

Connecticut Department of Correction
OFFENDER PROGRAMS & VICTIM SERVICES UNIT
Alphabetic Listing of Programs for BERGIN CI, All Auspices, All Types

211 Info Line

Description:

This is an information line to help callers find information, discover options, and provide assistance with such issues as food, housing, clothing, transportation, substance abuse, domestic violence, childcare or nearly every other need they may have. The 211 database is provided on the department's e-mail system. In addition, 211 CD ROMs were provided to staff who do not have e-mail and who work with offenders who are close to discharge.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff

Types:

Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Addiction Services Tier 1 Brief Substance Abuse Education Program

Description:

To meet the treatment needs of offenders re-entering the community from a pre-sentence or direct admission facility Addiction Services Units offer a Tier I Reentry Program. Using the evidenced based -Beat the Streets- curriculum this program component focuses on relapse and re-integration.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, WALKER BUILDING, YORK CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Charlene Perkins Center - Facility Staff

Types:

Addiction, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Addiction Services Tier 2 Intensive Outpatient Program

Description:

The Tier 2 Program is an intensive outpatient Addiction Services program with 30 curriculum sessions for 10 weeks. Group components are held three times weekly and incorporate weekly fellowship meetings to lay the foundation of basic substance abuse information, promote personal identification with recovery, and motivate further treatment involvement.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, MANSON YI, WALKER BUILDING

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

Addiction Services Tier 3 - Recovery Unit

Description:

The Recovery Unit is a residential substance abuse treatment program designed to provide a continuum of care and maintenance of a recovery identity, which fosters independence, personal responsibility, and application of relapse prevention skills. Inmates will be encouraged to develop personal responsibility and self-discipline by participating in institutional work or school assignments as well as taking lead roles in recovery activities. This program is available for appropriate inmates following completion of Presat and/or DUI, Tier 2,3, and 4.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Description:

ABE is the primary program of instruction designed to provide training in academic skills in the areas of reading, mathematics, language arts, general science and social studies. The program is directed toward increasing academic proficiency.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

Anger Management

Description:

This program is designed to help offenders better manage their anger. Topics in this program include but are not limited to how to redirect anger to a less aggressive and more controlled response, cognitive skill building, and relaxation techniques.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, MANSON YI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Anger Management, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Beyond Fear

Description:

This is an AIDS education program utilizing a curriculum, printed materials, and an educational video developed by the Department of Public Health. The program is delivered by a contracted outside agency, and funded through the Department of Public Health.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Charlene Perkins Center - Facility Staff, Contracted Program, Health Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Health Education, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:2

Beyond Fear- Spanish

Description:

This is an AIDS education program utilizing a curriculum, printed materials, and an educational video developed by the Department of Public Health. The program is delivered by a contracted outside agency, and funded through the Department of Public Health.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, MACDOUGALL CI

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:2

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Bridging the Gap

Description:

Alcoholics Anonymous is one of the most important self-help resources for alcoholic men and women. A very important first step for inmates being released into the community is attending the first meeting as soon as possible following release. Addiction Services staff in the institution utilize a toll-free telephone number to get information about the nearest AA meeting location, along with the name of a contact person. An AA member then will contact the inmate upon release and even provide transportation to a meeting.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, ENFIELD CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Business Education

Description:

This program prepares students for entry-level employment requiring basic business skills.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CYBULSKI CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Career Technical Education, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Catholic - Alpha Program

Description:

The Alpha Program is a course in basic Christianity based upon Biblical principles utilizing videos and workbooks in a group setting. This program meets weekly and is conducted by both volunteers and staff.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, MANSON YI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Catholic Bible Study

Description:

An academic study of the books of the bible or biblical topics and themes. This program seeks to foster understanding of scripture and help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on biblical principles.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, NEW HAVEN CC, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

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Catholic Faith Sharing

Description:

A sharing of bible readings following the Catholic seasonal calendar. Thoughts generated by the readings are discussed as they apply to daily life helping the inmate to change attitude, values and behavior.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, WALKER BUILDING

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Catholic Meditation

Description:

This is the instruction and practice in the various methods of deep prayer from the ancient, catholic wisdom traditions. The goal of this is spiritual growth and therapeutic response insofar as anxiety disorders respond well to meditation/relaxation techniques.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, MACDOUGALL CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

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Catholic Retreats

Description:

Retreats: (e.g. Kairos, Emmaus, Life in the Spirit). Withdrawal from daily activities for a period of time for a program devoted to prayer, meditation, self-examination and decision making for one's spiritual life. It is hoped that this larger time-block will assist inmates in confronting issues that are not readily accessed in shorter time periods.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CORRIGAN CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, RADGOWSKI CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Catholic Worship Service

Description:

The weekly Catholic service is the Mass (or a communion service when Mass cannot be held due to the unavailability of a priest). Fulfills constitutional right to worship.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Program Status:

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Christian Musical Program - (Protestant or Catholic)

Description:

Volunteers offer religious music and Christian testimony to encourage and uplift inmates in their spiritual journey.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

College Credit Programs

Description:

College Credit opportunities are available through correspondence courses, independent study, credit by exam (CLEP and DSST), and in some cases, college classes are offered by local community colleges.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education, Career Technical Education

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Community Outreach Program

Description:

This program provides assistance with Public Service projects for the state, local governments and non-profit organizations. Projects include general cleaning, painting, stripping and waxing floors, office work and outside grounds work.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff

Types:

Community Service, Community Work Group, Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

Community Services Detail

Description:

The Community Services Detail provides inmate labor to various state and local non-profit organizations. Examples of work performed are basic carpentry, painting, refinishing floors, grounds landscaping and maintenance. A cornerstone of the restorative justice concept, the community services detail provides enormous benefit to the community and to the inmate participants.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, ROBINSON CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff

Types:

Community Service, Community Work Group, Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

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CONNTAC-EOC (CT Talent Assistance Cooperative-Education Opportunity Center)

Description:

Representatives from CONNTAC-EOC are provided with names of students to meet with while the student is still incarcerated. The representatives assist students with their post-secondary plans and financial aid.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Culinary Arts

Description:

This course stresses safety and sanitation as well as tool and equipment usage. Through practice and discussion, students are taught skills in basic cooking, methods, culinary techniques, weights, measures and recipe conversions. Participants earn a Safe Serve Certificate after passing a test administered by the National Restaurant Association. This program is an apprenticeship approved through the CT State Department of Labor.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, GARNER CI, MANSON YI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

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Types:

Career Technical Education, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Discussion Group

Description:

This program allow inmates the opportunity to discuss and reflect on current life issues in an open forum. Meetings are weekly.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, ENFIELD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

DOC Re-Entry Workbook Program

Description:

This program is designed to do several things: 1) Review the most important things contained in DOC programs such as Anger Management, How to Deal with Your Problems, Thinking for a Change, Relapse Prevention, Domestic Violence, and the department's addiction programs, 2) Help each participant prepare a plan that will help him avoid committing future crimes and thereby helping him stay out of jail or prison, and 3) Use the plan with others that might be involved with assisting and supervising the participant when he leaves prison. This could include halfway house staff, parole staff, probation staff or community service providers.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, OSBORN CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Offender Programs & Victim Services

Types:

Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Domestic Violence Group

Description:

This group is designed for inmates who have committed a domestic violence offense. Successful completion of this program is a requirement for those inmates who enter into the department's community-based transitional supervision program for domestic violence offenders.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Offender Programs & Victim Services

Types:

Domestic Violence, Family

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:0

DUI Program (Driving Under the Influence)

Description:

This is a mandatory program for inmates incarcerated for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and other related offenses. The program consists of a 14-session psycho-educational group using the Hazelden "Who's Driving" curriculum.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Educational, Career Resources and Job Fairs

Description:

These types of Fairs are conducted in the form of a professional conference for students. The educational staff invite a keynote speaker and students proceed to attend individual workshops or resource stations that provide information about potential employment or post secondary educational opportunities. The goal of these Fairs is to assist inmates with their transition plans before they return to the community.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, USD#1

Types:

Academic Education, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Family Education & Parenting

Description:

This program is designed to help inmates with children become responsible parents. Inmates have classes in parenting skills and in some cases read children's books into audio cassettes to send home to their children. Components of the parenting skills classes include parenting from a distance, discipline techniques, and communicating with children.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, USD#1

Types:

Family, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:2

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Family Re-Entry Program

Description:

Family Re-entry program offers a comprehensive re-entry program to help individuals and their families make a successful transition from incarceration into the community. A re-entry plan is designed with each individual 3 months before the scheduled release date. Who qualifies? Bridgeport area residents with 3 to 6 months to discharge, firm parole or Transitional Supervision date. Family Re-entry coordinates youthful offender mentoring programs for young men and women aged 14-18. Services offered: Individual and family therapy, specialized domestic violence offender programs, substance abuse recovery counseling, life skills programs, parenting education, anger management, Fathers Helping Fathers groups, connections to service providers for housing, employment and job skills development, health care and financial aid and legal assistance.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CYBULSKI CI, OSBORN CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Volunteer Services

Types:

Family, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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High School Diploma Programs

Description:

The USD #1 offers opportunities for earning a high school diploma through either USD # 1's Adult Education Program or in some cases in collaboration with USD #1 and the local town/city. To receive a diploma from the local city/town, the former school district must be willing to cooperate with USD #1. USD #1 Adult Education opportunities include the following:

1. The General Education Development (GED) exam provides qualified offenders the opportunity to participate in the examination process in order to receive a Connecticut State High School Diploma.
2. The High School Equivalency Program provides qualified offenders the opportunity to earn the 20 credit hours (120 hours per credit) required to receive a Connecticut High School Diploma.
3. Credit Diploma Program (CDP) provides qualified offenders the opportunity to earn the 20 credit hours (50 hours per credit) required to receive a USD #1 Adult Education High School Diploma.
4. The External Diploma Program (EDP) provides qualified offenders the opportunity to complete a competency portfolio in order to receive a USD #1 Adult Education High School Diploma.

Not all programs are available at all sites, and USD #1 staff review these options with prospective students to assist in the decision regarding which high school diploma program best meets his/her needs.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CENTRAL OFFICE , CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, PAROLE & COMMUNITY SERVICES, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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HIV Counseling, Testing & Risk Reduction Education

Description:

When inmates are tested for HIV, the department provides standardized counseling by Department of Public Health certified counselors before and after testing. Counseling components include what HIV and AIDS are, how to get it, how to avoid getting it, what it means to be HIV positive, how to take care of oneself if one is HIV positive, and help in dealing with the associated feelings.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Medical

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

HIV Support Group

Description:

The Medical and Mental Health staff conduct this weekly support group for inmates infected with HIV. The purposes of the group include providing a safe and confidential forum to talk about their disease, to provide accurate and current information, and to encourage medication adherence.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, NEW HAVEN CC, OSBORN CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Medical, Mental Health

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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HIV Support Services

Description:

The Department demonstrates a collaborative approach in providing HIV support services to inmates in all facilities. A UCONN (Contracted) Health Services Team coordinates testing and counseling services; the Department's School District conducts classroom instruction about HIV; the Department's Addiction Services Unit Counselors provide HIV education and prevention counseling; a number of volunteers serve as "buddies" or sponsors; and Hartford's Community Partners in Action (CPA) receives funding from foundations, grants as well as support from the state's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to operate the "Beyond Fear" Program. Altogether the Department hosts a complete program that includes counseling, testing, education focus groups, videos, intervention strategies and is able to assist discharging inmates with need for such services as housing, medical treatment, food, clothing and transportation.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Medical, Mental Health

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Horticulture/Landscaping Technology

Description:

This vocational program is used to prepare offenders for entry level jobs in the field of agriculture/horticulture. Participants complete both classroom and hands on components.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Career Technical Education, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Incarcerated Veterans Program

Description:

A collaborative effort between DOC, and the Departments of Labor, and Veterans Affairs - State and Federal this program assists incarcerated veterans with reentry. Some of the programs objectives include reducing the time between release and employment, assisting veteran ex-offenders in becoming self-supportive and more productive citizens, increasing the number of employers that hire ex-offenders, and identifying, creating, and/or coordinate resources. Issues from benefits to homelessness are addressed in this comprehensive re-entry program.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Volunteer Services

Types:

Family, Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Inmate Photo Program

Description:

Inmates register each month to take photos for a small fee and these photos are sent home or otherwise kept for personal use. Proceeds that are generated are held in a Special Activity Fund. From this fund, thousands of dollars have been donated to local charitable organizations each year, e.g. women's shelters, children's hospitals, youth organizations, and youth at risk programs.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, WALKER BUILDING

Auspices:

All Facility Staff

Types:

Community Service

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

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Intentional Skills Development

Description:

This course examines values clarification, healthy choice making, conflict resolution, problem solving and action planning. It is open to anyone who wants to change a course of negative thinking and behavior and learn new skills to help prevent reincarceration.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI

Auspices:

Volunteer Services

Types:

Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Intramural Sports

Description:

Unit tryouts are held for interested inmates. Participants must be ticket free. League and games are held for qualifying members and games are held on off days for non-qualifying inmates.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Recreation Services

Types:

Recreation

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

Islamic Discussion

Description:

This is a weekly group that focuses on the history of traditions, practices and customs of Islam.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, NEW HAVEN CC, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

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Jehovah's Witness Bible Study

Description:

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Jehovah's Witness principles.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, NEW HAVEN CC, OSBORN CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Jehovah's Witness Collective Service

Description:

This is the weekly Jehovah's Witness worship service.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

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Job Center

Description:

The Job Center is designed to help inmates get and maintain a job after release. It does this by providing job readiness training, resume writing, and employment referrals. Specific jobs are located by the Job Center's computer connection to the Department of Labor's Connecticut Job Bank and by using the Department of Correction Job Bank.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Charlene Perkins Center - Facility Staff, Employment Services, Offender Programs & Victim Services

Types:

Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:2

Jumah

Description:

Weekly collective Islamic worship service held on Friday between afternoon and late afternoon.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

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Language Acquisition Skills (LAS)

Description:

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)/Language Acquisition Skills (LAS) are instructional programs for students whose primary language is not English. TESOL instruction helps students to speak, read and write English or assists them in developing the language skills necessary for overall academic and vocational progress.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

Learning How to Live

Description:

This is a five-week program that meets for an hour and a half each week. The program is based on the video "Learning How to Live by Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson". The main focus is for participants to identify dysfunctional behavior and beliefs in their own lives so they can change the dysfunction in their lives. Self-worth is also examined because it contributes to many of the dysfunctional beliefs and attitudes. Homework is given at each group, and participants must attend all 5 groups to receive a certificate.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff

Types:

Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

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Literacy Assistance

Description:

An active group of community volunteers who teach and/or tutor reading skills to inmates. Basic reading, vocabulary and comprehension skills are stressed.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, GARNER CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Volunteer Services

Types:

Academic Education, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Narcotics Anonymous

Description:

Narcotics Anonymous is a twelve-step fellowship of addicts helping addicts to recover from the disease of addiction. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Step Meetings, Speaker, Speaker/Discussion, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. The meetings are usually conducted by outside volunteers who share their story of addiction and recovery. Addiction Services or Volunteer Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Officiating/Umpire Class

Description:

Instructional class given for inmates interested in working as officials and umpires. Participants must be ticket free. Classroom study of the correct interpretation of the rules and hands on practice. Participants must pass a written and practical test.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Recreation Services

Types:

Re-Entry, Recreation, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

Perceptions Inc: Intentional Life Skills Programs

Description:

This program provides chemical-free rehabilitation treatment, education, information, referral and other supportive services to offenders, their families and friends at Bergin CI and Brooklyn CI to make the community healthier and safer by reducing the incidence of substance abuse and crime.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Volunteer Services

Types:

Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Physical Fitness Education

Description:

Interested inmates sign up in their housing units. Participants must be ticket free. Class meets twice a week for 8 weeks. Certificates are awarded for those passing a written exam.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Recreation Services

Types:

Recreation

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

Prison Fellowship Group

Description:

This group uses material from the Prison Fellowship Weekly Lesson Plan Guide and the Bible. It meets weekly.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Prospective Apprenticeship

Description:

The Prospective Apprenticeship program offers students an opportunity to apply successful Career Technical Educational completions in approved programs toward apprenticeship hours once they leave the Department of Correction. Students who successfully complete the Unified School District #1 Career Technical Education programs (Curriculum approved by the state of CT Department of Labor) and enter a similar apprenticeship program with a recognized CT Apprenticeship Sponsor (employer) may be eligible to receive 1,000 hours of "on-the-job" credit towards completion of an apprenticeship program. NOTE: Apprenticeship credit is contingent upon acceptance by the apprenticeship sponsor.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Career Technical Education, Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Protestant - Alpha Program

Description:

The Alpha program is a course in basic Christianity based upon biblical principles utilizing videos and workbooks in a group setting. This program meets weekly and is conducted by both volunteers and staff.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, OSBORN CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Protestant Bible Study

Description:

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Protestant Bible Study (Spanish)

Description:

Biblical readings are reviewed with Spanish inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Protestant Discipleship Group

Description:

This group is a structured biblical based activity to teach members self-discipline maturity in accordance to other faiths and to become a better member in our society. This group is conducted by a chaplain and/or volunteers.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, ENFIELD CI, ROBINSON CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Protestant Prison Fellowship Seminar

Description:

This is a weekend faith development seminar held twice yearly.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CORRIGAN CI, MACDOUGALL CI, RADGOWSKI CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Protestant Service

Description:

This is the weekly Protestant worship service.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Protestant Service (Spanish)

Description:

This is the weekly Protestant worship service conducted in Spanish.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, NEW HAVEN CC, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Protestant Support Group

Description:

A developmental supervised group discussion based on Protestant Christian principles, intended to provide opportunities for inmates to develop role models, gaining insights into Christian living so that they may more fully integrate beliefs and behaviors. Program meets weekly and is led by volunteers and/or staff.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Quranic Studies

Description:

Qu'ran readings are reviewed with inmates. It is an informal group that is open to current issues pertaining to the Islamic faith and their application.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CORRIGAN CI, GARNER CI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Ramadan, Eid-UI-Fitr, Eid-UI-Adha

Description:

Religiously Required Observations (Annual)

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Re-entry Class

Description:

This 21 day program prepares inmates for their transition back into society. The class provides a variety of interactive and personal activities to assist inmates with acquiring identification, building employment skills, encouraging sound educational and career goal setting, and taking responsibility. All inmates who complete the Re-entry Class will have developed an Individual Transition Plans of contacts, addresses, and phone numbers for the community area he/she will be returning to, based on his/her needs. In addition, the inmates receive a portfolio including DMV, DOL, Social Security, SAGA, continuing education, housing, clothing, and 211 Info-line information.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, MANSON YI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

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Types:

Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:2

Religious Library

Description:

A church guided individual session using written religious material such as periodicals, daily reflections and books.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, CYBULSKI CI, OSBORN CI, ROBINSON CI, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Resource Center

Description:

This center provides inmates with the resources for their reintegration into the community.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff

Types:

Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

Special Education and Pupil Services

Description:

The special education teachers, pupil services specialists (School Psychologists, School Counselors, School Social Workers), and the associated clerical and durational staff provide services to students with handicapping conditions which interfere with their ability to participate in school. These services are mandated by federal (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997) and state (Connecticut General Statutes 10-76) statute. Special education services encompass a broad array of activities including assessment, counseling, transition planning, and both the direct and indirect (e.g. consultation) services of the special education teachers and pupil services staff. Student programs are designed according to the individual needs of each student with disabilities and are specified in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP.) A social skills component is a part of the special education program.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1

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Spirituality & Recovery

Description:

This 13 session program uses spiritual principles, meditation and journaling to gain strength in recovery from addiction. The program utilizes power point presentations, reflection and independent assignments to help offenders understand themselves better and gain insight into their addiction and their progress in recovery

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Addiction, Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Steps to Christian Maturity

Description:

A scripture study based upon Protestant Christian principles intended to provide opportunities for inmates to gain insights and learn necessary tools to develop a deeper relationship with God.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, ROBINSON CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Stride Program

Description:

Provides services to those who are non-custodial parents of children who are in receipt of temporary family assistance benefits with the occupational and job search skills as well as resources to enter competitive employment positions.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Charlene Perkins Center - Facility Staff, Contracted Program, Volunteer Services

Types:

Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

The Resettlement Program

Description:

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Charlene Perkins Center - Facility Staff, Contracted Program, Volunteer Services

Types:

Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:

The Visual Bible

Description:

This program consists of a video presentation and discussion of the gospel according to Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. The only dramatization using the actual scriptures word for word.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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Victim-Offender Dialogue

Description:

For a variety of reasons, it is sometimes helpful for victims to meet with offenders. The department's Victim Services Unit evaluates and when appropriate facilitates this dialogue. The process is designed to achieve the objectives of restorative justice, healing the victim, and confronting and holding the offender accountable. Although this process can often be very helpful to the inmate, all such dialogues are initiated at the request of victims.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, CYBULSKI CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Offender Programs & Victim Services

Types:

Domestic Violence, Victim

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

Village of Fathers

Description:

This 12 week program looks to improve family bonds, fathering skills, and to teach incarcerated fathers how to find employment and resources when they discharge. It is run by volunteers from the Village for Families & Children Agency. They also provide intense case management upon release.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

Volunteer Services

Types:

Family, Re-Entry, Self Improvement

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:3

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VOICES (Victim Offender Institutional Correctional Educational Services)

Description:

Victim Offender Institutional Correctional Educational Services . This program is designed to use volunteer support to broaden inmates' understanding and sensitivity to the impact of their crime on others.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI, BROOKLYN CI, GARNER CI, MANSON YI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

All Facility Staff, Contracted Program, Offender Programs & Victim Services, Safe Passage, Volunteer Services

Types:

Anger Management, Family, Victim

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:2

Youthful Offender Transition Counseling and College Courses

Description:

In this program career resource training and job placement assistance are offered to youthful offenders. College course programming is provided through the local community college.

Facilities:

BERGIN CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Re-Entry

Program Status:

Active Program Category Level:1
