

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

**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.

**ANNUAL BUDGET**

**POSITIONS ALLOCATED / FILLED**

**FY 2011 - \$4,764,455**

**130/124 (6 Professional Vacancies)**

**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> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Volunteer Programs</li> <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> </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.

- **Bartlett Unit**

Aug 19: Myron Hickey Ministry special worship service

- **Beto Unit**

Aug 13: Kairos retreat

Aug 27: Spanish Connection special worship service

- **Boyd Unit**

Aug 13: Kairos reunion

Aug 20: Achor Ministries marriage seminar

- **Briscoe Unit**

Aug 6: Prison Fellowship seminar "Surviving and Thriving"

- **Daniel Unit**

Aug 13: People of Principle marriage seminar

Aug 16: Aleph Institute rabbinical students special visitation of Jewish offenders

- **Eastham Unit**

Aug 13: Kairos reunion

- **Ft. Stockton Unit**

Aug 19-21: People of Principle marriage seminar

- **Hilltop Unit**

Aug 20: Diocese of Austin Catholic retreat

Aug 26-28: Tammy Schaefer Ministries crusade

## **CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM (Continued)**

- **Huntsville Unit**

Aug 6: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 13: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 14: Roger Reno Ministries concert and worship

Aug 20: Kairos prayer and share

Aug 20: Ephesus Church concert and worship

Aug 27: Kairos reunion

Aug 28: Joy Ministry special worship service

- **Hutchins Unit**

Aug 18-21: Kairos reunion

- **Johnston Unit**

Aug 15-17: Worldwide Voice in the Wilderness marriage seminar

- **Kyle Unit**

Aug 2: Bridges to Life Victim/Offender Encounter

Aug 9: Bridges to Life Victim/Offender Encounter

Aug 16: Bridges to Life Victim/Offender Encounter

- **Lockhart Unit**

Aug 4: Kairos retreat

Aug 28: Bridges to Life orientation

- **Montford Unit**

Aug 21-22: Freedom In Jesus Ministry crusade

- **Plane Unit**

Aug 19-20: Prisoner's Bible Institute Ministry crusade

Aug 27: Prison Fellowship "Heart of the Problem" seminar

- **Polunsky Unit**

Aug 5-7: Dallas Millwood Church revival

Aug 27-28: C. F. Hazelwood and The One Percenters revival

- **Rudd Unit**

Aug 13-14: Freedom in Jesus Ministry crusade

Aug 20: Kairos retreat

- **Sayle Unit**

Aug 20-21: Freedom In Jesus Ministry revival

Aug 27-28: Unchained Life Ministry revival

- **Scott Unit**

Aug 5-6: Brotherhood of St. Andrews retreat

- **Segovia Unit**

Aug 27: Kairos reunion

- **Smith Unit**

Aug 6-7: People of Principle marriage seminar

- **Stevenson Unit**

Aug 6: Kairos reunion

- **Terrell Unit**

Aug 13: People of Principle marriage seminar

Aug 19: People of Principle marriage seminar

- **Woodman Unit**

Aug 19-20: Set Them Free Ministries seminar "Untying the Lies That Bind"

- **Wallace Unit**

Aug 4-7: Kairos weekend

Aug 13: Kairos follow-up

**CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM (Continued)**

Aug 21:Unchained Life Ministry revival

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- No activity to report for August 2011

### GOVERNMENTAL LIAISON FOR FAITH AND COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS

- Number of contacts with faith and community based organizations  
526
- Number of meetings attended related to faith and community based organizations  
51

### 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	Montford
Dawson	Murray
Dominguez	Ney
Eastham	Plane
Estes	Polunsky
Ferguson	Terrell
Goree	Torres and Torres TM
Hightower	Travis
Hobby	Vance
Hutchins	Willacy
	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.

**No CIRC Update for August 2011**

<b>Work Measures</b>		
<b>Monthly Report for August 2011</b>	<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Volunteer Chaplain Visits	3,403	33,128
Hrs. Worked by Volunteer Chaplains	14,293	139,350
<b>Life Changes Academy Track I - Specialty Programs</b>		
<b>Svori</b>		
Volunteer Visits	0	567
Volunteer Hours	0	1,463
Offenders attending	0	31,114
<b>InnerChange</b>		
Volunteer Visits	2,095	33,492
Volunteer Hours	4,995	72,686
Offenders attending	38,673	666,835
<b>Grad</b>		
Volunteer Visits	0	149
Volunteer Hours	0	164
Offenders attending	0	206
<b>YOP</b>		
Volunteer Visits	60	1,206
Volunteer Hours	218	13,308
Offenders attending	1,155	48,226
<b>Operation Rebound</b>		
Volunteer Visits	72	666
Volunteer Hours	253	2,493
Offenders attending	1,905	17,854
<b>Faith Based Dorms</b>		
Volunteer Visits	2,008	18,288
Volunteer Hours	7,576	102,596
Offenders attending	71,301	848,268
<b>Life Changes Academy Track II - Mentor</b>		
Mentor visits	1,260	14,981
Offenders visited	34,592	270,591
<b>Life Changes Academy Track III - Family Programs</b>		
<b>Family Events</b>		
- events conducted	23	230
- volunteers attending	26	358
- volunteer hours	967	17,182
- family members attending	804	13,718
<b>Marriage Programs</b>		
- events held	22	250
- volunteers attending	66	654
- volunteer hours	390	3,675
- offenders attending	675	9,348
- spouses attending	0	8,088
<b>Parenting Programs</b>		
- events held	25	338
- volunteers attending	138	1,872
- offenders attending	3,342	47,685
- family members attending	0	5,040
<b>Other Family Programs</b>		
- programs held	51	509
- volunteers attending	30	541

	Monthly Totals	Year to Date
- offenders attending	294	8,927
- family members attending	0	8,352
<b>Visiting Room/Hospitality ministry</b>		
- volunteers attending	164	2,337
- volunteer hours	600	8,915
<b>Life Changes Academy Track IV - Rehabilitation Programs</b>		
<b>Life Skills</b>		
- classes held	899	10,902
- Volunteers attending	1,967	20,662
- Volunteer hours	6,015	58,932
- Offenders attending	43,951	486,116
<b>Support Groups</b>		
- classes held	485	4,594
- Volunteers attending	866	8,173
- Volunteer hours	2,014	19,790
- Offenders attending	30,437	292,074
<b>Education Programs</b>		
- classes held	272	2,298
- Volunteers attending	813	7,238
- Volunteer hours	2,766	23,090
- Offenders attending	44,637	309,041
<b>Life Changes Academy Track V - Reentry Programs</b>		
- classes held	359	3,795
- Volunteers attending	708	8,053
- Volunteer hours	1,730	44,903
- Offenders attending	32,628	316,277
<b>Life Changes Academy Track VI - Spiritual Growth Programs</b>		
<b>Primary Worship Services</b>		
- services held	2,367	26,282
- volunteers attending	7,479	88,203
- offenders attending	607,124	6,966,884
<b>Additional Services</b>		
- services held	2,358	11,071
- volunteers attending	1,893	19,991
- offenders attending	121,568	1,390,022
<b>Spiritual Classes</b>		
- Classes held	3,596	29,274
- volunteers attending	13,161	148,314
- offenders attending	624,929	7,432,315
<b>Crusades</b>		
- Crusades held	149	613
- volunteers attending	262	3,876
- offenders attending	85,429	709,728
<b>Other Classes</b>		
- Classes held	459	3,689
- volunteers attending	4,073	40,229
- offenders attending	165,314	2,144,754
<b>Life Changes Academy Track VII - Non-Spiritual Programs</b>		
Classes meeting	146	1,606
Volunteers attending	1,689	18,096
offenders attending	55,454	585,055

Staff Chaplain's Work Measures  
Monthly Report for August 2011

Staff Chaplains	Monthly Totals	Year to Date
UCC sessions participated in	120	1296
Classes/Study groups led	826	8455
Offenders attending	21960	236006
Worship Services led	624	8726
Offenders attending	84328	758752
Primary Muslim Services Conducted on Unit	791	6435
Offenders attending	17735	135231
Additional Muslim Svcs/Class Conducted on Unit	3399	10285
Offenders attending	65801	192135
Total Programs supervised	8440	73594
Ministerial Visits Facilitated	254	5225
I-60's Answered	37546	380522
Counseling groups led	263	3065
Counseling interviews (15 min. or longer)	4567	47308
Offender contacts (less than 15 min.)	33262	446463
Offender family emergency messages delivered	1619	17191
Offender phone calls supervised	1720	19884
Phone calls made on behalf of offenders	1275	14163
Offender family phone calls received	2644	38810
Offender family letters written	112	1159
Offender family letters received	43	790
Offender deaths worked	41	445
Approved volunteers supervised	12962	138484
Training hours. conducted	181	2743
Hours. TDCJ training received	380	6043
Hours. Denominational training received	142	2666
Hours. of Continuing Education	208	2331
Hours. of Staff Ministry performed	1028	13488
USSO/Post Trauma Team hours	42	384
Safe Prison Program hours.	113	713
Hours of Community Service	304	4135
Speaking engagements	124	1393