MTC prepares incarcerated men to successfully return to their communities
Nearly all of the men incarcerated at Taft Correctional Institution will eventually be released. It’s MTC’s responsibility to provide a wide range of educational, vocational, substance abuse, cognitive behavioral, and life skills programs to prepare these men to successfully return to their communities.

Taft Correctional Institution contributes significantly to the local economy
Staff employed: 342
Local spend: $4,662,847

Taft Correctional Institution strives to be a leader in social impact
Provided 2,498,263 hours of effective programs, courses, and activities including adult basic education, GED, addiction recovery, and re-entry
Awarded 496 certificates in educational, career training, substance abuse treatment, sex offender treatment, and life skills programs

Taft Correctional Institution has achieved nationally-recognized corrections, education, healthcare, and safety accreditations
Taft Correctional Institution is accredited by the American Correctional Association—achieving over 99% compliance for both mandatory and non-mandatory standards in its most recent audit. Other accreditations and certifications include the Correctional Education Association, The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Rehabilitation Programs

**Education**
- Adult Basic Education
- English as Second Language
- GED
- INEA
- VT Math

**Vocation**
- Culinary Arts
- NCCER Courses
- Open Office Computer Apps
- ServSafe

**Substance Abuse**
- Freedom from Drugs
- Non-residential Drug Abuse Program
- Those Outspoken

**Life Skills**
- Cage Your Rage
- Inside Out Dad
- Release Preparation

**Therapy**
- Individual Counseling

**Religious**
- Man in the Mirror
MTC is committed to being a good neighbor and investing in the local community

MTC is proud to be a part of the community in Kern County. Staff and inmates volunteer both time and money in the community, working with various non-profit organizations and other groups that benefit the local community. Representatives from local government, business, and civic organizations serve on the facility’s community relations council. Facility leaders share important updates and collaborate on issues important to the community.

Community Relations Council

- **Assistant Manager Lonn Boyer**
  Taft City
- **Dr. Kathy Orrin**
  Taft Chamber of Commerce
- **President Debra Daniels**
  Taft College
- **Sandra Mittlesteadt**
  Taft Union High School
- **Clayton Fowler**
  Bakersfield District Office for Congressman Kevin McCarthy
- **Chris Resendez**
  Administration of Justice Program WESTEC (Corrections Academy)
- **Lauren Skidmore**
  Assemblyman Vince Fong’s Office
- **Pastor Rodney Wikoff**
  West Hills Church of the Nazarene
- **Shelley McKinzie**
  San Joaquin Valley College

“The Taft Correctional Institution is a great example of an institution that is committed to reducing recidivism.”

*Dr. Kathy Orrin, President, Taft Chamber of Commerce, April 2019*

“I want to thank the [Taft Correctional Institution] for allowing me to finish my INEA. I want to invite my countrymen here to continue with their studies, because we don’t have this opportunity in Mexico, in our country.”

~ *Noe Sanchez-Reyes, resident, Taft Correctional Institution, August 2018*