

Clara Waters Community Corrections Center



Located along Interstate 35 in northeast Oklahoma City, **Clara Waters Community Corrections Center (CWCCC)** opened in March 1978 as a women's facility and became co-ed in September 1983. In 1992, its women moved to then-Kate Barnard Community Treatment Center, and CWCCC became a men's facility, which it remains today. CWCCC has partnered with multiple Oklahoma Employers, (ATC Drivetrain, ATC Engines, Pelco Products Inc.) which allows inmates to successfully gain employment that will benefit them even after discharge.



Strategic Partnerships

CWCCC has partnered with TEEM to offer classes in Financial Literacy, Building Social Networks, Understanding and Reducing Angry Feelings, Unlock your Thinking, Ideas for Better Communication, and TEEM Reentry. Inmates are also offered classes in Culinary (through the OK. Food Bank) and Goodwill.



Substance Abuse Treatment

Most inmates need substance abuse treatment. Inmates are taught ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping develop cognitive, social, emotional and coping skills needed to avoid using. The treatment component is provided by specialized staff, as well as a program curriculum which is evidence-based and has shown positive outcome measures.



CareerTech

A partnership with CareerTech helps inmates obtain meaningful employment after discharge. CareerTech provides inmates with technical training (OSHA 10 and

Forklift), life skills development, employment services and transition services. Additionally, CareerTech offers instruction in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, welding and other technical trades.



Education



Most inmates lack education, a key component in avoiding re-incarceration. CWCCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School

Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas. It also offers classes on center, Victims Impact, Seek & Safety, and Life Skills.

Community Corrections

Oklahoma has a long history of community corrections, which began in 1970 through a grant to open community treatment centers and provide inmates greater opportunities to learn new, responsible behaviors.

CWCCC's namesake, Clara Waters, was the nation's first female warden of an all-men state prison (Oklahoma State Reformatory). Among the innovative programs she began there is the establishment of the United States' first accredited secondary school in a prison, Lakeside School.



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