



SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION SERVICES

Community Corrections Programs

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Our Mission:

To provide services to adult offenders which enhance public safety through effective and innovative programs which support positive choices, constructive behavior and accountability, thereby reducing repeat criminal behavior.

Our Principals:

- We believe that change is possible, and it begins internally.
- We believe that all people are equal and diverse individuals who have intrinsic worth and deserve personal attention, support, humor, empowerment and recognition.
- We believe in creating a challenging environment that emphasizes individual growth, exploration and strength.
- We believe in being proactive participants in societal, environmental, political and individual change to promote a safer community.

Meet Art Garcia - Drug/Alcohol Treatment Counselor



Art Garcia

Hello! My name is Arturo (Art) Garcia and I am currently employed by New Horizons Care Centers, working here at Geiger Corrections. I began doing chemical dependency treatment right here at Geiger almost 20 years ago. Since that time I have worked at Airway Heights Correction Center as a CDP and became a clinical supervisor. I also helped put together the first Federal Drug court in Washington, and was the Federal Drug Court Program Supervisor.

We are starting a brand new program at Geiger that will consist of Drug and Alcohol Education, MRT, Commitment to Change, and Relapse prevention. These programs are all evidence-based programs. We use a six dimensional assessment process to determine if the patient has concurring issues by evaluating mental health, social problems, and drug and alcohol problems. We also incorporate a MAST (Michigan Alcohol Screening Test, and the DAST (Drug Abuse Screening Test). This is a face-to-face interview which takes approximately 3-4 hours a day, three times per week. I am very happy to be using my experience here at Geiger!

Parenting Assistance

The "Partners in Parenting" class is currently being facilitated at Geiger Corrections by Corrections Deputies Dwayne Nill and Barb McGlothen. This is an eight week course that focuses on concepts important for parenting effectiveness such as communication skills, guidance techniques, and positive discipline strategies. The emphasis is on building skills, providing support, and helping parents understand the needs and abilities of children during different stages of development

This class is offered to offenders who want to learn more about being better parents, and each new class discusses their concerns about parenting and what they want to learn.



Corrections Deputy Barb McGlothen instructs the Partners in Parenting Class

Deputy McGlothen said "those who have taken the class have enjoyed it and have said it's given them new and usable ideas on improving relationships with their children. Most of our class members want to learn how to reenter their children's lives, and set better examples for them. They say this class helps them learn how to do that by giving them realistic, reachable goals and techniques to get there. Some people will take the class more than once, but as we say in class, "Good parenting takes practice".

Work Crew Litter Clean up



Litter crews from Geiger Corrections tirelessly sweep through the trash across Spokane County.

Since 2006 crews from the Sheriff's Labor Program from Geiger Corrections Center have picked up in excess of 715,000 pounds of garbage from Spokane County roads. This program, partially funded by the Department of Ecology, City of Spokane, and the City of Spokane Valley, focuses on cleaning roadside litter and illegal dumpsites on public land.

The Geiger crews are part of a comprehensive State and Local government plan to educate, enforce and eradicate litter within the community.

This includes patrolling County, City and State roadways using offender labor to pick up, bag and haul garbage to the Waste to Energy Plant. (see "Litter clean up" next page)

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Case Managers - Ron and Cassie

How can an inmate change his/her lifestyle while incarcerated? Answer: Community Corrections case managers Ron Cunningham and Cassie Lewis. They oversee and coordinate the various programs that are available to offenders. They work with the inmates, the Courts, Public Defenders, and Prosecutors. They perform needs assessments with the offenders to determine their current and potential needs, and then find them the appropriate programs.

Ron and Cassie also work with outside agencies who can provide services to offenders once they're released to provide continuity in

services. Additionally, they work with Jail and Geiger Classification to move inmates from the jail who can benefit from the programs Geiger offers. Ron and Cassie are invaluable members of the Community Corrections Programs Team.



Cassie Lewis



Ron Cunningham

Work Release - It works!

Derik reported to jail in May of this year to begin serving 310 days on a fresh DUI (his third), as well as a 230 days show cause sentence for multiple violations while on probation for a deferred DUI.

Derik was transferred to Geiger Corrections Center to participate in the Work Crew Program.

He met with Case Management and enrolled in Moral

Reconation Therapy (MRT) the following week. He worked his steps on schedule, as well as attending extra classes and he graduated MRT on July 25th.

Derik also enrolled in the Re-entry Program and completed that intensive class on July 27th. Attending both classes at the same time required four evenings a week of study *after* working off site all day on a Work Crew.

On Aug 3rd Case Manager Cassie Lewis received a phone call from a former employer of Derik's requesting that Derik return to work. Since Derik did not have Work Release authorization from the Court, we contacted his attorney and received the help we needed to get him to work the following Monday in the Work Release Program.

Derik is scheduled for a sentence review hearing this month which may result in an early release for him. Great job Derik!

What is Moral Reconation Therapy?

Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) classes started at Geiger in May of 2011, and since then, six people have graduated.

MRT is a program that seeks to reduce recidivism by confronting underlying behaviors and attitudes, evaluating how behaviors have negatively impacted oneself and others, developing a positive identity, and identifying steps to achieve life goals. It empowers participants to take

responsibility for their actions and the consequences of those actions, and work on making different choices in order to achieve their desired outcomes.

Peter had attempted several times to complete the MRT program in the community and was unsuccessful. While at Geiger, he was able to work diligently through the steps and complete the program successfully, and begin work

release while at Geiger.

Peter became a tremendous asset to the class, offering guidance and support to any classmate in need. Because of his progress while in custody, Peter requested an early release from the court and was granted this request. Good luck Peter!

In addition to MRT, Geiger offers parenting classes, as well as the Relationship Works

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Crews prioritize high traffic roadways and known dumping sites. In addition, once a new dumpsite is discovered the crews trim vegetation and overgrowth in order to deter future dumping activities. Crews frequently pick up paper, bottles and cans, wrappers, household items and larger items including furniture and appliances.

You may see them anywhere within Spokane County keeping our roadways clear of unsightly litter.