



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.