

Connecticut Department of Correction
OFFENDER PROGRAMS & VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

Alphabetic Listing of Programs for

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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Re-Entry

Administrative Segregation - A Better Way

Description:

This discussion based video series looks at life changing behaviors. The ideas addressed include responsibility, decision making, changes, overcoming fear, and dealing with discouragement. In addition, a look at what behaviors can lead into and out of the incarceration cycle is delved into.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation, Self Improvement

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Administrative Segregation: Bridge Group

Description:

This class is a component of the Administrative Segregation program. It is designed to (1) review all the concepts taught in the previous classes; (2) afford an opportunity for senior management in the facility to interact with inmates and evaluate program progress; (3) help inmates think about and plan the next step in the three-phase A.S. program.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation

Administrative Segregation: Controlling your Anger

Description:

This is the second in a series of groups used in the Administrative Segregation (A.S.) Program. An essential capacity these inmates need to develop is to be able to deal with angry feelings without resorting to violence. This class is designed to help change thinking and attitudes which promote violence and to develop skills to deal with anger without violence.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation, Anger Management

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Administrative Segregation: How to Deal With Your Problems and How to Do Your Bid

Description:

This is a group designed for inmates on Administrative Segregation status. One of the problems which many inmates have in general, and A.S. inmates have in particular, is that they lack the skills necessary for problem solving. The first part of this class is designed to help inmates learn that not all problems can be solved and to assist them in approaching problems so as to (1) respond in the best way to the presented problem and (2) not to make the situation worse. In the second part of the class the inmates review a videotape that shows inmates who have completed a restrictive housing program. In that video the inmates discuss what they believe is necessary in order to "do your bid." The video serves as a stimulus for inmates to discuss how it is possible to live in a prison environment without getting into trouble.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation

Administrative Segregation: Orientation and Communication

Description:

This is one in a series of classes offered to inmates in the Administrative Segregation Phase Program. Research into causes of violence among inmates reveals that frequently there is a breakdown in communication or poor communication skills. This group is designed to assist inmates in improving communication skills.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation

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Administrative Segregation: Relapse Prevention

Description:

This is one of the classes in the Administrative Segregation (A.S.) program. Inmates are placed on A.S. status due to serious behavioral problems such as assaulting staff or other inmates. As the inmates' behavior improves in the program, they enter this class, Relapse Prevention. This class is designed to help inmates understand and avoid relapse.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation

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, BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, ENFIELD CI, GARNER CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction, Re-Entry

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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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Chronic Disciplinary Unit: Controlling Your Anger

Description:

This is the second in a series of groups used in the Chronic Discipline Unit (CDU) Program. An essential capacity these inmates need to develop is to be able to deal with angry feelings without resorting to violence. This class is designed to help change thinking and attitudes which promote violence and to develop skills to deal with anger without violence.

Facilities:

MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Anger Management, CDU, Youth CDU

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Chronic Disciplinary Unit: How to Deal with Your Problems and How to Do Your Bid

Description:

This is a group designed for inmates in the DOC's Chronic Disciplinary Unit. One of the problems that many inmates have in general, and restrictive housing inmates have in particular, is that they lack the skills necessary for problem solving. The first part of this class is designed to help inmates learn that not all problems can be solved and to assist them in approaching problems so as to (1) respond in the best way to the presented problem and (2) not to make the situation worse. In the second part of the class the inmates review a videotape which shows inmates who have completed a restrictive housing program. In that video the inmates discuss what they believe is necessary in order to "do your bid." The video serves as a stimulus for inmates to discuss how it is possible to live in a prison environment without getting into trouble.

Facilities:

MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

CDU, Youth CDU

Chronic Disciplinary Unit: Relapse Prevention

Description:

This is one of several groups in the Chronic Discipline Program. In order to reach this class in the program the inmate has had to be behaving himself and interacting appropriately with other inmates and staff. This group is designed to help inmates examine the issues that might result in a relapse of the problematic behavior which resulted in their placement in Chronic Discipline, a very restrictive special housing program.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

CDU

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Chronic Disciplinary Unit: Orientation and Communication

Description:

This class is the first offered to inmates in the Chronic Disciplinary Unit. Research into causes of violence among inmates reveals that frequently there is a breakdown in communication or poor communication skills. This group is designed to assist inmates in improving communication skills.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

CDU

Gambling – The Better Choices Program

Description:

Information regarding the Better Choices Gambling Program and a 4-Question Survey is available at every facility. The information explains what is available in the community regarding Better Choices and staff are encouraged to use it to assist offenders who may have a gambling problem. This program is funded by DMHAS.

Facilities:

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

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Volunteer Group

Types:

Addiction, Health Education, Mental Health

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Getting Settled/Getting Going – In Cell Program

Description:

This is an in cell class that requires the offender to begin thinking about the choices they have made and how they can begin to make different choices to their situation.

Facilities:

MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation, SRG , Youth CDU, Youth SRG

Handling a Crisis – In Cell Program

Description:

This is the second in the series of in cell classes occurs after the program Getting Settled & Getting Going. This program offers the offender techniques that can be used when dealing with stressful situations.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation

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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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Medical

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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Medical, Mental Health

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Interactive Skill Building

Description:

This program is designed to challenge an offender to think and respond with purpose. The program incorporates interactive activities that combine physical challenges with problem solving group techniques.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation, SRG

Interpersonal Effectiveness – In Cell Program

Description:

This is the third in the series of in cell classes occurs after the program – Handling a Crisis. This program combines the techniques used in Getting Settled Getting Going and Handling a Crisis to help improve three skills, 1) How to deal with people, 2) problems and 3) different environments.

Facilities:

NORTHERN CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Administrative Segregation

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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, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Jewish Holy Day Observances

Description:

The holy days of Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover and Shavuot are observed with worship services and feasts.

Facilities:

CHESHIRE CI, CORRIGAN CI, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, WALKER BUILDING, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

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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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Prayer Class – Islamic Faith

Description:

This is a seminar that teaches inmates how to make prayers according to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Facilities:

BRIDGEPORT CC, BROOKLYN CI, CORRIGAN CI, GARNER CI, MACDOUGALL CI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, WALKER BUILDING, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

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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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services , Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

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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, GATES CI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

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Security Risk Group - Relapse Prevention

Description:

This class is a component of the SRGT and SRG programs. It is designed to help inmates understand and avoid relapse. In order to reach this class in the program the inmate has had to be behaving himself and interacting appropriately with other inmates and staff. This group is designed to help inmates examine the issues that might result in a relapse of the problematic behavior which resulted in their placement in the SRGT program.

Facilities:

CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

SRG , Youth SRG, SRG - Close Monitoring

Security Risk Group - Bridge Group

Description:

This class is one component of the SRGT and SRG programs. It is designed to (1) review all the concepts taught in the previous classes; (2) afford an opportunity for senior management in the facility to interact with inmates and evaluate program progress; (3) to help inmates think about and plan the next step in the three-phase SRGT program.

Facilities:

CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

SRG , Youth SRG, SRG - Close Monitoring

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Security Risk Group - Building the Ladder

Description:

This class is a component of the Security Risk Group Threat and Affiliate programs. In this class inmates are encouraged to formulate and build a realistic and achievable plan for their future. This is achieved through exercises in responsibility and group communication.

Facilities:

CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

SRG , Youth SRG, SRG - Close Monitoring

Security Risk Group - How to Deal with Your Problems and How to Do Your Bid

Description:

This is a group designed for inmates in the SRGT and SRG programs. One of the problems which many inmates have in general and restrictive housing inmates have in particular, is that they lack the skills necessary for problem solving. The first part of this class is designed to help inmates learn that not all problems can be solved and to assist them in approaching problems so as to (1) respond in the best way to the presented problem and (2) not to make the situation worse. In the second part of the class the inmates review a videotape which shows inmates who have completed a restrictive housing program. In that video the inmates discuss what they believe is necessary in order to "do your bid." The video serves as a stimulus for inmates to discuss how it is possible to live in a prison environment without getting into trouble.

Facilities:

CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

SRG , Youth SRG, SRG - Close Monitoring

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Security Risk Group - Orientation and Communication

Description:

This is a component of the SRGT and SRG programs. Research into causes of violence among inmates reveals that frequently there is a breakdown in communication or poor communication skills. This group is designed to assist inmates in improving communication skills.

Facilities:

CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

SRG , Youth SRG, SRG - Close Monitoring

Security Risk Group – Controlling your Anger

Description:

This is one of the classes used in both the Security Risk Group Threat Program and the Security Risk Group Affiliate Program. An essential capacity these inmates need to develop is to be able to deal with angry feelings without resorting to violence. This class is designed to help change thinking and attitudes which promote violence and to develop skills to deal with anger without violence.

Facilities:

CORRIGAN CI, MANSON YI, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, YORK CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Anger Management, SRG , Youth SRG, SRG - Close Monitoring

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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, GATES CI, HARTFORD CC, MACDOUGALL CI, MANSON YI, NEW HAVEN CC, NORTHERN CI, OSBORN CI, RADGOWSKI CI, ROBINSON CI, WALKER BUILDING, WEBSTER CI, WILLARD CI, YORK

Auspices:

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Types:

Academic Education

Taleem

Description:

A study of text and themes from the Quran. This program seeks to develop and acquire self-awareness.

Facilities:

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

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

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Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC)

Description:

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC) is a program of Community Partners in Action which provides discharge planning for inmates with HIV/AIDS. TLC serves every prison and jail in the state, and works with clients returning to every region of the state. TLC case managers meet clients' emergency needs upon release, and connect them with services in their local communities for continuing care and assistance.

Facilities:

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

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Re-Entry