

PREPARING DETAINEES FOR SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY

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FACILITY PROFILE

Facility Administrator: Francisco Venegas | **Capacity:** 1,000 Detainees | **Security Level:** Low, Medium, High

Location: 1800 Industrial Dr. | Raymondville, TX 78580 | (956) 689-9999

Mission Statement

Giving people hope, skills, and opportunities for a better life.

MTC Prepares Detainees to Successfully Return to Their Communities

The men and women detained at IAH Detention Facility will eventually be released. It's MTC's responsibility to ensure these individuals have access to necessary services while they're in the facility including healthcare, court and legal resources, visitation, recreation, and educational programs when possible.

The MTC Difference in Detention

MTC is committed to providing high-quality programming to detainees. MTC has decades of experience providing education and training for disadvantaged populations and takes this wealth of experience to the operation of detention facilities. Programming helps detainees to prepare to transition back into their communities and make the most of their time in detention.

Hiring and Supporting the Local Community



Dedicated employees
preparing detainees
for re-entry



\$1,808,746
spent supporting
local businesses

The facility provided **216,363** hours of effective programs, courses, and activities including adult basic education, Reading Horizons Elevate, HMH Buzz, Typing Master Pro, and Open Office applications.

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 Raymondville. Several community volunteers offer their time and services to bring hope, encouragement, and support to the men and women at the El Valle Detention Facility. These volunteers are vital to the center's efforts to provide a compassionate and caring environment to the people we serve. Representatives from local government, business, and civic organizations serve on the center's community relations council. Center leaders share important updates and collaborate on issues important to the community.

Nationally-Recognized Corrections and Safety Accreditations

El Valle Detention Facility is accredited by the American Correctional Association—achieving compliance for both mandatory and non-mandatory standards in its most recent audit. The facility is also certified by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).



Programs

We are committed to treating each detainee with respect during their short time at the El Valle Detention Facility (EVDF) as they make their way through the legal process, which includes providing calm, clean environments, healthy meals, recreation, family visitation, legal resources, quality healthcare, and educational programs. Below are a few of the programs El Valle currently provides:

VIRTUAL ATTORNEY VISITATION

EVDF has implemented Virtual Attorney Visitation (VAV) to help detainees gain easier access to legal representation. Using video technology, the VAV program allows legal representatives to meet with clients or prospective clients virtually. While VAV is not a substitute for in-person meetings, it provides an alternative for legal service providers to communicate with clients in a timely and efficient manner. VAV meetings are conducted in private booths to ensure the confidentiality of communications during remote legal visits, which includes the digital technology required for the secure transmission and electronic signing of documents necessary for court proceedings.

SHAPING SUCCESS INITIATIVE

Shaping Success is EVDF's behavior management initiative that focuses on recognizing positive behavior through the use of a credit Coupon. As detainees display positive behavior, they are awarded a credit coupon by facility staff, which can then be used to redeem an item of their choice. EVDF has found that detainees demonstrate more positive behaviors through positive reinforcement rather than punishment. Through this program, EVDF expects that the positive reinforcement of behavior will result in:

- Less institutional infractions
- More program participation
- Positive staff-detainee interactions
- Phase advancements

Community Relations Council

- **Sheriff Jose Salazar**
Willacy County
- **Commissioner Mario Tijerina**
Willacy County Precinct 2
- **Mayor Gilbert Gonzales**
Raymondville City
- **Tony Chavez**
Raymondville City Manager
- **Frank Torres**
Willacy County Emergency Medical Services
- **Chief Uvaldo Zamora**
Raymondville Police Department
- **Chief Oscar Gutierrez**
Raymondville Fire Department
- **Superintendent Stetson Roane**
Raymondville Independent School District
- **District Attorney Annette C. Hinojosa**
Willacy County
- **Elma Chavez**
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