

# Mabel Bassett Correctional Center



**Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC)** is a multi-function facility for female inmates in McLoud. The facility houses minimum and medium-security inmates, and serves as the reception and assessment center for all females incarcerated in Oklahoma. MBCC also houses women requiring specialized medical or mental health care. It houses more than 1,200 inmates, including Oklahoma's only female death row inmate.



## Education

Many inmates lack basic education. MBCC offers literacy courses, Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency classes with the goal of inmates earning a High School Equivalency diploma. Although not provided with state funding, college courses are also available to inmates who can pay for them or those who have alternative funding or scholarships. Mabel Bassett works with four different colleges, offering inmates the opportunity to attain an associate degree, bachelor degree, and a Post Graduate degree.



## Substance Abuse Treatment

Many inmates need substance abuse treatment. MBCC Substance Abuse Treatment teaches inmates ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping them develop cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skills needed to avoid using.



## CareerTech

MBCC inmates can get instruction/hands-on training in the construction trades (electrical, plumbing, HVAC/R) through the CareerTech Skills Center. CareerTech provides the skills necessary for apprentice/journeyman licensure which can aid in successful re-entry into the workforce upon release.



## Criminal Thinking

MBCC offers Thinking for a Change, Brief Interventions, Cage Your Rage, Girl Scouts Parenting, Victim Impact "Listen and Learn," Women in Transition programs to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal thinking/behavior.



## Specialized Units

A 24/7 infirmary provides medical care for those requiring intensive monitoring and treatment. A medical unit houses inmates whose conditions need routine monitoring and ongoing medical care. A mental health unit treats inmates with serious mental illnesses that prevent them from living in the general population. Other units include the Delayed Sentencing Program for 18-22 year olds and the Youthful Offender Program for individuals younger than 18 years old and adjudicated as adults.



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# Mabel Bassett Assessment and Reception Center



MBCC also houses **Mabel Bassett Assessment and Reception Center (MBARC)** which receives women sentenced to prison. Over a 10-30 day assessment period, MBARC staff assess inmates to determine their facility assignment and what program criteria they meet. MBCC is named for former Commissioner of Charities and Corrections Mabel Bourne Bassett.



## RISE

A former inmate began the RISE program after being released from Eddie Warrior Correctional Center. While incarcerated, she saw other inmates lacked the skills to earn a living once released. She worked with the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology to grant certificates to those completing the program. Only inmates who are misconduct-free and sober are eligible. Each class trains up to 20 women in cosmetology. If the women pass the Oklahoma Board of Cosmetology test, they receive their state license to practice when they discharge. RISE began at MBCC in 2017. In 2023, RISE began offering a license in barbering as well.



## Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma

With the help of grants and donated literature from Oklahoma Humanities, the MBCC Book Club, "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" was born. The weekly discussions are meant to educate, enlighten, empower, and help prevent recidivism.

## Guardian Angels

Inmates trained in dog obedience give rescued animals a second chance by teaching them basic skills to improve their chance at adoption. The program also teaches inmates responsibility, commitment, and unconditional love.



## The Last Mile

MBCC is home to The Last Mile (TLM), a computer coding program for inmates. TLM prepares incarcerated individuals for successful re-entry through business and technology training. MBCC's program began in February 2019 through a partnership with TLM, The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the George Kaiser Family Foundation, and the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation. Oklahoma is only the fourth state to host this course. Program students, who are not allowed on the internet while incarcerated, use a special software programming platform that mimics the internet, giving them a live coding experience. Inmates learn coding skills to earn a living once they discharge from prison. With a zero-percent recidivism rate, graduates in other states have gone on to produce mobile apps and other programs consumers use.



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