



Rehabilitation

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Today!

July = New Fiscal Year!



It is July and that means we just finished year one of the Blueprint and thanks to many of you in various offices throughout the Department who have helped in moving CDCR's rehabilitative program expansion forward. Regardless of where you work within HQ; prison, parole, rehab programs, human resources, legal, BPH, health care, procurement, contracts, EIS or many other offices within the department, your contribution to these efforts was instrumental in the department's success. As we begin the second year of the Blueprint and the many exciting new programs planned for FY 13/14, we appreciate the partnerships we have built and the team focus within CDCR to accomplish our goals. Through these collaborative efforts, CDCR will activate new programs in the coming months such as the Reentry HUBs, cognitive behavior therapy programs, an employment program, increased academic and vocational classes, and a program where offenders can receive their California ID card upon release to help with employment and assistance. We will continue to keep you posted on the progress!

~Tanya Rothchild



Correctional Education Provides More Opportunities

The Office of Correctional Education (OCE) is continuing expansion of education programs in 2013/14.

New Career Technical Education (CTE) programs will include Roofing, Painting, Drywall, and our building trades will be adding green components. Which will include solar energy, wind energy, and geothermal to the curriculum to expand job opportunities.

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Rehabilitative Programs and Adult Institutions – Working Together to Put the “R” in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

The Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP), in collaboration with the Division of Adult Institutions, (DAI), held a Reentry Hub Conference on June 5-6, 2013, in Ontario California. As we get closer to the roll out of the Reentry Hubs, it was important to bring together the programs and institution staff at the forefront of the implementation to discuss the program's design and concept and collaborate on standardized policies and processes. Participants from the institutions included Wardens, Facility Captains over the Reentry Hub facilities, Classification and Parole Representatives, Reentry Hub Correctional Counselor IIIs, Principals, Inmate Assignment Lieutenants, and Reentry Hub Parole Services Associates. Also in attendance were various staff representing DRP and DAI from Headquarters, including acting DRP Director Tanya Rothchild and DAI Director Kathleen Dickinson. We were also very fortunate to have Martin Hoshino, Undersecretary, Operations, attend the conference and share his vision of the Department's rehabilitative efforts and his expectations of the Blueprint program expansion.

Undersecretary Hoshino spoke about the investment the Department has made in offender rehabilitation, as well as his personal commitment in this area. He reminded the participants about the great opportunity the Department was given to effect positive change in the lives of offenders and asked them to join in this effort. He also shared there is great interest from the Governor's Office and legislators on the Department's efforts to provide rehabilitative programs to reduce recidivism in California.

The Reentry Hub Conference was a remarkable opportunity for departmental Executive leaders and institution staff to share their ideas and suggestions on how to effectively implement this new and exciting program.

The conference was a tremendous success. We thank everyone who participated and appreciate the feedback provided, as it will guide the Department in determining policies and procedures to guarantee the success of the Reentry Hubs making a positive impact on the lives of offenders and their families!



Resource Development



& Outreach

The Resource Development and Outreach (RD&O) Unit, within the Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP), is a newly formed unit responsible for designing support documents and training material for effective evidence-based rehabilitative programming, and facilitating outreach and awareness of CDCR's rehabilitative programs. In recent months, the RD&O Unit has been busy working on the development and distribution of the following projects:

Click on the links to view the content, and be on the lookout for these materials at institutions statewide.

- [Reentry Hubs: An Overview video \(staff\)](#)
- [Reentry Hubs: An Overview video \(inmate\)](#)
- [COMPAS Assessment videos \(staff\)](#)
- [COMPAS Assessment videos \(inmate\)](#)
- ["What Works and What Doesn't in Reducing Recidivism" video](#)
- [The Step-Down Poster](#)
- [The Reentry Hubs Poster](#)
- [COMPAS Trifold Brochure](#)
- [Community & Reentry Programs Trifold Brochure](#)

Currently, the RD&O Unit is in the process of developing videos about community programs. These videos will provide staff and offenders with valuable information, and important news regarding the many resources and opportunities available upon their release.

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CDCR Partners with Caltrans: Oakland Parolees Clean Up!

In May 2011, CDCR, the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the city of Oakland entered into a partnership to implement the Golden State Works (GSW) Initiative. This partnership provides transitional employment to parolees within the city of Oakland through the Caltrans Litter Abatement Program. The GSW Initiative replicates key programmatic features of the Center for Employment Opportunities employment reentry model, which is an evidence-based program that has proven to reduce recidivism. The GSW program assists parolees with successful reintegration into their communities upon release from prison. This program, in part, provides employment preparation, work ethic development transitional employment with the Caltrans Litter Abatement Program, and permanent job placement.

The first work crews of the GSW Initiative hit the highways, brightening the City of Oakland in August of 2011, and in February 2013 two additional work crews were added. As of June 2013, a total of 235 parolees have participated in the program. Each crew averages eight to ten parolees who earn \$10.00 an hour and receive a daily paycheck for each day they work on a crew. The crews have been deployed 1,075 days and have removed over 45,000 bags of litter and debris.

Thus far, 59 parolees have been placed into permanent employment at 30 hours per week or more. GSW is now fully staffed and placements have been improving every quarter. In the coming year, it is anticipated that there will be a dramatic increase in the number of full-time job placements.



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