

INFORMATION SHEET

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CalTrans Parolee Work Crew Program

The Caltrans Parolee Work Crew Program is a partnership between CDCR, the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Butte County Office of Education (BCOE), San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) and the City of Oakland (GSW) to provide transitional employment through litter abatement services for Caltrans.

The BCOE and SBCCD work with Day Reporting Centers (DRC) for parolee referrals. Parolees are assessed for job readiness to legally and physically work on transitional work crews that require manual labor. Each parolee is placed on a Caltrans work crew for up to 90 working days. Eligible participants are those who have completed most of their DRC Individual Treatment Plan, in combination with attending additional classes upon returning from the work crew in the late afternoon and evening. Parolees learn about attendance and working as a team in addition to all the DRC components.

The GSW Program provides life skills education, employment preparation, transitional employment, permanent job placement and appropriate case management, and retention services. Each parolee that completes the first five (5) day portion of Life Skills Education (LSE) is placed into transitional employment on a Caltrans work crew for up to 90 working days. Parolees work 4 days per week on the work crew, and on the fifth day focus on employment and job placement services. Job referral and retention services continue for up to 12 months.

Location(s): Currently there are six (6) crew locations. The BCOE currently works with four (4) DRCs: Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, and Los Angeles. The SBCCD currently works with the San Bernardino DRC. GSW currently works one (1) crew in the city of Oakland. The transitional employment work crews are dispersed within specific regions dependent upon where the DRCs/crews are located. CDCR provides funding for the DRCs, while Caltrans provides funding for all of the transitional work crews.

Length of Program: Program length is up to one year. Upon completion of an evidence-based employment assessment, and the parolee's ability to legally and physically work on transitional job sites involving manual labor, the parolee can participate in 90 working days on a work crew.

Enrollment: Referral via a CDCR form 1502 Activity Report

Eligibility Requirements: Parolees attending a DRC, have completed a job readiness assessment, and be legally and physically able to work on transitional job sites that involve manual labor.

The GSW program staff completes an evidence-based employment assessment to determine eligibility. If a parolee is not I-9 compliant, the program will assist the parolee within the first five (5) days of LSE to obtain the required documentation. The parolee must be legally and physically able to work on transitional job sites involving manual labor. Parolees who have a history of either penal code (PC) 457.1 (arson) or PC 290 (sex offense) may be excluded on a case-by-case basis.

CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) manages adult inmate and parolee rehabilitative programs. Its top priority is to provide rehabilitative programming and life skills to offenders in an effort to reduce their likelihood of reoffending after their release from prison. DRP is comprised of the Office of Offender Services (OS), the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and the Office of Program Accountability and Support (OPAS).

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