts, travel, and more

Reentry Hubs

Provide relevant training and services to eligible and interested inmates within 4 years of release

Step-Down Program

Provides alternatives to criminal gang lifestyle to reduce confinement in Security Housing Units (SHU)

Long Term Offender Program

Provides evidenced-based treatment programming in criminogenic behavior to inmates serving long-term sentences

DRP Drug Interdiction Summit



Deputy Director Rodger Meier chaired an innovative DRP Drug Interdiction Summit in Sacramento on May 13, 2014.

Wardens, Facility Captains and Correctional Counselors attended from 10 institutions that will soon offer either single-or-multi level Substance Abuse Treatment programs. They met with contracted services providers and staff from [Division of Adult Institutions](#) (DAI) and DRP to explore the rehabilitative strategy to address substance use disorder and curtail drug usage within institutions.



CDCR Secretary Jeffrey Beard, Ph. D (shown at left) noted CDCR's commitment to dramatically expand Substance Abuse Treatment programs in adult institutions over the

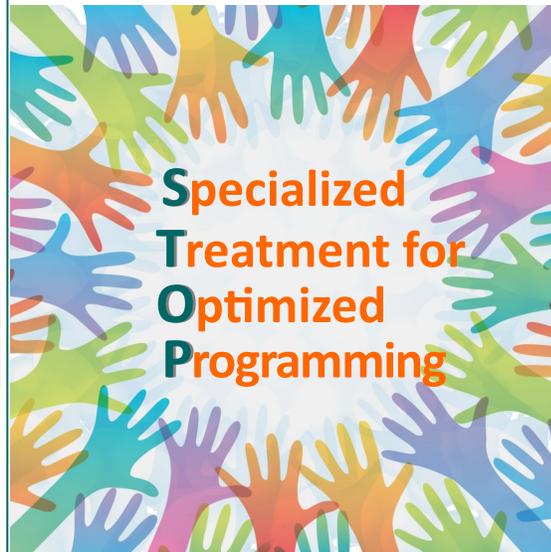
next two years. He cited the significant reduction in recidivism for offenders who receive this treatment in prison and aftercare.

DAI Director Michael Stainer (shown at right) underscored the partnership between DAI and DRP to implement and support evidence-based programming to "meet the needs of a changing world."



During a working lunch, the group explored DRP's strategy to address offenders with both substance use disorder and criminogenic needs. Providers and institution staff freely exchanged plans and suggestions to create therapeutic communities for targeted offenders.

DRP Introduces:



Community and Reentry Services Unit in DRP's Office of Offender Services has launched new community-based programming and services for parolees. Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) contractors will provide a broad variety of evidence-based services to assist parolees throughout the state with substance abuse treatment, education, literacy, employment and job readiness, cognitive behavioral intervention, anger management, family relations, criminal thinking, community referrals, and housing. Initial services are provided for up to 180 days and can be extended for an additional 180 days on a case by case basis.

Six STOP regions have been created, with placement offices established in Sacramento, Marin, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Bernadino and San Diego counties to direct parolees to services. Each office represents a specific geographic area consisting of multiple counties. Parolees from counties without STOP community-based services may be considered for placement in another county offering desired services.

Priority will be given to parolees within their first year of release demonstrating

- moderate-to-high risk to reoffend, according to the California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA)
- medium-to-high needs, as identified by the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) Reentry assessment tool.

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DRP funds a growing network of focused evidence-based Community and Reentry Services throughout California to help offenders transform their lives and successfully reintegrate into society:

Computer Literacy Learning Centers (CLLC):

Certified teachers provide computer-based courses for basic reading, writing and math

Day Reporting Centers (DRC) and Community Based Coalition (CBC):

“One Stop Shops” address parolee’s needs through assessment and placement in classes and support services. Education, life skills, financial and employment training, substance abuse and counseling. Some transition housing available

Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program (FOTEP):

Gender-responsive residential treatment services for women and their children

Parolee Service Centers (PSC):

Residential programs provide group and family reunification, life, employment skills

Residential Multi-Service Centers (RMSC):

Housing, substance abuse treatment and independent living skills to help at-risk parolees transition back into the community

Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP):

Comprehensive residential and outpatient programs and services supporting parolees needs for housing, substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral intervention, employment, education, family relations and community referrals

Substance Abuse Services Coordination Agencies (SASCA):

Community-based residential and outpatient sober-living treatment facilities promote pro-social behavior that reduces potential for relapse or recidivism

Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR):

Certified instructors provide substance abuse treatment education in select parole offices

Rehabilitative Advancement:



Fall Educational TV Standardized in Adult Institutions

Institutional Television Services (ITVS), in the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), provides television programming to inmates. OCE’s Internet Protocol Television Integration (IPTVI) initiative helps CDCR meet the Three-Judge Panel court mandate to increase opportunities for inmates to earn milestone credits. IPTVI establishes a CDCR system-wide institutional television network. Inmate television channels will deliver adult basic education, career technical education, college, other rehabilitative initiatives, and department-regulated information.



ITVS is currently testing IPTVI between CDCR headquarters and institutions statewide. The initial launch phase will standardize Coastline Community College’s Fall 2014 curriculum on a common television channel. Ultimately, six channels (including four rehabilitative programming channels) will be available on Inmate TV.

Benefits include:

- Educational programming in classrooms uses ethernet rather than cable wiring;
- Improved content delivery and consistency;
- Enhanced voluntary inmate participation;
- Improved faculty coordination of curriculum;
- TV Specialists previously spent time to manually deliver programming through various methods; standardizing the delivery system provides more time to build local content which is more relevant for each inmate population.

The Office of Correctional Education’s goal is to significantly increase the number of daily viewing opportunities in each adult institution.

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ASP Reentry Hub Mural Project

Avenal State Prison’s (ASP) Reentry Mural Project – made possible with financial support from the Office of Offender Services, is off to an inspiring start. ASP’s Correctional Counselor III Russ Tuman and Substance Abuse Treatment (SAT) Correctional Officers C. Dauer and D. Howard found experienced inmate artists, collected artwork, gathered supplies and worked with Yard Staff and Supervisors to allow muralists to create art on reentry hub facility walls during non-work hours and weekends.

Inmates Ibanez, Ripp, Loya, Duarte, and Martin (pictured above) have completed the sports theme mural on the Recreation Building. The inmates are currently working on a mural depicting men completing different career technical assignments offered at ASP, and another mural of military seals paying tribute to the Armed Forces. All staff members including supervisors, correctional counselors and Warden Carl Wofford collaborated with the inmate artists to creating an environment conducive to learning and rehabilitation.

“The attitude of the inmates has changed since the mural project and Reentry Hub got going. It’s more like a college campus. These guys are taking advantage of what reentry has to offer.”

ASP Correctional Officer

ASP’s Mural Project has been a resounding success. Inmates on their way to chow can often be seen marveling at the level of detail on the sports mural. Inmate Pariseau, an OMCP Mentor working in the Reentry Hub Substance Abuse Treatment Program said, “I’ve never experienced anything like this mural project since coming to prison. It has changed the whole atmosphere of the yard. People are excited about rehabilitation now.” Reentry, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration at Avenal is helping make California safer.

More pictures available at rehabilitationnews.blogspot.com
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