



Washington County Jail

INMATE PROGRAMMING

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Washington County Jail Background

Inmates are from:

- Washington County, metro area residents, other states
- United States Marshal Service
- Department of Corrections
- ADP: 200, Process: 8,000 annual

Inmates may be:

- Sentenced
- Convicted
- Pre-trial
- Work Release
- Sentence To Serve
- Lease
- Men/Women/Juvenile



Jail Programs



DOC Rules 2911.3100

Inmate Activities and Programs

- Written plan constructive scheduling inmate time
- Practice of religion
- Religion services and counseling
- Library service
- Education
- Substance abuse program
- Work assignments for adults
- Recreation plan
- Social visitation
- Correspondence
- Telephone access

Programming Opportunities

❖ ***Religion (70 volunteers)***

- Bible study, fellowship, free Bibles, Korans
- Non-denominational services, Catholic mass
- Religious diets, Kosher, Ramadan
- Islamic services, church choirs, one on one counseling
- Hijabs, prayer rugs

❖ ***Recreation***

- Board games, cribbage, puzzles
- Recreation areas, fitness, tournaments
- Commissary
- Social visitation
- Yoga
- Art class

Programming Opportunities - 2

❖ *Education*

- GED and testing
- Job readiness
- Decision Points (Cog skills)
- Parenting skills
- Female professional writing program
- Library/book carts/Law Library
- Inmate tablets for education and entertainment

Programming Opportunities - 3

❖ *Personal Growth*

- Woman's healing circle, domestic violence
- Anger management
- AA, NA, gambling anonymous
- 30-day outpatient treatment
- NAMI
- Child support modification (Community Services)
- Work and job skills
- Pet therapy

Programming Opportunities - 4

❖ *Non-categorized*

- Transgender Advisory Committee
- Deaf and hard of hearing coordinator
- Work release
- Electronic home monitoring
- Re-entry Assistance Program (RAP): Three staff on the committee that meet weekly
- Inmate job fair
- Driver's license application
- Community resource guides

Children of Incarcerated Parents - Current Efforts



Children of Incarcerated Parents - 2

- ❖ Work with the University of Minnesota to modify current social visitation processes to be supportive of families with children of inmates
- ❖ Clear lobby signage
- ❖ Implement family visiting times
- ❖ Modify website:
 - Include pictures
 - Include information on how to use the lockers
 - Link to Sesame Street Little Children, Big Challenges information



LITTLE children
BIG challenges: incarceration



Children of Incarcerated Parents - 3

- ❖ Books in the lobby for children to read; Books for inmates to read to children
- ❖ Prints and posters of diverse families in the lobby and visiting areas
- ❖ Volunteers in the lobby to help visitors through the visitation process
- ❖ Resource staff and/or kiosks in the lobby (e.g. WIC, immunization clinics, food shelf)



QUESTIONS?

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