



March 7, 2017

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: George A. Ralls, Deputy County Administrator

FROM: Cornita A. Riley, Chief of Corrections
Orange County Corrections Department

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SUBJECT: Jail to Community Reentry Program Update
DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM MARCH 21, 2017

At the Orange County Corrections Department, reentry begins the first day of incarceration. Inmates are assessed for participation in a variety of programs based on their background and qualifications with emphasis being placed on high risk inmates.

Through our partners, inmates are afforded the opportunity to participate in programs such as General Education Development (GED) offered by the Orange County Public Schools, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment supported by Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services (S.T.E.P.S.), and Cognitive Behavioral Change (CBC) to assist inmates with changing criminal thinking. Veterans have a designated dorm with counseling and support programs provided by the Veterans Administration. In partnership with Valencia College, inmates participate in a certified construction program that provides them the opportunity to receive three college credits towards an Associate's degree in Building Construction Technology. This program is a gateway to gaining career employment in the construction industry.

With the assistance of other community partners, grants, and in house faith-based services, inmates are also able to participate in programs such as Life Skills, Parenting, Victim Impact, Alcohol Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous (AA/NA) meetings, and much more.

The Orange County Corrections Department is committed to recognizing the importance of creating sustainable transition from jail to community and engaging our community in our efforts to reduce recidivism.

This item is for informational purposes and No Board action is being requested.