Facility Profile

Acting Warden: Georgina Puentes | Capacity: 2,500 Inmates | Security Level: Main Institution - Low; Satellite Camp - Minimum

Economic Impact

Local Spend: $4,662,847 | Staff: 342

Performance Results

Quality Rating - Good: 2017 BOP Contract Facility Monitoring Report

Accreditations

Facility Programming Results: 2,498,263 hours of effective offender programming and engagement activities completed

The Taft Correctional Institution strives to be a leader in social impact by helping those we serve prepare to successfully re-enter society. Incarcerated men are provided with a wide variety of cognitive behavioral, educational, vocational, substance abuse, and life-skills courses that help reduce recidivism.

Rehabilitation Programs

Education

• Adult Basic Education
• English as Second Language
• GED
• INEA
• VT Math

Vocation

• Culinary Arts
• NCCER Courses
• Open Office Computer Apps
• ServSafe
• Truck Driving
• Wheels for the World

Substance Abuse

• Alcoholics Anonymous
• 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
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

Helping Those We Serve

“The staff has been very supportive, the counselors, the case managers, the unit managers, the assistant wardens, everybody has been very supportive of all programs offered here so everything is functioning great. I think they have a genuine interest in people in regards to us becoming productive citizens and living good lives.”

~ Lindell Brown, Taft Correctional Institution

“We have good communication with the staff here. We propose projects to the staff and anything they’re able to do for us, they do. The mission of the company is to help people so that they can be better in the future. Obviously, I see that as a very positive thing.”

~ Victor Manuel Alcala Navarro, Taft Correctional Institution