



# How To Become a Volunteer: A Guide To Service Within the California State Prison System

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is dedicated to the rehabilitation of inmates in order to keep our communities safe and secure. This is a monumental task that takes the collaborative efforts of many, including employees as well as local communities. CDCR's need for volunteers from the community is vast – CDCR invites those who desire to help in this great effort to provide their time and talents.

Programming for inmates has been severely cut due to the State's current budget woes. However, thanks to the generosity of citizen volunteers who offer their time, talents and experience within our prisons to support programs, CDCR is able to utilize this vital resource so important to the rehabilitation and transition of inmates back into their communities. CDCR has the generous support and help of more than 40,000 volunteers statewide. Volunteer programs save taxpayers millions annually. Still, we need more help.

## **Objectives of the Volunteer Program:**

- To increase participation in correctional programming.
- To actively encourage inmate interest and participation in available programs.
- To gain trust and contribute towards the public's accurate knowledge of the Department's operations.
- To provide a needed transition between the community and the Department.

## **Who are volunteers?**

Volunteers are persons who provide a service to CDCR without expectation of remuneration. Volunteers are involved in vital programs, including religious, educational, 12-step programs, reentry and many others. The services volunteers provide make the continuance of inmate programming possible. There are protocols all volunteers need to follow in order to remain safe and effective behind the prison walls. Understanding these precepts will ensure the safety and success of volunteers, staff and inmates inside the institutions.

1. The Warden must approve all volunteers for entry into the institution.
2. All prospective volunteers must be carefully screened including background check.
3. The institution determines the need for the volunteer services offered.
4. All volunteers must go through training and orientation.
5. Volunteers must follow institution rules, regulations and policy at all times.
6. Volunteers are prohibited from becoming over-familiar with inmates.
7. Volunteers must report any breach of rules or conduct by inmates immediately.

**If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact the Community Resource Manager (CRM) of the institution where you are interested in serving. A list of institutions and their contact information is provided:**

Avenal State Prison (ASP)  
(559) 386-0587 ext.5998  
#1 Kings Way  
P.O. Box 8  
Avenal, CA 93204

California Medical Facility (CMF)  
(707) 448-6841 ext.6059  
1600 California Drive  
P.O. Box 200  
Vacaville, CA 95696-2000

Calipatria State Prison (CAL)  
(760) 348-6003  
7018 Blair Road  
P.O. Box 5001  
Calipatria, CA 92233

California State Prison, Corcoran (COR)  
(559) 992-6103  
4001 King Avenue  
P.O. Box 8800  
Corcoran, CA 93212-8309

California Correctional Center (CCC)  
(530) 257-2181 ext.4020  
711-045 Center Road  
P.O. Box 790  
Susanville, CA 96127-0790

California Rehabilitation Center (CRC)  
(951) 273-2976  
5th Street & Western  
P.O. Box 1841  
Norco, CA 91760

California Correctional Institution (CCI)  
(661) 822-4402 ext.4201  
24900 Highway 202  
P.O. Box 1031  
Tehachapi, CA 93581

Correctional Training Facility (CTF)  
(831) 678-3951 ext.4501  
Highway 101 North  
P.O. Box 686  
Soledad, CA 93960-0686

Central California Women's Facility (CCWF)  
(559) 665-5530 ext.5104  
23370 Road 22  
P.O. Box 1501  
Chowchilla, CA 93610-1501

Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (CVSP)  
(760) 922-5300 ext.5265  
19025 Wileys Well Road  
P.O. Box 2289  
Blythe, CA 92226

California State Prison, Centinela (CEN)  
(760) 455-0078  
2302 Brown Road  
P.O. Box 731  
Imperial, CA 92251-0731

Deuel Vocational Institution (DVI)  
(209) 835-4141 ext.3891  
23500 Kasson Road  
P.O. Box 400  
Tracy, CA 95376

California Institution for Men (CIM)  
(909) 597-1821 ext.7152  
14901 Central Avenue  
P.O. Box 128  
Chino, CA 91708

Folsom State Prison (FSP)  
(916) 985-2561 ext.3101  
Prison Road  
P.O. Box 71  
Represa, CA 95671

California Institution for Women (CIW)  
(909) 597-1771 ext.6536  
16756 Chino-Corona Road  
P.O. Box 6000  
Frontera, CA 91720

High Desert State Prison (HDSP)  
(530) 251-5100 ext.5524  
475-750 Rice Canyon Rd.  
P.O. Box 750  
Susanville, CA 96127-0750

California Men's Colony (CMC)  
(805) 547-7687  
Highway 1  
P.O. Box 8101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93409-8101

Ironwood State Prison (ISP)  
(760) 921-7557  
19005 Wileys Well Road  
P.O. Box 2229  
Blythe, CA 92226

Kern Valley State Prison (KVSP)  
(661) 720-4912  
3000 West Cecil Avenue  
P.O. Box 6000  
Delano, CA 93216-6000

California State Prison, Solano (SOL)  
(707) 454-3491  
2100 Peabody Road  
P.O. Box 4000  
Vacaville, CA 95687

California State Prison, Los Angeles County (LAC)  
(661) 729-2000 ext.7778  
44750 60th Street West  
Lancaster, CA 93536-7620

California State Prison, San Quentin (SQ)  
(415) 454-1460 ext.5400  
100 Main Street  
San Quentin, CA 94964

Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP)  
(209) 274-5019  
4001 Highway 104  
P.O. Box 409099  
Ione, CA 95640

Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP)  
(831) 678-5540  
31625 Highway 101  
P.O. Box 1020  
Soledad, CA 93960-1020

North Kern State Prison (NKSP)  
(661) 721-2345 ext.5006  
2737 West Cecil Avenue  
P.O. Box 567  
Delano, CA 93215-0567

Valley State Prison for Women (VSPW)  
(559) 665-6100 ext.5474  
21633 Avenue 24  
P.O. Box 99  
Chowchilla, CA 93610

Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP)  
(707) 465-9019  
5905 Lake Earl Drive  
P.O. Box 7000  
Crescent City, CA 95531-7000

Wasco State Prison (WSP)  
(661) 758-8400 ext.5117  
701 Scofield Avenue  
P.O. Box 8800  
Wasco, CA 93280-8800

Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP)  
(559) 935-4900 ext.7801  
24863 West Jayne Avenue  
P.O. Box 8500  
Coalinga, CA 93210-1135

Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJD)  
(619) 661-8654  
480 Alta Road  
San Diego, CA 92179

California State Prison, Sacramento (SAC)  
(916) 985-8610 ext.6410  
Prison Road  
P.O. Box 29  
Represa, CA 95671

California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and  
State Prison at Corcoran (SATF)  
(559) 992-7100 ext.5511  
900 Quebec Rd.  
Corcoran, CA 93212

Sierra Conservation Center (SCC)  
(209) 984-5291 ext.5557  
5100 O'Byrnes Ferry Road  
P.O. Box 497  
Jamestown, CA 95327