



# Oliver J. Bell Unit

Preparing Men for Successful Re-entry | July 2021



## Facility Profile

**Warden:** Pete Coffin | **Capacity:** 520 Residents | **Security Level:** Minimum

**Location:** P.O. Box 1678 | Cleveland, TX 77328 | (281) 592-9559

## Hiring Local and Supporting the Cleveland Community



**121** Dedicated employees preparing residents for re-entry



**\$452,528** Spent supporting local businesses

## Research Shows Education and Training Works



Education and training lowers recidivism by up to **43%\***



For every **\$1** spent on education and training, **\$5** is saved for future law enforcement and corrections costs\*



## Culture of Caring—A Foundation for Success

- 1 Hire and train caring staff
- 2 Treat staff and residents with compassion
- 3 Transform lives through education, training, and treatment
- 4 Prepare residents for successful re-entry

## Providing Education and Training to Reduce Recidivism

### Resident Results

**44** certificates earned in educational, career training, substance abuse treatment, and life-skills programs in the last year.



### Certifications and Education Programs

Residents at the Oliver J. Bell Unit can earn industry-recognized certifications through a partnership with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). NCCER certifications in electrical and other core construction courses provide residents with the edge to get jobs after they're released. Employment is key to reducing recidivism.



## Oliver J. Bell Unit has Achieved Nationally-Recognized Corrections and Safety Accreditations

Oliver J. Bell Unit is accredited by the American Correctional Association—achieving 100% 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).



**PREA**  
Prison Rape  
Elimination Act

### Rehabilitation Programs



#### Education

- Adult Basic Education
- Aztec Learning
- General Education Development



#### Life Skills

- Anger Management
- Changes II
- Conduit—Acceleron Learning
- Financial Peace University



#### Religious

- Deliverance
- Experiencing God
- Bible Study
- Religious Mentors
- Voyager
- Faith-Based Dorm



#### Substance Abuse

- Celebrate Recovery



#### Vocation

- NCCER Core
- NCCER Building Maintenance
- NCCER Electrical
- Prison Entrepreneurship Program

### Valuing the Cleveland Community

MTC is proud to be a part of the community in Liberty 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.

Nearly 150 volunteers give of their time and talents to help the residents at the Oliver J. Bell Unit. Volunteers provide a wide variety of religious services and programs as well as fatherhood courses and life skills classes.

### Community Relations Council

- **Mayor Richard Boyett**  
Cleveland City
- **Chief Sean Anderson**  
Cleveland Fire Department
- **Chief Darrel Broussard**  
Cleveland Police
- **Bobby Pennington**  
Cleveland City Manager
- **Executive Director Brenda Myers**  
Children's Impact Center
- **Tom Pierce**  
Police and Fireman  
Insurance Association
- **Sheriff Bobby Rader**  
Liberty County
- **Director Robert Reynolds**  
Industrial Board/  
Economic Development
- **Vanessa Brashier**  
Bluebonnet
- **VP/COO Jim Carson**  
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce
- **Pastor Timothy McGee**  
Cornerstone Church of Cleveland
- **Pastor Carl Williamson**  
Calvary Baptist Church

### COVID-19 Safety Precautions

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, MTC has closely followed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health department protocols and recommendations to keep our staff and clients safe. The health of our employees and those we care for is our top priority.

\* Davis, Lois M., Robert Bozick, Jennifer L. Steele, Jessica Saunders and Jeremy N. V. Miles. (2013). Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education: A Meta-Analysis of Programs That Provide Education to Incarcerated Adults (p. 3). Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation. Retrieved from [http://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RR266.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR266.html)