

SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS

MSDF offers a variety of services to meet the needs of offenders and enhance successful reintegration back to the community.

Health Services

Services provided through the HSU include physician and nurse practitioner appointments, emergency services, medication administration and delivery, laboratory, dental, optical, x-ray and other off-site appointments throughout the Milwaukee and Madison communities. In addition, Health Services screens the numerous intakes and discharges that occur round the clock on a daily basis at MSDF.

Health Services partners with a variety of community agencies including:

- Wisconsin Division of Public Health Department STD Control Section to provide 397 free STD testing to inmates housed at MSDF
- Marquette University Service Learning to provide Spanish and English health information to Spanish speaking inmates
- Marquette University Certified Nurse Midwife to provide education and support to pregnant patients
- Kaplan College to provide Medical Assistants, Medical Office Specialist and Pharmacy Assistants.
- Komen Foundation in providing breast health education to inmates at MSDF and MWCC

Psychological Services

Psychological Services at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility plays a major role in maintaining the health and safety of the inmates. As a unit we are responsible for providing 24 hour care for those inmates with mental health concerns. We screen all individuals that enter the facility within a week of their entry and provide medication, groups, and individual therapy to facilitate a healthy adjustment to prison life. Psychological services are provided on our special needs unit, which houses our seriously mentally ill inmates, as well as providing rounds and follow up services to those inmates in segregation and the general population. We lead orientation groups, anger management groups, mental health process groups, as well as healthy relationship groups to help our inmates learn new skills prior to going back to the community. We engage in multi-disciplinary weekly reviews of our inmates that are in special status, such as segregation and our special needs unit, in order to provide the best interventions possible.

Psychological Services is also responsible for training the staff in suicide prevention and new employee orientation in order to teach appropriate responsiveness to our mentally ill inmates. We also maintain an active student training program, where we educate both master's level and doctoral level students about the complexities of being mentally ill and in a prison environment. Our students provide psychological testing when needed, crisis intervention, group therapy and ongoing individual therapy, with inmates who can benefit from additional intervention. We are an American Psychological Assn. (APA) accredited site and maintain the highest level of training for both staff and students.

Education

Education programming at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility consists primarily of Adult Basic Education and personal development classes. Rapid inmate turnover presents unique challenges for attainment of long-term education goals, however, inmates are given opportunities to upgrade their academic skills and receive classroom and individual instruction in preparation for a GED/HSED.

All education instruction at MSDF is delivered by teachers who are certified by the Wisconsin Technical College System. The department consists of an Education Director, 8 certified teachers and 2 teacher assistants. In addition, we utilize several community resources for assistance in delivering non-academic program content, including The Parenting Network, M & I Community Education, MATC, and WRTP/Big Step. Classroom instruction is provided in the following areas:

- Civics
- Math
- Science
- Writing/Reading
- Health
- Employability Skills
- Money Management
- Parenting

MSDF also has a full-time Librarian who oversees circulation of requested materials to inmates and provides assistance with accessing legal information.

Social Work/Programs

MSDF has a staff of over 20 social workers who work with inmates in a variety of ways. They facilitate communication with agents, provide individual and group counseling sessions, assist in completion of required paperwork, and facilitate pre-release planning with family and community providers. In addition, most of the social workers participate in providing services to inmates through the following programs:

Felony Drug Offender Alternative to Prison (FDOATP)

The FDOATP Unit is an Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction (AODA) treatment program that accepts inmates sentenced by the court or referred by P&P Agents as ATRs (Alternative to Revocation). FDOATP is a comprehensive skill building program designed for offenders with a drug related offense that also have a need for a High School education. It is an open ended program with new groups starting every 6 weeks. The duration of the program at MSDF is 24-32 weeks depending upon each offender's behavior. Upon successful completion of the program, the court sentenced offenders are moved to Felmers Chaney Correctional Center to work on finding and maintaining steady employment prior to being released back to street supervision.

FDOATP employs a multidisciplinary team approach to running the program. This team includes 3 social workers, 1 teacher, 2 teacher's assistants, the Security staff, and Office Operations Associate, and the unit manager. MSDF also contracts with Roger's Memorial Hospital to provide recreational therapy as another form of programming. In addition, there are many volunteer organizations that come in to assist with other needs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, bible study groups, and sexually transmitted disease education.

Alternative to Revocation (ATR)

The ATR Program Groups are made up of a team of 2-3 Social Workers, a Teacher and the Security staff that work on the floors. Offenders are expected to fully participate in the program, and cooperate in the day-to-day operations on the Unit.

Cognitive-based AODA

-Approximately 90 Day (13 week) Program

Focus on:

-Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Education and Intervention with an Educational Component.

Domestic Violence/AODA

-Approximately 90 Day (13 week) Program

Focus on:

-Domestic Violence Education along with Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Education and Intervention.

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy services offered at Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF) are multi-faith and diversified in nature. This allows the MSDF chaplain to provide religious services for its diverse offender population. Instruction and worship times are available to each offender upon request. In 2007 MSDF provided the following services:

- Provided Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Program
- Pastoral visits with community spiritual leaders of their faith group choice
- Spiritual consultation with the Chaplain
- Family Support Groups sponsored by community agencies and religious organizations
- Provide clothing for offenders having none in personal property upon release
- Provide community resource information and religious organization networking for offenders being released into the community
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Correspondence Bible Studies
- Religious Tutoring
- Religious Mentoring
- Domestic Violence discussions

Approximately 60 active volunteers provided the diverse services to MSDF offenders.

Buddhist, Catholic, Protestant, Christian Science, Islam, Jehovah's Witness, Judaism, Native American Indian, Wicca and Eastern Religions

In addition to instructional and worship opportunities, the following services are also available:

Faith based libraries currently exist on each floor in every living unit housing offenders. Books pertaining to specified faith groups may be requested from the MSDF Chaplain.