

Missouri Department of Corrections

Fact Sheet

St. Louis Community Release Center

SLCRC's underlying objective is to assist our client's with re-entry to the community prepared and able to sustain themselves as independently as possible. We expect our residents to be gainfully employed unless participating in an approved training program or disabled and receiving/applying for benefits; to establish residency in their community; prepared to report to a field probation and parole officer as scheduled; and to participate in any treatment directed or deemed necessary by the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole or Court having Jurisdiction.

The St. Louis Community Release Center originally opened as St. Mary's Honor Center in April 1978 and was located at 1548 Papin Street. In March 1996 the new facility was opened at our current address on First Street. SLCRC has a housing capacity of 500 male and 24 female clients in general population. The Temporary Administrative Segregation Confinement Unit (TASC) is a separate, very secure, lockdown unit for housing clients who present an immediate security or safety concern. This unit also houses the majority of parole violators taken into custody in the Eastern Region. There are approximately 140 correctional professionals employed at the facility to include Probation & Parole Officers I and II, Probation and Parole Assistants I and II, food service staff, maintenance staff, office support staff and supervisory staff for these sections. A superintendent and two associate superintendents head the facility.

Clients are assigned to the facility through a variety of avenues. Clients may be paroled/conditionally released from a DAI facility to a CRC when they do not have an accepted home plan or are stipulated for release to a CRC by the Parole Board. Clients are also assigned to SLCRC by their field PO's due to loss of a home plan or as a supervision strategy to address technical violations. Clients referred by field PO's may be under parole, conditional release or probation supervision. A third method by which SLCRC receives its clients is probationers sentenced by the St. Louis City Courts directly to a period of short-term residency or to the Sentencing Options Program (SOP). Assignment of probationers under the Missouri Statute 550.026, allows St. Louis City courts to sentence offenders to serve a period of time at SLCRC.

Catchment areas for referrals to SLCRC are as follows: Parolees & CR's may be from: Franklin Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, Warren, St. Louis County, and St. Louis City. Probationers can be placed at the facility only if their case(s) originate from St. Louis City and County except in those instances where they are released from a 120-days program without a home plan. A Court Order must accompany all court ordered probationers.

All new clients are required to attend a facility orientation, address any active warrants and register with local law enforcement. They are also required to work in-house in non-

paid slots for a minimum of fourteen days, unless already employed & working in the community at the time of intake.

Clients are referred to outpatient substance abuse treatment services and they may also attend substance abuse education classes at the facility. Clients are also afforded the opportunity to attend in-house Pathways to Change classes, which are offered every month. The Community Hope Project volunteers their services to our residents on a monthly basis; this program helps with client re-entry in the community. SLCRC also has Mental Health Specialists on site to assist the clients. Clients who are able are required to obtain and hold regular employment. The employed clients pay federal, state and local taxes through their payroll deductions from work and they are also required to pay their monthly Intervention Fee. SLCRC relies upon partnerships with local community agencies to provide re-entry services to our clients. Some of our partners include AA, St. Patrick Center, Division of Workforce Development, Father Support Center, Gateway Free and Clean, Employment Connections, Bridgeway Counseling, Preferred Family Treatment, and Center for Women in Transition.

Medical care is accessed via community health care providers and clients are responsible for all medical care costs. SLCRC provides three meals a day for the clients. The meals are prepared by the clients with supervision from trained cooks. A licensed dietician provides the guidelines for balanced and nutritional meals, including special dietary needs. These meals are served in a cafeteria-style setting. Sack lunches are available for clients who are not in the facility during scheduled meal times. Clients may also purchase food items from the vending machines.

SLCRC staff and clients alike contribute to the community on a regular basis. Charitable causes which have been the beneficiaries of fund drives include Special Olympics, local school programs, victim advocacy groups, and a shelter for abused women and children.