

Biscailuz Recovery Center (BRC)

On July 15, 1999, the Biscailuz Recovery Center (formerly the Biscailuz Center Jail) was officially re-opened to assist inmates in making a successful transition back into the community upon their release from jail.

The concept behind the BRC is to provide selected inmates with the opportunity to rehabilitate themselves through the strict regimen and programs that are provided.

The two programs currently in operation are the Impact Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center and the Domestic Violence Intervention and Recovery Services.

Impact Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center

The inmates who are involved in the Impact Program are selected by

designated Drug Courts within the Municipal and Superior Courts of Los Angeles County. Upon receiving approval by an authorized Drug Court, the contract service providers (Impact Center) and the Sheriff's Department, the inmates participate in a twelve-step curriculum which is partially based upon the tenets of the Narcotics Anonymous program. When an inmate completes the program, the Impact staff makes a recommendation to the court for follow-up monitoring, which can last up to eighteen months. Such monitoring



may include drug testing, non-custodial supervision, employment authorization, and continued participation in the 12-Step Program.

Domestic Violence Intervention and Recovery Services

Conducted inside the Biscailuz Recovery Center by the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District's Correctional Education Division, this program is designed to eliminate an inmate's violent tendencies by providing him with communication and coping skills. Certified marriage and family counselors instruct the inmates in a curriculum which includes anger management and problem solving. Inmates are required to fully participate and take responsibility for the actions that resulted in their convictions and incarceration.

As of December 1999, the Facility consists of four dormitories, each of which houses thirty inmates, as well as one building for classrooms and offices. Four other dormitories that will house an additional 120 inmates, and another classroom structure are currently being renovated. This expansion could become operational in the Spring or Summer of 2000, if additional funding is obtained.



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