

# Joseph Harp Correctional Center



**Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC)**, located in Lexington, is a medium-security facility that houses more than 1,300 inmates. Inside this facility, the staff works with a diverse group of individuals, as they house mental-health, delayed-sentence, and youthful-offender inmates.



## Education

JHCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas.

College courses (not provided through state funding) are also available to inmates who can pay for them or those who have alternative funding or scholarships.



## Substance Abuse Treatment

For those inmates who need substance abuse treatment, JHCC teaches them ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping them develop cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skills needed to avoid using.



## Criminal Thinking

JHCC offers Thinking for a Change; Victim Impact; Anger Management; Building Social Networks; Ideas for Better

Communications; Seeking Safety; Unlock Your Thinking, Open Your Mind; Common Sense Ideas for HIV Prevention; and Sexual Health.



## OCI

Oklahoma Correctional Industries offers customers quality products at a reasonable price, reduces offender idleness, and provides job skills

training. OCI offers jobs in computer operations, data entry, document imaging/microfilm, and the furniture factory.

## Specialized Units

**A geriatric medical unit provides medical care for those requiring intensive monitoring and treatment. A medical unit houses inmates whose conditions need routine monitoring and ongoing medical care. The mental health unit treats inmates with serious mental illnesses that prevent them from living in general population.**

**Other units include the Youthful Offender Program for individuals under 18 and adjudicated as adults.**



JHCC's leather shop consists of six (6) inmates who work on various products or projects throughout the year. The leather shop makes anything from clear backpacks for staff to lanyards with beadwork. The inmates make holsters, handcuff pouches, portfolios, cell phone cases, wallets, purses/handbags, belts, book bindings, saddles, horse halters, and boots. In addition, a Native American beader adorns hand-made, leather moccasins with beadwork. He also makes beaded lanyards, hair barrettes, keychains, and hatbands.

**Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC)** opened in 1978 on the site of a World War II-era U.S. Navy firing range. The prison's namesake, Joseph Harp, was an Oklahoma State Reformatory warden from 1949 to 1969. He started the first fully accredited high school education program in a prison in the United States.



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