

**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

POSITIONS ALLOCATED / FILLED

FY 2010 - \$4,637,639

129/122 (7 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 • Religious Volunteer Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Ministry to the families of victims during the execution process |
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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:

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| 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 |
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| Work Measures | | |
| Volunteer Chaplain Visits | 2,044 | 24,598 |
| Hrs. Worked by Volunteer Chaplains | 8,509 | 108,114 |
| Life Changes Academy Track I - Speciality Programs | | |
| Svori | | |
| Volunteer Visits | 146 | 1,196 |
| Volunteer Hours | 284 | 2,534 |
| Offenders attending | 8,914 | 73,156 |
| InnerChange | | |
| Volunteer Visits | 2,124 | 32,152 |
| Volunteer Hours | 3,768 | 58,828 |
| Offenders attending | 37,288 | 573,360 |
| Grad | | |
| Volunteer Visits | 28 | 319 |
| Volunteer Hours | 28 | 335 |
| Offenders attending | 0 | 72 |
| YOP | | |
| Volunteer Visits | 66 | 597 |
| Volunteer Hours | 249 | 7,826 |
| Offenders attending | 1,908 | 3,564 |
| Operation Rebound | | |
| Volunteer Visits | 50 | 482 |
| Volunteer Hours | 215 | 2,088 |
| Offenders attending | 1,622 | 12,390 |
| Faith Based Dorms | | |
| Volunteer Visits | 942 | 9,573 |
| Volunteer Hours | 4,510 | 63,308 |
| Offenders attending | 50,062 | 633,175 |
| Life Changes Academy Track II - Mentor | | |
| Mentor visits | 1,163 | 10,361 |
| Offenders visited | 18,441 | 228,672 |
| Life Changes Academy Track III - Family Programs | | |
| Family Events | | |
| - events conducted | 17 | 169 |
| - volunteers attending | 12 | 272 |
| - volunteer hours | 668 | 6,749 |
| - family members attending | 440 | 12,706 |
| Marriage Programs | | |
| - events held | 23 | 340 |
| - volunteers attending | 88 | 856 |
| - volunteer hours | 665 | 4,657 |
| - offenders attending | 1,374 | 9,024 |
| - spouses attending | 0 | 2,604 |
| Parenting Programs | | |
| - events held | 30 | 487 |
| - volunteers attending | 50 | 1,225 |
| - offenders attending | 1,094 | 30,598 |
| - family members attending | 0 | 852 |
| Other Family Programs | | |
| - programs held | 29 | 527 |
| - volunteers attending | 24 | 472 |

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

| Staff Chaplains | Monthly Totals | Year to Date |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 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 |