

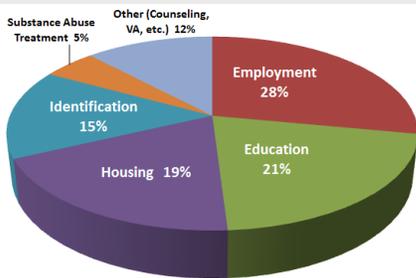


# Rehabilitation

## Breaking News Sacramento Community Based Coalition (SCBC) Annual Resource Fair Friday, September 5, 2014

The Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) and Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), Sacramento County Probation and the Sacramento Community Based Coalition (SCBC) will present parolees and probationers with the opportunity to learn about education, employment, health, housing, and treatment resources in their community. CDCR employees are welcome. **9 a.m. to 12 p.m., SCBC, 10170 Missile Way Mather, CA 95655. (916) 228-3377. Shuttle Service from Mills Station Light Rail. No one under 18 permitted to attend the Fair.**

## Initial Results: ARCAID Machines Used to Find Employment, Education, Housing Services



Parolees are actively using the [Automated Rehabilitation Catalog and Information Discovery \(ARCAID\)](#) kiosks to identify and locate a wide range of available resources. During the first few months of usage, some of the most popular searches have been for help finding parolee friendly employers, career education, housing options and places to obtain a driver license.

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Phoenix House staff congratulate SAT program graduate at CMC

## LTOPP Participants Complete SAT Program at CMC

On Wednesday, August 20, 2014, [California Men's Colony \(CMC\)](#) held a graduation ceremony for the first set of inmates to complete the Substance Abuse Treatment (SAT) program in its new [Long-Term Offender Pilot Program \(LTOPP\)](#). 48 inmates were recognized for successfully completing the five month SAT program facilitated by [Phoenix House](#).

LTOPP is a voluntary program providing evidence-based programming to inmates who are serving indeterminate sentences, with possibility of parole. Eligible inmates are placed into the appropriate program(s) addressing their criminogenic needs: substance abuse, criminal thinking, family relationships, anger management, and victim impact.

The SAT program is held five days a week in 3.25 hour sessions, using curricula from University of Cincinnati's Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse, "Seeking Safety", and others. Because so many long-term offenders have critical work (PIA positions, plant operations, clerks, and assisted care givers) positions, the LTOPP program offers rotating class schedules and dual work/program assignments. Inmates not in critical work assignments can take two courses simultaneously.

CMC's LTOPP previously held graduations for those inmates successfully completing Criminal Thinking, Family Relationships, Anger Management, and Victim Impact curricula. Participants shared their appreciation of the program's focus on unique issues faced by "life-term" inmates. LTOPP helps inmates gain greater insight into their crimes and learn to address their individual criminogenic needs.

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## CAL-ID Card Program

## Reaches Milestone:

# 3,000

The California Department of Motor Vehicles issued the 3,000th [California Identification \(CAL-ID\) card](#) to an inmate at the [Substance Abuse Treatment Facility \(SATF\)](#) in Corcoran this month. The CAL-ID Program provides a valid California identification card, issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, to eligible inmates within 120-210 days of release from prison. All eligible offenders scheduled for release from [Reentry Hub institutions](#), regardless of whether they are enrolled in a Reentry Hub program, can apply for a CAL-ID card if they meet the eligibility requirements. Issued cards are included in the inmates' exit packets.

The CAL-ID card helps inmates successfully transition back into the community. It is used to prove identity, age, and residence in a variety of situations. Some of these situations include applying for a Social Security number and card, opening a bank account, applying for Medi-Cal coverage, applying for employment, and passing through airport security checkpoints.

The DMV has been issuing CAL-ID cards in partnership with DRP's [Offender Services – In Prison Programs](#) unit since last fall. The program will soon be expanded into other adult institutions.



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[California Prisons Invest in Rehabilitation for 'Lifer' Inmates—click to watch](#)



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

## DSAG Update

The Director's Stakeholder Advisory Group advises DRP



### 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

### California Identification Card

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

### 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

### Long Term Offender Program

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

### 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

### 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)

DRP's **Director's Stakeholder Advisory Group (DSAG)** met on Thursday, August 7, 2014. This group includes representatives from legislative, judicial, law enforcement, program service providers, CDCR's **Division of Adult Institutions**, and the **Division of Adult Parole Operations**. Since its initial meeting last October, the group has offered feedback on various DRP initiatives.

The Advisory Group learned more about the State of Pennsylvania's efforts to reduce recidivism. Jack Sommers, Director, **Bureau of Community Corrections** for the **Pennsylvania Department of Corrections** shared his organization's successful use of "Performance Contracting" with community services providers. **Dr. Sheldon Zhang, Professor, California State University-San Diego**, updated the group with recent developments regarding social bond financing in the United States and England.

**In-Prison Programs** Chief (A) Kelly Medina shared

**reentry hub** and **Substance Abuse Treatment program** updates. **Office of Correctional Education Superintendent Dr. Brant Choate** shared his desire to make CDCR's education program for inmates "world-class", using as an example the current certification programs in **Career Technical Education**, which are nationally recognized. **Community and Reentry Services Chief Amber Barnett** discussed new and transitioning service programs.

DSAG's Health Committee has been instrumental in developing a coordinated effort to involve DRP's provider network in a statewide outreach to enroll parolees in Medi-Cal insurance. The Medi-Cal campaign includes a **website, posters**, and flyers to encourage 42,000 parolees to enroll for insurance coverage. Chief Barnett shared that service providers responding to date stated that 50% of clients have coverage, with approximately another 23% in the process of applying for coverage.

## CRC Education Earns 6-Year Accreditation

**Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)** Accrediting Commission for Schools recently presented the Vista Del Rio Adult School at **California Rehabilitation Center (CRC)** its Certificate of Accreditation through June 30, 2020. The WASC visitation committee commended the school during the formal review, noting its excellent education programs, positive support from the Warden and other correctional administrators, and willingness to think outside the box, as demonstrated by its Education Honor Dorms and its partnerships with local colleges.

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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 Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR):**

Certified instructors provide substance abuse treatment education in select parole offices

## New Leaders at OCE Helm



Principals Professional Development Meeting  
August 19 – 21, 2014

OCE Deputy Superintendent Shannon Swain and Superintendent Dr. Brant Choate

The **Office of Correctional Education (OCE)** has a new leadership team. Dr. Brant Choate has been appointed Superintendent of CDCR’s Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and Shannon Swain is the new OCE Deputy Superintendent.

Previously, Dr. Choate was Director of **Inmate Educational Programs at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department** and an adjunct faculty member at the **University of Phoenix**. Dr. Choate has 22 years of experience as a school administrator. He has also acted as an adjunct college professor training and supervising future teachers and school administrators. Moreover, he has conducted and published research in the areas of adult education, leadership, and correctional rehabilitation.

*Education is key to successful re-integration into society. Brant and Shannon will make an excellent addition to our team of highly skilled teachers who have proven again and again that education is vital to rehabilitation. Millicent Tidwell, Director, DRP*

In his time with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Dr. Choate helped expand educational programs from 1,500 to more than 8,000 students. He also created an inmate peer-mentoring program and computer lab with secure Internet access.

Prior to joining CDCR, Ms. Swain was a subject matter expert in correctional education for **Synergy Technology and Correctional Services**, where she trained prison wardens and executive staff of the **Chilean Ministry of Justice** as part of prison reform efforts. Previously, she held multiple positions for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Parolee Education Programs at the **Contra Costa County Office of Education**, including principal, program manager, project coordinator and teacher. Her experience also includes being assistant program manager at **Orange County Youth and Family Services**.

Ms. Swain’s interest in correctional education began as a college intern working at a halfway home for former offenders, continuing as a teacher in Contra Costa County jails and then during the development and implementation of a statewide education program serving thousands of parolees each year.

## OCE Principals Meeting Covers New Ground

OCE held its initial quarterly professional development meeting for adult institution principals and education supervisors on August 19-21 at **California Prison Industry Authority’s (CALPIA) Green Valley Training Center** in Folsom, California. A broad range of presentations stimulated much discussion:

- Round table forum on electronic **General Education Development (GED)** testing with federal and state GED officials and provider Educational Testing Services
- Panel on CALPIA collaborative efforts including General Manager Chuck Patillo, **Folsom State Prison and Folsom Women’s Facility (FWF and FSP)** Warden (A) Lydia Romero and Dr. Brant Choate
- College Vision presentation with producer **Scott Budnick**

- Workshop sharing best Key Performance Indicator practices
- Updates on the **Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS)**
- Motivational activities shared by Dr. Choate and Deputy Superintendent Shannon Swain
- Tours of Prison Industry Authority (PIA), Folsom State Prison and FWF, including a luncheon combined with FWF’s Staff Appreciation Lunch

Attendees spent additional time networking and sharing best practices in academic, **career technical** and **Voluntary Educational Programs** to help inmates successfully re-enter the community upon release.

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**DRP has initiated a number of advancements to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of rehabilitative programs:**

## E-Readers

Help offenders achieve milestone credits with increased access to college curriculum textbooks. Tablets, pre-loaded with Voluntary Education Program (VEP) textbooks, are 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

Provides Administrative Segregation Unit 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.



## REHABILITATIVE ADVANCEMENT



Rehabilitative Advancement teams, composed of multiple CDCR divisions and supplier partners, are furiously working to develop and implement several projects helping inmates access more information and achieve milestone credits.



### E-Readers Team Kicks Off Project

DRP's OCE and Office of Program Accountability and Support staff, DAI and EIS representatives met with Innertainment Delivery Systems (IDS) LLC to plan the implementation of eReaders and charging stations in adult institutions from October through June 2015. The tablets will provide access to textbooks and reference materials for inmates enrolled in college through OCE's Voluntary Education Program (VEP).



### Touch Screen Law Library Kiosk Project Initiated

Members [DRP, Enterprise Information Services (EIS) and Division of Adult Institutions (DAI)] of the Touch Screen Law Library initiative met with supplier partners Touch Legal, Inc. and LexisNexis to review the kiosk service that will be provided to Administrative Segregation Unit inmates. The kiosks contain more than 48 gigabytes of legal briefs, rulings and documents dating back to 1865. This initiative also reduces time and cost of escorting high security inmates to the prison library.

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