

District 7 Corrections Update 5/11/23

TAVARES DETENTION CENTER: (MEN AND WOMEN))

Requirements: 10+ years of sobriety, pass background check and fingerprinted.

WOMEN- TERESA K: teresakehr@msn.com

We have 6 Volunteers, with 2 attending each week and hold two 45-minute meetings on Fridays: 7:00-7:45 and 8:00-8:45. We have had up to 12 come to each meeting. Almost 100% of women have been to meetings outside of jail. We have had some hiccups since starting up after COVID with great support from Program Coordinator at Tavares. We have a set format to guide the women through understanding AA leaving room for Hope, recovery tools and how to find meetings once released. After 2 consistent meetings the women will be allowed to keep Big Book via sign in sheet.

MEN- JIM Z: VOMBEE09@yahoo.com

All volunteers are fully trained this month and beginning in May everyone can conduct a meeting without a partner. 3 men will cover the two pods, D2 and D3 on the 2nd floor, in case someone can't make it last minute, to not miss visit with inmates. When we have more trained and consistent volunteers, we will cut back to one volunteer for each pod. Pod D1 will begin having meetings once the 2 men who are in application process are accepted and trained. Big Books are provided for inmates as well after attending meetings.

COLEMAN FEDERAL PRISON (MEN ONLY)

Requirements: 2 years of sobriety, have worked the steps with a sponsor and have a sponsor, easy to do from home and is completely anonymous.

DAVID C: DJCOHEA@gmail.com (Correspondence/Email Sponsor Program)

Help needed for about 4 hours per month-emailing or mailing to an inmate at Prison walking them through the 12 steps. There are 2 completions, 19 participating in program, 6 interested in participating/have not completed application, 6 have not responded for some time and sponsors have been reassigned. Big Books are available through Chaplain and are restocked as needed,

PATTI D: step7humbly@gmail.com (Meetings Inside Institution)

Have 2 volunteers trained and passed application process. Awaiting more volunteers and "GO" To start bringing meetings into prison. Working with Program Coordinator to finalized when and where for meetings. Big Books, Videos played on CCTV and pamphlets are provided to Program Coordinator as requested. ***NEXT TRAINING TO GO INSIDE JUNE 10" PLEASE CONTACT PATTI D. TO SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

SUMTER DETENTION CENTER: (MEN AND WOMEN)

Requirements: 2 years sobriety and pass background check.

WOMEN- RHONDA H. hoornstrarm@gmail.com (Meetings Inside Institution)

Meeting starts at 5:30-6:30 on Tuesdays. Four volunteers are going in each week. Inmates get “good time” for attending and have had 3 women attend but they are showing excitement to have an inside meeting to attend. Inmates can’t take Big Books to their cell so it was discussed if there was a central location to get a book or have family mail one, etc. Rhonda will discuss with Program Coordinator plus providing 12 x 12 books for the Institution. Want 12- 12 x 12 to bring to meeting.

WOMEN- CYNDY P: cyndyp2321@gmail.com (Meetings ON DISCORD (ONLINE))

Unfortunately, currently the in-person ladies need to take the online meeting slot for Tuesday. The Volunteers are not able to commit to any other day currently due to other obligations. We will continue to search for solution to initiate an online meeting as days, times, and possibly more volunteers permit.

MEN- ED Y: edward9880@gmail.com (Meetings Inside Institution)

The volunteers have meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays 6:45 to 7:45. Attendance varies from 2-12 inmates and seems to be growing. The transitions from Zoom to live meetings was coordinated with the facility and is ongoing. Volunteers are doing a great job. The inmates are not allowed books (they have tablets with the Big Book and 12 x 12). No more volunteers will be vetted unless one is removed from the vetted list which is jail policy.

STATE/LAKECOUNTY/CLERMONT: (MEN ONLY)

(Awaiting update on application requirements to go into institution).

ED S: edstokie@comcast.net (Meetings Inside Institution)

Awaiting response from Key Leader.