



Bill Johnson Correctional Center
Alva, Oklahoma

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

Delayed Sentencing Program

In 2010, the Delayed Sentencing Program was transferred to BJCC and the program currently houses approximately 220 trainees. The delayed sentencing program provides youthful offenders the tools to lead a successful life in society and to introduce pro-social behaviors and attitudes that may enhance their ability to have positive relationships in their lives. Trainees are given assessments to determine placement into specific groups. The groups that are facilitated by drug and alcohol counselors are: Anger Management, Life Without a Crutch, Commitment to Change, various Cognitive Behavioral Counseling programs, Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention, and Reentry planning.

Regimented Treatment Program (RTP)

The primary mission of BJCC is the Regimented Treatment Program, housing approximately 400 trainees. The RTP consists of three phases beginning with high structure treatment. The following 6-9 months include participation in Therapeutic Community (TC), cognitive and behavioral counseling, education, substance abuse treatment, and re-entry programs in addition to public works projects. Public works projects include Department of Transportation crews and several other city, county, and state projects. Aftercare is provided for one year to RTP graduates upon discharge or release to suspended sentence or parole.

Therapeutic Community (TC)

The TC is a highly structured program of behavior modification. The trainees of each floor make up a “family” with a hierarchical system. The hierarchy in a TC provides operational structure. The civic type structure improves accountability and more effectively addresses behaviors.

Reentry

Trainees nearing the completion of this phase of the program begin attending reentry programming designed to focus their attention to the demands of re-entering society. Before a program completion is awarded, the trainee must complete an exit interview and have an approved discharge summary/reentry plan.



Charles E. “Bill” Johnson, for whom the facility is named, was a catalyst in the pursuit of a correctional center designed to impact drug offenders. When he learned about the possibility of such a program being placed in a community in Oklahoma, Mr. Johnson recruited his friends and business associates to help in the pursuit of making the facility a reality. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnson died on February 18, 1995, at the age of 66, and was unable to see the completion of the facility he had worked so hard and faithfully to bring to his hometown.

OPERATIONS

Medical Services

BJCC is staffed with a medical team consisting of a physician and nursing staff, a correctional health services administrator, and records technician. A psychological clinician provides mental health services. Dental and additional psychiatric and acute care medical services are presently provided by neighboring correctional facilities.

Education

All trainees at BJCC who have not completed their secondary education are required to attend education classes. Trainees can obtain certification in Literacy and Adult Basic Education as well as earn a General Equivalency Diploma.

Religious/Volunteer Program

Volunteers are an important part of the RTP and are a valuable resource in providing necessary and court ordered services to trainees. Approximately 100 volunteers bring valuable expertise to this facility enabling BJCC to better assist trainees return to a productive, drug-free life. The Benson Center/Eversole Chapel provides the trainees even more opportunities to participate in relationship and reintegration classes and provides a location to host meetings and events.

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Demographics

(as of June 28, 2013)

<u>RACE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Caucasian	14,308	53.9%
African American	7,451	28.1%
Native American	2,571	9.7%
Hispanic	2,048	7.7%
Other	161	0.6%

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Distribution Drugs	4,604	17.3%
Assault	3,096	11.7%
Poss/Obtain Drugs	2,600	9.8%
Robbery	2,256	8.5%

Bill Johnson Correctional Center
Statistics

Opened: September 1995
Location: Alva
Security: Minimum
Capacity: 714
Gender: Male

STANDING PROUD

MISSION
To Protect the Public
To Protect the Employee
To Protect the Offender

VISION
The Department of Corrections will
create a culture that

Empowers Individuals
Encourages Teamwork
Employs Best Practices
Embraces Diversity

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History

The Charles E. "Bill" Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC), a minimum security facility, is the newest of the 17 facilities operated by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. The facility houses 614 felon drug offenders, ages 18-40 inside the compound, all of whom are either assigned to the Delayed Sentence Program (DSP) or the Regimented Treatment Program (RTP).

On September 5, 1995, the facility received the first offenders, (referred to as "trainees") for the Regimented Treatment Program.

The Benson Center/Eversole Chapel was officially dedicated in April 2011.

In 2012, a 100 bed outside general population unit was opened raising the total capacity to 714.