

PREPARING MEN FOR SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY

JANUARY 2024

FACILITY PROFILE

Warden: Jacob Vigilante | **Capacity:** 1,069 Residents | **Security Level:** Minimum

Location: 1695 South Buffalo Drive | Raymondville, TX 78580 | (956) 689-4900

Mission Statement

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

Providing Education and Training to Reduce Recidivism



RESIDENT RESULTS

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



RECOVERY, THERAPY, AND CERTIFICATIONS PROGRAMS

Willacy County State Jail has partnered with Windham School District to provide residents with educational services and electrical and construction certifications. The facility has also partnered with The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) to offer NCCER Certificates.

Hiring and Supporting the Local Community



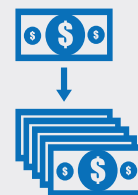
201 dedicated employees preparing residents for re-entry



\$2,456,857 spent supporting local businesses



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*

* 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

Nationally-Recognized Corrections and Safety Accreditations

Willacy County State Jail 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
- Education Counseling
- GED
- Literacy
- Post-Secondary Classes



Life Skills

- CHANGES/Pre-Release
- Family Health & Wellness
- Law Enforcement Interactions
- Leadership
- Quest for Manhood
- Winning at Work and Home
- WSD CHANGES—3



Recreation/Other

- Inmate Treatment Garden
- Offender Orientation
- Veterans Peer Support Group



Re-Entry

- Re-entry Roadmap



Religious

- Catholic (English/ Spanish/ Bi-Lingual)
- Christian (English/ Spanish/ Bi-Lingual)
- Kairos
- Jehovah Witness
- Jumah Prayer



- Neo Pan and Eastern Religion
- Taleem
- Shabbat and Torah Study
- Volunteer Programs

Substance Abuse



- Peer Support

Therapy



- Anger Management
- Cognitive Intervention
- Encounter Group

Vocation

- Construction
- Electrical

Valuing the Community

MTC is proud to be a part of the community in Willacy County. Through donations and community service, staff and residents partner with various non-profit organizations and other groups to benefit their community. Representatives from local government, business, and civic organizations also serve on the facility's community relations council, where facility leaders share important updates and collaborate on issues important to the community.

Nearly 75 volunteers provide valuable classes and programs to help rehabilitate the men at the Willacy County State Jail. These programs include addiction recovery, job preparation, life skills, and religious services to help residents improve their lives.

Community Relations Council

- **Janie Lopez**
Texas State Representative
- **Annielou Garcia, District Director**
Texas State Representative
- **Gilbert Gonzales**
Mayor
- **Rick Salinas**
Mayor
- **Christina Tamez**
Commissioner/VTX
Executive Assistant
- **Letty De La Paz**
Commissioner
- **Albert Cavazos**
Commissioner
- **Edward Gonzales**
Commissioner
- **Gloria Moreno**
Family Crisis Center
- **Nora Morales**
MTC Corporate Recruiter
- **Priscilla Nicolls**
MTC Corporate Recruiter
- **Angela Martinez**
MTC Corporate Recruiter
- **Shelly Sanchez**
Workforce Solutions
- **Adrian Robles**
Workforce Solutions
- **Armando Zamora**
Workforce Solutions
- **Ben Vera, Constable**
District Attorney Office
- **Cindy Perez**
Frances Najera
- **Gloria Cortez**
Willacy County District Attorney's
Office—Victim Advocates
- **Valerie Lopez**
Willacy County District Attorney's Office—
Victim Advocates
- **Martha Martinez**
Willacy County District Attorney's Office—
Victim Advocates
- **Armin Martinez**
Lyford Chief of Police
- **Uvaldo Zamora**
Raymondville Chief of Police
- **Annette Hinojosa**
District Attorney
- **Isaac Ebrom, District Coordinator**
Texas State Representative Oscar Longoria
- **Mary Stewart, Vice President**
First Community Bank
- **Rogelio Banda**
Office of Inspector General
- **Willacy County Veterans Office**
Rosie Gonzalez
Frances Najera