

TECHNICAL VIOLATORS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION

The Department of Community Correction has three (3) Technical Violator Programs (TVP) housed at the Southeast Center in Pine Bluff, the Southwest Center in Texarkana, and the Omega Technical Violator Center in Malvern. This program was originally developed to relieve the large county jail backup that was a result of parolees who violated their conditions of release in the community.

Females are housed at the Southeast Center and males are housed at the Southwest Center or the Omega Center. The men and women are eligible to sign a waiver to a sixty or ninety day program in lieu of being locked up in jail or returned to prison. The Parole Board has the authority to send offenders to a Center if they do not waive.

The treatment program for TVPs is divided into three phases, Orientation, Treatment, and Re-Entry. Orientation ensures each individual is aware of all program rules/regulations and expectations. Residents are given handbooks that explain the grievance procedure, their rights, and contact information of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations can result in transfer out of the program to ADC.

All TVP centers use *A New Freedom* curriculum which is a comprehensive behavioral health and substance abuse curriculum for adult populations. Lesson plans, participant workbooks, videos and activities for individual and group sessions are provided. Programs are readily tailored to specific objectives, and many of these resources are available in gender specific and Spanish versions. The resources are appropriate for individual use and an extensive and comprehensive

Programs and Classes

- *Omega:*
 - Job Preparedness, Relapse Prevention, Victim Impact, Certified Workability Program (offered through College of the Ouachitas).
 - NA/AA and Spiritual programming offered by volunteers weekly.
 - GED or Literacy courses are required for any resident without a GED.
- *Southwest:*
 - Alcohol and Drug Education, Cognitive Behavior, Peer Group Support, Process Groups, Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, 12 Steps
 - Special Topic Courses: Employment, Parenting, Problem Solving, Guilt/Shame and Remorse, Relationship Boundaries, Defining Strengths and Weaknesses, and Commitment to Change
 - GED Program beginning August 2013.
- *Southeast:*
 - Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Life Skills, Relapse Prevention, Community Work Crew, internal job assignments, Peer Support, Process groups, GED program and Spiritual support

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Dates of Programs

- Omega: opened March 7, 2005- Present
- Southwest TVP: May 7, 2012-Present
- Southeast TVP: November 2003-Present

Total Bed Count: 471

- Omega: 300, male
- Southwest TVP: 96, male
 - May 2012-July 2012: 60, male
- Southeast TVP: 75, female
 - November 2003-2008: 50, female
 - 2008-2012: 35, female

Total Cost Savings:

- TVP have allowed for a total cost savings of approximately **\$178 million**.
 - Costs based on sending violators to ADC for 6-9 months instead of TVP.

Total Admitted

- 11,259, as of June 30, 2013
- 1,782 admitted July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 (FY 2012)
 - 1,582 male, 200 female
- Transferred to ADC: 55 (FY 2012)
- Released to Supervision: 1,608 (FY 2012)

Miscellaneous

- TVP Resident stay between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days.
- TVP residents receive at least fifteen (15) hours of direct treatment services each week.
- Treatment plans are developed to address the parolee's specific behaviors/actions that resulted in the violation of conditions of release.
- Centers maintain zero tolerance for violence or sexual acting out.

Percentage of Total Offenders Admitted (FY08-FY13)

Males:

- 1 time: 74.48%
- 2 times: 19.29%
- 3 times: 5.22%
- 4 times: 0.87%
- 5 or greater: 0.15%

Females:

- 1 time: 78.46%
- 2 times: 16.16%
- 3 times: 4.33%
- 4 times: 1.06%
- 5 or greater: 0%

Total Cost Savings:

- TVP has allowed for a total cost savings of approximately **\$1.7 million**.
 - Costs based on sending violators to ADC for 6-9 months instead of TVP.
- For Fiscal Year 2012, the DCC cost per TVP resident was \$58.21 per day