

**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.

ANNUAL BUDGET

FY 2012 - \$5,055,776

POSITIONS ALLOCATED / FILLED

130/125 (5 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"> • Provision of Services to Offenders/Families • Weekly Religious Services • Pastoral Care/Counseling/Small group • Specialized Programs • Mentoring • Family Programming • Rehabilitation Programming • Reentry Programming • Spiritual Growth Groups • Non-Religious Programming • Voyager Life Skills Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Volunteer Programs • Faith Based Pre-Release Programs • Youthful Offender Programming • Visitation/Hospitality Ministry • Building Projects/Chapel Construction • Hospice Care • Female Task Force • Faith-Based Pre-Release Facility • Family Visitors Center & Hospitality Houses • Ministry to death row offenders and their families |
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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**

Aug 17: Special Service- Unchained Ministry of Chico, TX

- **Beto**

Aug 11: Kairos Retreat

Aug 25: Annual Family Retreat- Spanish Worship Volunteers of Houston, TX

- **Boyd**

Aug 11: Kairos Reunion

Aug 25: Marriage Seminar- Achor Prison Ministries

- **Briscoe**

Aug 25: Seminar- Prison Fellowship of San Antonio, TX

- **Clemens**

Aug 23-25: Pro-Claim Ministries Crusade

- **Cotulla**

Aug 23-25: Seminar- Arm Prison Outreach

- **Darrington**

Aug 2: Book Fair, Part 2

Aug 3-5: Kairos Retreat

Aug 4: Going for the Gold Seminar- Prison Fellowship

Aug 4: Family Day- Chaplain Knapp

Aug 10: Drama Team Play- Chaplain Knapp

Aug 11: H.I.R.E. Seminar- Prison Fellowship

Aug 13-16: Peer Education

CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM (Continued)

Aug 18: C.H.A.R.M. Softball Game

Aug 24: Crusade- Prison Bible Institute

Aug 27: Convocation- Southwest Bible College

- **Eastham**

Aug 11: Kairos Reunion

- **Halbert**

Aug 25: H.I.R.E. Seminar- Prison Fellowship Ministry of Brady TX

- **Hamilton**

Aug 11: Seminar- Prison Fellowship

- **Havins**

Aug 18: Bible Distribution- Gideons International of Brownwood, TX

- **Huntsville**

Aug 4: Concert- Sand Hill Boys of Mount Enterprise, TX

Aug 18: Praise and Worship- Ephesus Baptist Church of Jewitt, TX

- **Jordan**

Aug 1-15: Angel Tree- Prison Fellowship

Aug 12: Offender Interviews- Kairos

- **Kyle**

Aug 10-11: In Prison Seminar- Prison Fellowship

Aug 24-25: Marriage Seminar- Called to Serve Prison Ministries

- **Luther**

Aug 25: Kairos Grouping

- **Montford**

Aug 18-19: Watermelon Crusade- Freedom in Jesus Ministries of Lubbock, TX

- **Mountain View**

Aug 18: Catholic Retreat- Austin Catholic Diocese

- **Neal**

Aug 4: Special Worship Service- Faith Clinic Prison Ministry of Amarillo, TX

Aug 11: Kairos Prayer and Share

Aug 12: Special Worship Service- First Baptist Church of Friona, TX

Aug 18: Kairos Reunion

Aug 18: Special Worship Service- Bible Believers Baptist of Amarillo, TX

Aug 19: Special Worship Service- Denise Little Ministry of Sherman, TX

Aug 25: Special Worship Service- City Hardcore Motorcycle Ministry of Amarillo, TX

- **Plane State Jail**

Aug 3: Heart of Texas Movie- Grove Norwood

Aug 4: Heart of Forgiveness Seminar- Grove Norwood

Aug 17-18- Covenant with Christ- Christine Shippey

Aug 25: Heart of Anger Seminar- Prison Fellowship

- **Robertson**

Aug 11: Kairos Community

- **Sayle**

Aug 25-26: Praise and Worship Revival- U-Turn World Ministries of Fort Worth, TX

- **Scott**

Aug 10-11: Annual Retreat- Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Freeport, TX

- **Segovia**

Aug 25: Kairos Reunion

- **Stevenson**

Aug 4: Kairos Reunion

CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM (Continued)

- **Tulia**

Aug 11-12: Revival- Outer Camp Ministries of Amarillo, TX

- **Vance**

Aug 1-31: Special Worship Service each night- Various Local Church Groups

- **Wallace**

Aug 2-5: Kairos

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- During this period, Chaplaincy Department staff attended the Jester III Unit Faith Based Dorm Graduation in Richmond, Texas.
- Chaplaincy Department staff conducted Chaplaincy Training for Region I and III Chaplains.

GOVERNMENTAL LIAISON FOR FAITH AND COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS

- Number of contacts with faith and community based organizations
711
- Number of meetings attended related to faith and community based organizations
50

UNITS WITH FAITH-BASED DORMS

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

Allred	Fort Stockton	Montford
Beto	Garza East	Mountain View
Boyd	Gist State Jail	Murray
Bradshaw	Goodman	Ney State Jail
Bridgeport Facility	Goree	Pack
Briscoe	Hightower	Plane State Jail
Clemens	Hobby	Polunsky
Cole	Hughes	Powledge
Coffield	Hutchins	Ramsey
Connally	Jester III	Sanchez State Jail
Cotulla	Keagans	Segovia
Crain	Lewis	Stevenson
Darrington	Lindsey State Jail	Stiles
Dawson State Jail	Lockhart	Stringfellow
Dominguez	Lopez State Jail	Terrell
Duncan	Luther	Torres
Eastham	Lychner State Jail	Torres TMD
Ellis	Lynaugh	Travis County State Jail
Estelle	Marlin	Vance
Estes	McConnell	Willacy County State Jail
Ferguson	Mineral Wells	Woodman
Formby	Mineral Wells	Wynne Unit

CURRENT ACTION PLANS

Current Action Plans: None

ISSUES

The year to date totals for volunteer hours, training hours conducted, hours of TDCJ training received, hours of denomination training received, hours of staff ministry performed, and hours of community service may be off by 1 or 2 each month due to rounding of hours. Currently, Marvin Dunbar and Bill Pierce are working with I.T. to reform the reporting process.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The Chaplaincy Department of the Rehabilitation 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 Update for August 2012

Bradshaw / Henderson

The donor group is doing presentations to raise money. Blueprints of the Plane State Jail Chapel were provided by TDCJ Facilities Department to the builder to assist the builder in giving an estimate of the project.

Darrington / Brazoria

Completed.

Eastham / Lovelady

The project is in construction phase. The floor is being completed; the chaplain's office is being set up with phone and computer access.

Jordan / Pampa

Completed.

Lychner / Humble

The donor group is still in the process of raising funds.

Rudd / Brownfield

No Update

San Saba / San Saba

No Update

Torres / Hondo

Plans approved and the donor group is still in the process of raising funds.

Monthly Report for August 2012		
	Monthly Totals	Year to Date
Work Measures		
Volunteer Chaplain Visits	1,002	31,387
Hrs. Worked by Volunteer Chaplains	4,416	126,192
Life Changes Academy Track I - Specialty Programs		
SVORI		
Volunteer Visits	3	8
Volunteer Hours	3	15
Offenders attending	120	278
InnerChange		
Volunteer Visits	520	21,412
Volunteer Hours	1,207	47,700
Offenders attending	11,492	540,760
GRAD		
Volunteer Visits	3	28
Volunteer Hours	3	25
Offenders attending	0	156
YOP		
Volunteer Visits	2	809
Volunteer Hours	8	10,698
Offenders attending	2	24,678
Operation Rebound		
Volunteer Visits	50	763
Volunteer Hours	204	2,697
Offenders attending	1,810	19,921
Faith Based Dorms		
Volunteer Visits	902	21,285
Volunteer Hours	4,008	108,959
Offenders attending	34,186	977,638
Life Changes Academy Track II - Mentor		
Mentor visits	250	9,534
Offenders visited	3,808	191,070
Life Changes Academy Track III - Family Programs		
Family Events		
- events conducted	16	275
- volunteers attending	5	231
- volunteer hours	163	6,032
- family members attending	0	4,764
Marriage Programs		
- events held	22	306
- volunteers attending	69	491
- volunteer hours	465	1,643
- offenders attending	1,274	10,462
- spouses attending	0	132
Parenting Programs		
- events held	25	457
- volunteers attending	31	1,695
- offenders attending	864	43,075
- family members attending	0	0
Other Family Programs		
- programs held	77	679
- volunteers attending	14	602

	Monthly Totals	Year to Date
- offenders attending	100	5,909
- family members attending	0	4,191
Visiting Room/Hospitality ministry		
- volunteers attending	21	1,706
- volunteer hours	43	6,257
Life Changes Academy Track IV - Rehabilitation Programs		
Life Skills		
- classes held	882	9,492
- Volunteers attending	657	17,986
- Volunteer hours	2,138	56,372
- Offenders attending	19,874	572,048
Support Groups		
- classes held	570	4,775
- Volunteers attending	217	6,553
- Volunteer hours	495	14,226
- Offenders attending	9,115	245,561
Education Programs		
- classes held	266	2,646
- Volunteers attending	178	5,844
- Volunteer hours	621	20,156
- Offenders attending	1,073	353,265
Life Changes Academy Track V - Reentry Programs		
- classes held	350	3,534
- Volunteers attending	205	8,509
- Volunteer hours	490	20,498
- Offenders attending	9,064	396,441
Life Changes Academy Track VI - Spiritual Growth Prog		
Primary Worship Services		
- services held	2,680	26,146
- volunteers attending	2,833	80,698
- offenders attending	202,889	6,588,215
Additional Services		
- services held	1,852	11,012
- volunteers attending	663	17,832
- offenders attending	45,464	1,198,831
Spiritual Classes		
- Classes held	3,142	29,993
- volunteers attending	4,305	137,198
- offenders attending	191,362	7,127,315
Crusades		
- Crusades held	90	1,220
- volunteers attending	115	4,819
- offenders attending	32,214	723,087
Other Classes		
- Classes held	764	4,895
- volunteers attending	1,112	35,310
- offenders attending	36,370	1,867,988
Life Changes Academy Track VII - Non-Spiritual Prog		
Classes meeting	242	2,237
Volunteers attending	473	14,225
offenders attending	13,821	417,280

Staff Chaplains		
UCC sessions participated in	100	1286
Classes/Study groups led	735	9227
Offenders attending	20106	310314
Worship Services led	828	22440
Offenders attending	83572	984492
Primary Muslim Svcs Conducted on Unit	648	11220
Offenders attending	16885	150818
Add'l't Muslim Svcs/Class Conducted on Unit	1860	10819
Offenders attending	39142	185355
Total Programs supervised	7442	80283
Ministerial Visits Facilitated	335	12835
I-60's Answered	36901	470337
Counseling groups led	175	5114
Counseling interviews (15 min. or longer)	3680	47136
Offender contacts (less than 15 min.)	28417	449294
Offender family emergency messages delivered	1542	19602
Offender phone calls supervised	1645	19731
Phone calls made on behalf of offenders	1243	14412
Offender family phone calls received	2438	109528
Offender family letters written	75	1139
Offender family letters received	46	1241
Offender deaths worked	170	1761
Approved volunteers supervised	12211	143936
Training hrs. conducted	235	3706
Hrs. TDCJ training received	1497	7396
Hrs. Denom training received	220	2981
Hrs. of Continuing Education	220	2245
Hrs. of Staff Ministry performed	821	13163
USSO/Post Trauma Team hrs.	24	370
Safe Prison Program hrs.	56	785
Hrs. of Community Service	330	3959
Speaking engagements	131	1490