

Programs & Services

Northern Branch Jail

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office





Mission Statement

The mission of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Programs Unit is to improve long-term public safety and reduce each participant's risk of recidivism by teaching effective, evidence-based interpersonal skills that guide the development of a pro-social lifestyle and change the behaviors that lead to criminality and other risky choices.



National Institute of Corrections

Effective Jail Programming

- **Reformative Programs**: Provide incarcerated persons (IP's) with knowledge and skills to address personal needs.
- **Activity-Focused Programs**: Assists with keeping IP's actively and productively engaged while they are in custody.
- **Reintegration Programs**: Prepare IP's for their return to the community as productive citizens.



SBSO Programs & Services

Cognitive

Educational

Vocational

Activities/Wellness

Reentry



Cognitive

- Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP)
 - The Change Companies Interactive Journaling
 - The Courage to Change
 - Breaking the Cycle
 - Getting it Right
 - Financial Literacy
 - A New Direction, Hazelden Publishing
 - Alcohol and Other Drug Education
 - Criminal and Addictive Thinking
 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
 - A Woman's Journal: Helping Women Recover, Stephanie S. Covington
 - Building Healthy Life Skills, Dave Lockridge, ACE Overcomers
 - Another Way. . . Choosing to Change, Nada Yorke
- The Freedom to Choose Project
- Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous (AA/NA)
- Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA)





- Santa Barbara City College
- Allan Hancock College
- Rising Scholars



Educational





- Solar Installation Training Program
- Tattoo Removal
- ServSafe Food Handlers

Vocational





Activities & Wellness

- Board Games and Card Games
- Cornhole/Basketball/Handball
- Tournaments
- Library Services
- Creative Arts
- Weekly Book Clubs
- Prison Yoga Project
- Drum Circles
- Planned Parenthood 101
- Transitions-Mental Health Association
- Therapy Dogs of SB





Reentry Planning

Challenges . . .

- DRC Stipulated Judgement Requirements
- CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal)
- Reentry 'Reboot':
 - "What it was like", "What happened", and "What it's like now"



Reentry Planning

... and Opportunities

- Expanding Care Manager team and County Agency Collaboration
 - 4 additional positions: 2 NBJ/2 SBJ contract hires between Probation and Good Samaritan (EDH ~ December 15, 2024)
- County-wide Collaboration ~
 - Department of Social Services (Medi-Cal Verification and Enrollment)
 - Behavioral Wellness (Justice Alliance & Enhanced Care Management pilot)
 - Public Defenders (Holistic Defense)
 - Good Samaritan

Goals: To leverage existing and modestly increased resources to ensure CalAIM and DRC compliance and optimal pre-release services and 'warm handoff' to county services.



Behavioral Health Unit (BHU)

It is the mission of the Behavioral Health Units to provide ethical, professional, and effective services for individuals entrusted to our care by working collaboratively with the Santa Barbara County Superior Courts, Santa Barbara County Behavioral Health, and our medical and mental health partners.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office recognizes that individuals with serious mental illnesses benefit from socialization. Therefore, the Behavioral Health Units strive to ensure that the mental health of seriously mentally ill inmates is conducted in the least restrictive manner possible.





Partnerships

Questions?

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