

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Rehabilitation Programs Division  
Department Report  
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**CHAPLAINCY**

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**MISSION**

The mission of the Chaplaincy Department of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) is to positively impact public safety and the reduction of recidivism through the rehabilitation and re-integration of adult felons into society. This is accomplished by the availability of comprehensive pastoral care, by the management of quality programming, and through the promotion of therapeutic religious community activities. It is the purpose of Chaplaincy to provide guidance and nurture to those searching for meaning in life and to those offenders who are in transition. Programs, activities and community participation are prudently managed wherein individuals have an opportunity to pursue religious beliefs, reconcile relationships and strengthen the nuclear family.

**AUTHORITY**

**Administrative Directive: AD 07.30 (rev. 6)**

Chaplaincy services shall be provided within TDCJ operated units or contracted facilities in order to serve offenders who desire to practice elements of their religion. It is the policy of TDCJ to extend to offenders of all faiths, reasonable and equitable opportunities to pursue religious beliefs and participate in religious activities and programs that do not endanger the safe, secure and orderly operation of the Agency. Participation in all religious activities and attendance at religious services of worship is strictly voluntary. No employee, contractor or volunteer shall disparage the religious beliefs of any offender or compel any offender to make a change of religious preference. Chaplaincy services shall strive to assist offenders who desire to incorporate religious beliefs and practices into a process for positive change in personal behaviors by offering meaningful, rehabilitative religious programming as an important tool for successful reintegration into society.

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>POSITIONS ALLOCATED / FILLED</b>
<b>FY 2010 - \$4,637,639</b>	<b>129/122 (7 Professional Vacancies)</b>

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Programs of the Chaplaincy Department include and are not limited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Services to Offenders/Families</li> <li>• Weekly Religious Services</li> <li>• Pastoral Care/Counseling/Small group</li> <li>• Specialized Programs</li> <li>• Mentoring</li> <li>• Family Programming</li> <li>• Rehabilitation Programming</li> <li>• Reentry Programming</li> <li>• Spiritual Growth Groups</li> <li>• Non-Religious Programming</li> <li>• Voyager Life Skills Programs</li> <li>• Religious Volunteer Programs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith Based Pre-Release Programs</li> <li>• Youthful Offender Programming</li> <li>• Visitation/Hospitality Ministry</li> <li>• Building Projects/Chapel Construction</li> <li>• Hospice Care</li> <li>• Female Task Force</li> <li>• Faith-Based Pre-Release Facility</li> <li>• Family Visitors Center &amp; Hospitality Houses</li> <li>• Ministry to death row offenders and their families</li> <li>• Ministry to the families of victims during the execution process</li> </ul> |
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## PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW

- Assist the offenders in their search for meaning in life in such a way as to encourage healthier attitudes and better decision-making.
- Provide pastoral care through worship events, instruction in spiritual matters, pastoral counseling, and a variety of therapeutic programs.
- Assess the religious needs of the offender population and develop programs appropriate to the meeting of those needs.
- Select, train, and place all unit Chaplaincy staff.
- Participate as active members of the Crisis Response Intervention Support Program.
- Develop continuum of care plans for release preparation through coordination with the TDCJ-Parole Division.
- Work directly with all other divisions of TDCJ to incorporate religious community input into every phase of offender treatment and rehabilitation.
- Coordinate and oversee religious volunteer program
  - ⇒ Recruit, train, place and manage a cross section of volunteers to support Chaplaincy programs;
  - ⇒ Process and serve as the clearing-house for religious volunteer applications.

## FAITH BASED DORMS

In addition, the Chaplaincy Department coordinates the implementation of faith based dorms. These dorms offer support and accountability, along with faith based curriculum and mentoring program. The programming is conducted by local faith based community volunteers whose activities are directed by the unit chaplain and unit administration. Faith based dorms are open to offenders of all faiths and generally include:

- life skills classes
- spiritual classes
- worship services for multiple faiths
- structured activities
- limited television
- accountability/support groups

## CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM

The following is a representative, not an exhaustive, list of special ministry events conducted by chaplaincy departments at various units of the TDCJ.

- **Baten Unit**  
Aug 12-15: Grace of God Ministry revival
- **Beto Unit**  
Aug 14: Kairos retreat
- **Briscoe Unit**  
Aug 7: Prison Fellowship seminar "Knowing God"
- **Central Unit**  
Aug 6: "The Heart of Texas" documentary  
Aug 13: "The Heart of Texas" documentary
- **Connally Unit**  
Aug 12-15: Archdiocese of San Antonio ACTS Retreat
- **Darrington Unit**  
Aug 13-14: Last Call Ministry revival  
Aug 14: Charm Ministries softball games and worship service  
Aug 19-21: Rock of Ages crusade
- **Dawson Unit**  
Aug 18: Rod Ministries volunteer banquet

**CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM** (continued):

- **Eastham Unit**

Aug 14: Kairos reunion

- **Havins Unit**

Aug 21: First Baptist Church concert and worship service

- **Hobby Unit**

Aug 7: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 14: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 21: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 28: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 26-28: Rock of Ages crusade

- **Huntsville Unit**

Aug 7: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 14: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 21: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 21: Ephesus Church concert and worship service

Aug 22: Prison Fellowship marriage seminar

Aug 28: Kairos prayer and share

- **Hutchins Unit**

Aug 18-21: Kairos weekend

- **Jester III Unit**

Aug 27-29: WorldWide Voice in the Wilderness marriage seminar

- **Kegans Unit**

Aug 6-8: Word of Faith Ministries revival

Aug 28: Prison Fellowship seminar "Heart of the Problem"

- **Kyle Unit**

Aug 3: Bridges to Life "Victim Offender Encounter"

Aug 10: Bridges to Life "Victim Offender Encounter"

Aug 17: Bridges to Life "Victim Offender Encounter"

- **Lychner Unit**

Aug 18: Prison Fellowship seminar "Knowing God"

- **Montford Unit**

Aug 14: Kairos reunion

Aug 21-22: Freedom in Jesus Ministries crusade

- **Neal Unit**

Aug 1: Johnson Chapel AME Church special worship service

Aug 7: Faith Clinic Ministry special worship service

Aug 7: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 8: First Baptist Church special worship service

Aug 14: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 15: Denise Little Ministry special worship service

Aug 21: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 21: Bible Believers Baptist Church special worship service

Aug 22: Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me Ministry special worship service

Aug 28: City Hard Core Motorcycle Ministry special worship service

Aug 28: Comanche Trail Church of Christ special worship service

- **Plane Unit**

Aug 6-7: Freedom Walk Ministry crusade

Aug 28: Peggy Seigert seminar "Anger Management"

**CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM** (continued):

- **Robertson Unit**

Aug 14: Kairos prayer and share

- **Segovia Unit**

Aug 28: Kairos reunion

- **Smith Unit**

Aug 7-8: People of Principle marriage seminar

- **Stevenson Unit**

Aug 7: Kairos reunion

- **Stiles Unit**

Aug 28: Veterans Incarcerated share group

- **Telford Unit**

Aug 9-11: Mike Barber crusade

- **Wallace Unit**

Aug 5-8: Kairos weekend

Aug 14: Kairos follow-up

Aug 22: Unchained Life Ministry special worship service

- **Ware Unit**

Aug 13-15: Reconcilers Motorcycle Ministry crusade

- **Woodman Unit**

Aug 13-14: Set Them Free Ministries workshop “Untying the Lies that Bind”

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- A Chaplaincy staff member attended the Restorative Justice Ministry Network conference in San Antonio, Texas. The Chaplaincy Department continues to partner with RJMN to inform and encourage new and/or potential volunteers to minister in prison.
- During August, Chaplaincy staff members attended the Hightower and Huntsville Unit volunteer appreciation banquets.

**GOVERNMENTAL LIAISON FOR FAITH AND COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS**

- Number of contacts with faith and Community Based Organizations  
314
- Number of meetings attended related to faith and community based organizations  
79

**ISSUES**

- There is on-going communication with Chaplains and volunteer groups on the operation of faith-based dorms at the following units:

Allred	Jester III
Beto	Kegans
Bradshaw	Lindsey
Bridgeport	Lockhart
Connally	Mineral Wells
Darrington	Murray
Dawson	Ney
Eastham	Plane
Estes	Polunsky
Ferguson	Terrell
Goree	Torres
Hobby	Travis
Hutchins	Wynne

**CURRENT ACTION PLANS**

**Current Action Plans:** None

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

The Chaplaincy Department of the Rehabilitation and Reentry Programs Division is committed to promoting an atmosphere, which allows those desiring spiritual wholeness, the necessary conditions for experiencing such. Emphasis is placed on the promotion and encouragement of family ties as well as other positive relationships, which will assist in the reintegration of offenders into society. Through the provision of religious services, one-on-one ministry, counseling and encouragement, offenders are given the capability of coping with the pressures, pain and consequently the reality of daily living. Chaplaincy, at the unit level, is dependent upon offender population and is staffed accordingly. Accommodations for unit Chaplaincy needs are based on such factors as population size and faith orientation. Unit programming is dependent on space and time allotment.

**CIRC – No Update for August 2010**

Work Measures

Monthly Report for August 2010	Monthly Totals	Year to Date
<b>Work Measures</b>		
Volunteer Chaplain Visits	2,044	24,598
Hrs. Worked by Volunteer Chaplains	8,509	108,114
<b>Life Changes Academy Track I - Speciality Programs</b>		
<b>Svori</b>		
Volunteer Visits	146	1,196
Volunteer Hours	284	2,534
Offenders attending	8,914	73,156
<b>InnerChange</b>		
Volunteer Visits	2,124	32,152
Volunteer Hours	3,768	58,828
Offenders attending	37,288	573,360
<b>Grad</b>		
Volunteer Visits	28	319
Volunteer Hours	28	335
Offenders attending	0	72
<b>YOP</b>		
Volunteer Visits	66	597
Volunteer Hours	249	7,826
Offenders attending	1,908	3,564
<b>Operation Rebound</b>		
Volunteer Visits	50	482
Volunteer Hours	215	2,088
Offenders attending	1,622	12,390
<b>Faith Based Dorms</b>		
Volunteer Visits	942	9,573
Volunteer Hours	4,510	63,308
Offenders attending	50,062	633,175
<b>Life Changes Academy Track II - Mentor</b>		
Mentor visits	1,163	10,361
Offenders visited	18,441	228,672
<b>Life Changes Academy Track III - Family Programs</b>		
<b>Family Events</b>		
- events conducted	17	169
- volunteers attending	12	272
- volunteer hours	668	6,749
- family members attending	440	12,706
<b>Marriage Programs</b>		
- events held	23	340
- volunteers attending	88	856
- volunteer hours	665	4,657
- offenders attending	1,374	9,024
- spouses attending	0	2,604
<b>Parenting Programs</b>		
- events held	30	487
- volunteers attending	50	1,225
- offenders attending	1,094	30,598
- family members attending	0	852
<b>Other Family Programs</b>		
- programs held	29	527

- volunteers attending	24	472
- offenders attending	40	5,200
- family members attending	938	14,574
<b>Visiting Room/Hospitality ministry</b>		
- volunteers attending	132	1,643
- volunteer hours	502	6,018
<b>Life Changes Academy Track IV - Rehabilitation Programs</b>		
<b>Life Skills</b>		
- classes held	819	10,544
- Volunteers attending	1,547	15,863
- Volunteer hours	3,890	42,960
- Offenders attending	31,691	360,537
<b>Support Groups</b>		
- classes held	296	3,778
- Volunteers attending	376	4,970
- Volunteer hours	903	11,365
- Offenders attending	13,728	151,397
<b>Education Programs</b>		
- classes held	248	2,527
- Volunteers attending	376	4,170
- Volunteer hours	1,209	21,697
- Offenders attending	14,580	186,645
<b>Life Changes Academy Track V - Reentry Programs</b>		
- classes held	351	4,548
- Volunteers attending	501	8,237
- Volunteer hours	1,162	19,911
- Offenders attending	25,527	334,253
<b>Life Changes Academy Track VI - Spiritual Growth Programs</b>		
<b>Primary Worship Services</b>		
- services held	2,576	28,842
- volunteers attending	5,595	61,307
- offenders attending	471,919	4,674,270
<b>Additional Services</b>		
- services held	2,568	13,659
- volunteers attending	1,438	13,295
- offenders attending	103,453	882,136
<b>Spiritual Classes</b>		
- Classes held	2,646	31,396
- volunteers attending	7,973	102,793
- offenders attending	383,859	5,355,870
<b>Crusades</b>		
- Crusades held	29	893
- volunteers attending	106	2,156
- offenders attending	13,830	340,813
<b>Other Classes</b>		
- Classes held	454	3,775
- volunteers attending	2,071	26,174
- offenders attending	85,821	1,118,635
<b>Life Changes Academy Track VII - Non-Spiritual Programs</b>		
Classes meeting	126	1,345
Volunteers attending	1,224	11,682
offenders attending	33,307	401,565



**Staff Chaplain's Work Measures  
Monthly Report for August 2010**

<b>Staff Chaplains</b>	<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
UCC sessions participated in	106	1311
Classes/Study groups led	710	6793
Offenders attending	17982	195842
Worship Services led	625	7406
Offenders attending	63971	581637
Primary Mulsim Svcs Conducted on Unit	671	5462
Offenders attending	12870	107076
Add't Muslim Svcs/Class Conducted on Unit	2440	79347
Offenders attending	75480	205594
Total Programs supervised	7340	60828
Ministerial Visits Facilitated	456	2677
I-60's Answered	36725	346747
Counseling groups led	152	2362
Counseling interviews (15 min. or longer)	3979	38430
Offender contacts (less than 15 min.)	39381	366877
Offender family emergency messages delivered	1563	14593
Offender phone calls supervised	1735	15815
Phone calls made on behalf of offenders	1148	13621
Offender family phone calls received	2341	23053
Offender family letters written	169	1173
Offender family letters received	30	802
Offender deaths worked	44	562
Approved volunteers supervised	10388	106802
Training hrs. conducted	184	5385
Hrs. TDCJ training received	193	4012
Hrs. Denom training received	131	1907
Hrs. of Continuing Education	131	1748
Hrs. of Staff Ministry performed	939	8837
USSO/Post Trauma Team hrs.	23	404
Safe Prison Program hrs.	40	549
Hrs. of Community Service	307	3951
Speaking engagements	120	1233