

REENTRY FACT SHEET



February 27, 2015

BACKGROUND

The Federal Correctional Institution, Otisville (FCI Otisville) is a medium-security United States federal prison for male inmates near Otisville, New York. It is operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), a division of the United States Department of Justice. It also includes a satellite prison camp for minimum-security male offenders. FCI Otisville is located in southeastern New York State, near the Pennsylvania and New Jersey borders, and 70 miles northwest of New York City. FCI Otisville opened in 1980 and the satellite prison camp opened in 1994. The institution is accredited by the American Correctional Association and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

FACTS

Total BOP Population: 210,317

FCI Otisville Population: 1,013

Inmate Veteran Population: 44

Total Volunteers: 67

Federal Recidivism Rate: 40.85%*

(*Offenders who released from federal prison who were re-arrested or had their supervision revoked within three years)

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prisons and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure, and that provide work and other self-improvement opportunities to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens.

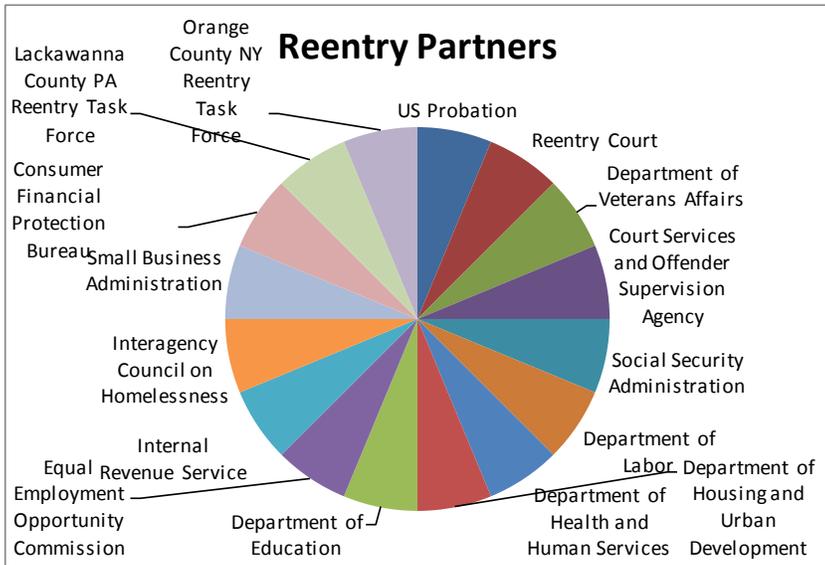
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TRANSITIONAL INMATE PROGRAM



In November 2014, FCI Otisville initiated a one of a kind mandatory Transitional Inmate (TI) program for debriefed gang members designed to assist the inmates with immediate direction for programming, communication, work availability, and integration into a “non-gang” lifestyle, both in prison, and upon release. Participants are assigned to the Transitional Housing Unit (THU) upon arrival to ensure they are not greeted by their “gang” and given direction and commissary items until their funds become available. The TI inmates are greeted instead by specially trained and compensated mentors that assist the inmates with avoiding former gang survival instincts while adjusting to the general population. The cornerstone of the TI program is a mandatory nine month cognitive-behavioral based program called Positive Outlook Determining Self (PODS). The participants meet weekly for two hours and also complete interactive daily journaling and group activities. The PODS program consists of Responsible Thinking, Social Values, Peer Relationships, Family Ties, and Relapse Prevention classes.



Evidence Based Programs



Anger Management, Basic Cognitive Skills, Criminal Thinking, Money Smart, Threshold Program, and Victim Impact.

Classes: Literacy, Parenting, Adult Continuing Education, GED, English as a Second Language, Wellness, Leisure, Drug Treatment, Mock Job Fairs, Vocational Training, apprenticeships, Commitment to Change, Lifer's Support Group, Positive Mental Attitude Effective Alternatives Program, Intervention Group, Certified Yoga Instructor and college courses.

HOPES (Helping Other People Everywhere Smile) -



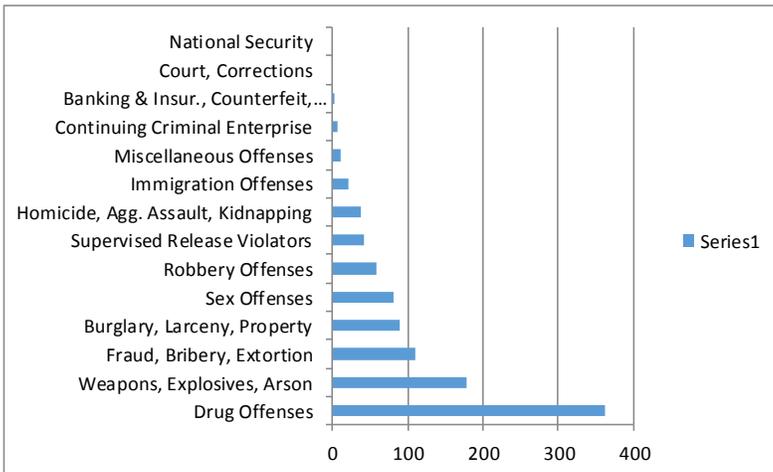
Inmates at FCI Otisville have been participating in a Card Making Program and sending the homemade cards to various agencies in the Community. They have been making cards for the military, sick children and a children's agency that accommodates children that have been abused, neglected, and abandoned. Recently, inmates have sent out several hundred cards to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Ranch For Children. The hope is that these cards will brighten up someone's day in some little way. It allows the inmates to give something back to the community without asking for anything in return.

Types of Work Details -



Sentenced inmates are required to work if they are medically able. Institution work assignments include: barber, general maintenance, tutor, cooks, food service workers, warehousing, photographer, janitor, chapel assistant, store clerks, construction, electrician, garage mechanics, medical janitor, HVAC, landscaper, heavy equipment operators, painter, plumber, recreation assistants, recycling, sewage technician, and vocational training assistants. Inmates earn 12¢ to 40¢ per hour for these work assignments.

FCI Otisville Inmate Offenses



Special Reentry Initiatives: Getting Out by Going In, Transitional Inmate Program, and Positive Outlook Determining Self (PODS).

Closest Residential Reentry Center

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