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Nevada Wins Funds for Inmate Substance Abuse Programs

The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) announced it was a sub-recipient of \$326,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice's 'Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program' for Fiscal Year 2019.

NDOC worked with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance on the RSAT application, which will strengthen three of Nevada's existing substance abuse treatment programs:

- The "New Light and Sisters Together Achieving Recovery and Sobriety (New Light / STARS)" program at Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center in southern Nevada.
- The "Team Recovery Under Structured Treatment (TRUST)" program at Southern Desert Correctional Center in southern Nevada.
- The "Phoenix" program at Warm Springs Correctional Center in Carson City.

"Nevada is committed to supporting mental health and substance programs in our prisons," said Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak. "RSAT funds will help expand the services we offer inmates, and provide additional treatment to inmates who are ready to earn a second chance."

In its RSAT application, Nevada highlighted how its substance abuse programs emphasize the use of data and evidence-based practices in program development for inmates. It also ensures eligible inmates are enrolled in Medicaid and have access to primary healthcare, as well as substance abuse and mental health treatment upon their release from prison.

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Nevada also showed the U.S. Department of Justice that all three programs had received Correctional Program Checklist results indicating they have a high adherence to evidence-based practices, and were worthy of additional funding from the federal government.

“Our correctional officers and support staff work tirelessly to increase public safety and ensure the success of our communities,” said NDOC Director James Dzurenda. “RSAT funds will help this work by increasing the number of inmates who participate in our substance abuse programs and better prepare them for re-integration into society. This will reduce recidivism, a commitment that Governor Sisolak and I believe very strongly in.”

Nevada applied for RSAT because the program is designed to break the cycle of drug addiction and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

Enhancing the capabilities of Nevada to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates, prepare individuals for reintegration into communities, and assist individuals and communities through the re-entry process are goals that Nevada shares with the U.S. Department of Justice.

For more information about RSAT, please visit www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=79.

The New Light / STARS program at Florence McClure Women’s Correctional Center is a dedicated 120 bed intensive in-house substance abuse program. The Therapeutic Community is a structured environment that helps participants learn strategies to avoid substance abuse, re-structure their thinking, and regulate their emotions while also developing social skills necessary to maintain healthy relationships. For more information, please visit www.doc.nv.gov/Facilities/FMWCC_Facility.

The TRUST program at Southern Desert Correctional Center is a therapeutic program that prepares inmates for reintegration back into the community. For more information, please visit www.doc.nv.gov/Facilities/SDCC_Facility.

For more information about the “Phoenix” program at Warm Springs Correctional Center in Carson City, please visit www.doc.nv.gov/Facilities/WSCC_Facility.

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