

PREP Center Opens!

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Stop By

On August 3, 2015, the PREP Center officially opened its doors. The Center is located at 10810 Justice Center Drive in Roseville, in the back of the building housing the Placer County Probation Department. The Center is comprised of two full-sized classrooms, a conference room, two



interview rooms and an expansive lobby area.

The Placer County Re-entry Program (PREP) Center is a “one-stop shop” that provides evidence-based education classes, job training, and individualized case management to assist probationers leaving local jails and re-entering the community.

Individual classes take place four days a week, six hours a day. Our evidence-based curriculum targets criminal thinking (and its errors), alcohol and drug education, job readiness, anger management and money management. Each client also receives a case manager to assist with the re-entry process. The case manager and the client meet regularly to review progress and ensure that the client is adhering to his or her probation conditions as well as taking the steps necessary to become integrated, successful community members. PREP Center graduates have obtained employment, allowing them to pay back victim restitution and other court fines and fees.

For those clients without transportation, the Center provides bus passes to and from all of its sites. The Center also runs a shuttle that has pick up and drop off locations throughout Placer County, including Lincoln, Auburn, and Rocklin.

The Center runs programming in the South Placer jail through collaboration with the Placer County Sheriff's Office and jail programming staff. This unique partnership brings evidence-based education and programs to both male and female inmates, five days a week. Center staff also meets with other jailed inmates to assist with re-entry and ensure a smoother transition back into the community.

Currently, the PREP Center serves over 55 clients in its out of custody program. 22 clients are served in the South Placer jail. And, another 22 individuals attend the Northern California Construction Training program (detailed below).

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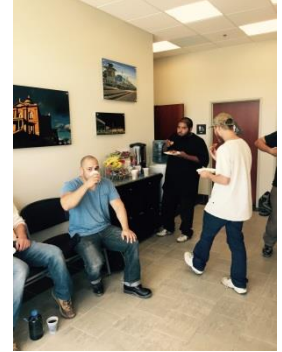
“Where successful transition begins”

A Warm Welcome Awaits You



“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.”

— [Jean Vanier](#), [Community And Growth](#)



Northern California Construction Training

The PREP Center is proud of its partnership with the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) program. NCCT provides a rigorous introduction to construction job site basics as well as training in over 20 construction-related specialties. NCCT is offered to clients five days a week, four hours a day and is located on the northern end of the Roseville Fairgrounds. Approximately 25 clients have been participating in this part of the program over the last 3 months.

Clients at NCCT give back to the local community. Over the last few months, NCCT has constructed four picnic tables / benches for the Roseville Police Activities League and the children it serves.

NCCT is always looking for opportunities to give back to the community. If you know of a community organization that needs newly-constructed items (like park benches) or rehabilitation of worn items (like wooden bleachers), please contact the PREP Center.



PREP Graduate Enters the Workforce

As part of its commitment to job readiness and employment for every client, the Center is excited to announce that one of its clients – Andrew Kingsbury – has been accepted into the Iron Workers, Local 118 apprenticeship program.

Andrew diligently attended job readiness classes, which taught him the value of effort, attendance, punctuality, and professionalism. In addition, Andrew was consistently exceptional in all facets of the Northern California Construction Training program. Because of his efforts, he was selected to attend an intensive, two week training sponsored by the Iron Workers.

Andrew was part of 30 individuals who started the training program. Only 15 made it through to the end. And, Andrew was one of only 2 individuals selected to begin

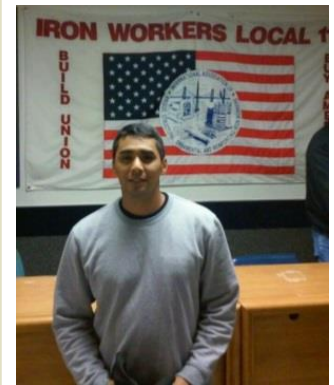
their career with the Iron Workers.

On November 13th Andrew was sworn into the local #118 International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union!

Andrew will begin his new career with Pacific Steel Group building a hotel in downtown Sacramento that is part of the new arena project.



“Client Accepted into Iron Worker’s Apprenticeship Program – lands career in Union!”



“What the PREP Center has done for me is unbelievable. I came into the program wanting to change my life and was given help in every way possible. This isn’t punishment or a chore, but a way to truly improve your life. Take advantage of everything they have to offer; don’t be afraid to ask questions. Their success is determined by our success. Take it seriously and you will definitely see a change in your life. Within months of the start of the program, I was given the tools and information to get a great job, my driver’s license, and my life back!

-Andrew Kingsbury

Community Partnerships

The PREP Center is a “one-stop shop” for individuals re-entering communities in Placer County. The Center holds workshops, meets with county agencies and local nonprofits, and holds discussions with community groups and organizations.

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Community Partnerships continued...

Workshops are held weekly at the PREP Center and give an introduction to local government agencies and services. PREP Center clients welcomed the Probation Department and learned how to work proactively with their probation officer to avoid miscommunication and other potential pitfalls.

In order to assist clients motivated to work in the construction industry, the Center has partnered with the Placer County Library to offer literacy and math tutoring. NCCT staff identifies individuals who need assistance. A representative of the library meets with our clients, assesses their individual needs and pairs them with a tutor. The tutor, then, provides individual instruction so the client can realize a career in construction and construction-related fields.

The PREP Center also welcomed Employment Services, Child Support Services and Human Services. These organizations assist clients in finding resources and services to further their employment goals, work proactively in paying child support obligations, and locating appropriate community organizations to assist with the re-entry.

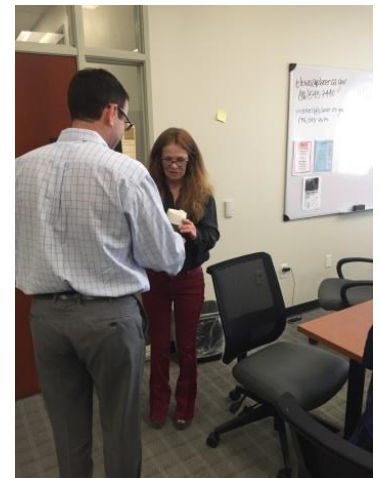
Student of the Month

Every month, the PREP Center chooses a client whose participation, attitude and effort are extraordinary. The Center highlights our client's achievements to reinforce their hard work and commitment to transforming their lives and the lives of their loved ones. Each student of the month is honored as such in front of his or her peers. The selected individual is recognized with a certificate and allowed to select a “prize” item such as earphones, coffee mugs, and pens. Success is achieved one step at a time. Congratulations to our students of the month for their dedication to their own rehabilitation.

“I didn't think I needed the classes I was enrolled in. I had no anger or safety issues. I thought I can change if I wanted to, I didn't need any help. However, after going to a few classes, I did find out I had anger and other issues I could work on. I knew changing old habits doesn't happen overnight, but you do need to start somewhere. Going to the PREP center has reminded me that we always have a choice in

life and the path we want to take: good, bad, easy, or hard. I made my choice, what will yours be?”

*-Barbara Maydole
October Student of the Month*



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