

HABILITATION HOUSE



CURRICULUM:

Criminal Recovery and Relapse Prevention, (CRRP) as directed by Dr. Paul Carlin of the Therapon Institute is a twenty-four month intensive holistic treatment program that teaches and puts into practice accountability and responsibility. Based upon Belief Therapy, the curriculum prepares the resident for positive decision-making, adoption of moral values, and reintegration into law-abiding society. After over thirty months of on-site experience, CRRP has been designated a Department by the Eastham Unit of the TDCJ. Four dormitories of 39 men each comprise this therapeutic community for teaching, counseling, and reentry preparation. CRRP graduated its first twenty-four month class this year. CRRP will be greatly enhanced by its prominent role in Habilitation House.

ATMOSPHERE/ENVIRONMENT/ROLE MODELS:

An atmosphere of positive choice-making; an environment that resembles the community the resident is going home to, and supervised, counseled, and exemplified by a staff of faith-living role models is a vital leg. Responsibility Counselors with a minimum caseload will direct and advise the resident as to preparation for reentering society. This advice and direction would include education, academics, addiction treatment, (the counselor to patient ratio will be 1-24), family re-uniting, victim compensation, acquisition of a marketable job skill, and identification of a spiritual compass.

WORK-ETHIC INITIATIVE:

The resident will be required to participate in jobs offered by the Private Industry Enhancement Program, (PIE). These jobs will meet all requirements of Title 18,1761 of USC Sec. 819 and also teach the resident (1) a marketable skill, (2) assure that skill will be marketable in the community upon release and (3) pay the prevailing wage for that skill in the community or the current federal minimum wage as entry level. CCI will provide all academic preparation and technical training required by those industries. The resident will be able to contribute to his room and board, support his family, make restitution to his victims, establish a saving account and have a spending account.

THESE THREE LEGS SERVE AS AN IMPLEMENTATION OF COST-EFFECTIVE RECIDIVISM AND CRIME-RATE REDUCTION AND THE APPLICATION OF JUDEO/CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES TO CONFRONT THE PROBLEM AND NOT JUST THE SYMPTOMS OF OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.