

# Restorative Justice Program



At the Mendocino  
County Jail



# Why Restorative Justice?

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Using the Human Ecology Model, we want to shift the internal culture of corrections from Retributive to Restorative.



# Human Ecology Model

— Instead of using the time in jail to punish and deprive, we will use the time to build the human ecology of the incarcerated individual. Much like building soil to make strong and healthy plants.

When we deprive soil of nutrients, we end up with depleted soil that is vulnerable to erosion and disease. Plants struggle to grow.

When we add nutrients to the soil, we create an environment for new life to thrive.





# Why do this for incarcerated people?

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When we offer people a chance to heal, learn coping skills, gain an education and thrive, we create a safer community.

What happens in the jail affects our community as a whole because people are cycling in and out between the jail and community.

An unhealthy environment inside the jail has a negative effect on the community.



# The Restorative Justice Program

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We know that people return to what they know when they have no options, and when they have not yet begun to heal from trauma.

The Restorative Justice Program aims to offer a chance for incarcerated people to heal their wounds and gain skills for a better future.

We address three key areas to ensure the success of our participants.

We call these three areas Head, Heart and Hands.

# Opportunities for Restoration

## Head

High School Completion

Both Academic and Trades  
College Courses

## Heart

Domestic Violence Groups

Parenting Classes

Anger Management Programming

Mindfulness and Yoga

SUD Counseling

Therapy

## Hands

Developing real world trade  
skills that lead to jobs.

Career and Technical  
Education

Gardening and Agriculture

Culinary Program

# High School Completion Program

Students are able to complete their high school education during their time at the Mendocino County Jail through our partnership with Ukiah Adult School



# College Program

Students can choose from a variety of both online and in person college courses to begin their college career while incarcerated.





# Addictions Counseling

We partner with local agencies  
to provide evidence based  
addictions counseling to our  
participants



# Innovative Trauma Counseling

Participants receive a variety of  
therapeutic modalities including  
Narrative Therapy, Animal  
Therapy and



# Meditation and Yoga

Inmates learn to reduce their stress and learn new coping strategies in preparation for the world outside.



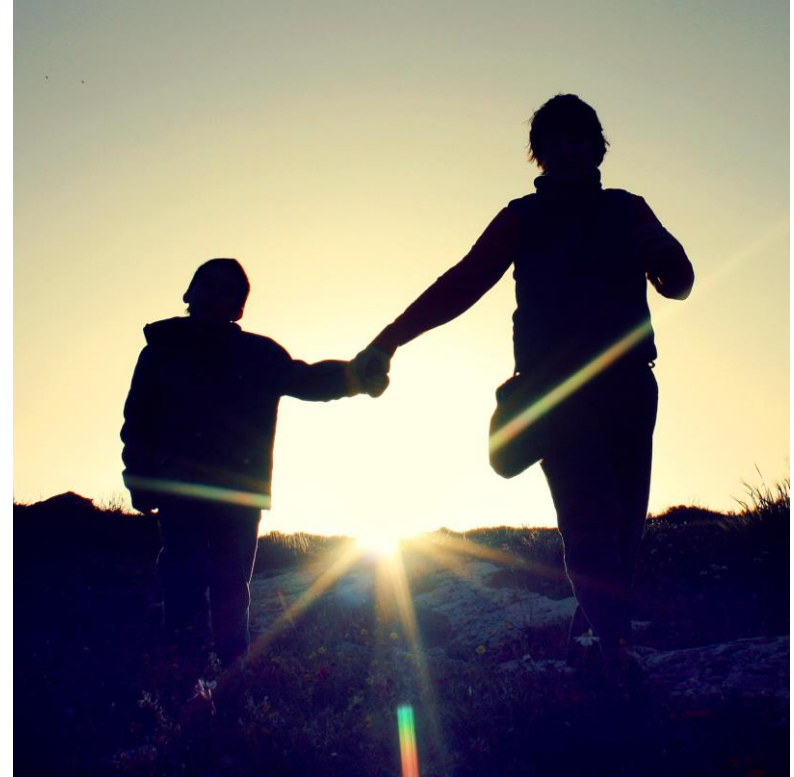
# Anger Management

Inmates learn coping skills to  
manage anger and heal from  
PTSD.



# Parenting Workshops

Inmates learn about child development and how to break cycles: creating nurturing relationships with their children.





# Farm Program

Inmates grow food and care for  
bees (chickens are next!) through  
our partnership with  
Unconditional Freedom Project



# Kitchen Program

Participants will cook with the food they have grown themselves.

We hope to develop a partnership with Mendocino College to offer Culinary certificates in the future.



# Construction and Solar Technology Program

Participants will earn Sustainable  
Construction and Solar  
Technology Certificates in  
partnership with Mendocino  
College



# Reentry Support

Our team will work with each participant to create a unique plan for housing support, job development, and case management to provide ongoing supports after release.



# A strengthened collaboration with Probation

Probation has begun assessing inmate's criminogenic needs while in custody.

Starting relationships with probation while in custody familiarizes participants with their probation officer's expectations.

Beginning Probation programming pre-release through GEO Group

Embedding a probation officer in the jail



# Collaborative Restorative Plans

Restorative Plans are individualized case plans that span from in-custody activities into discharge planning, creating a seamless continuum of care.

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# Next Steps

Case Management

Housing navigation

Eligibility Specialist

Job placement specialist





**“A judge’s job  
is to punish. A  
jail’s job is to  
create better  
neighbors”**

**-Dr. Stefano  
Bertozzi**

# Questions?

