JOSEPH HARP CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC), located in Lexington, is a medium-security facility that houses more than 1,300 inmates. Inside this facility, the staff works with a diverse group of individuals, as they house mental-health, delayed-sentence, and youthful-offender inmates.

JHCC’s leather shop consists of six (6) inmates who work on various products or projects throughout the year. The leather shop makes anything from clear backpacks for staff to lanyards with beadwork. The inmates make holsters, handcuff pouches, portfolios, cell phone cases, wallets, purses/handbags, belts, book bindings, saddles, horse halters, and boots. In addition, a Native American beader adorns hand-made, leather moccasins with beadwork. He also makes beaded lanyards, hair barrettes, keychains, and hatbands.

EDUCATION
JHCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas. College courses (not provided through state funding) are also available to inmates who can pay for them or those who have alternative funding or scholarships.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
For those inmates who need substance abuse treatment, JHCC teaches them ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping them develop cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skills needed to avoid using.

CRIMINAL THINKING
JHCC offers Thinking for a Change, Moral Reconation Therapy, and Associates 4 Success programs to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal thinking and behavior.

OCI
Oklahoma Correctional Industries offers customers quality products at a reasonable price, reduces offender idleness, and provides job skills training. OCI offers jobs in computer operations, data entry, document imaging/microfilm, and the furniture factory.

SPECIALIZED UNITS
A geriatric medical unit provides medical care for those requiring intensive monitoring and treatment. A medical unit houses inmates whose conditions need routine monitoring and ongoing medical care. The mental health unit treats inmates with serious mental illnesses that prevent them from living in general population.

Other units include the Youthful Offender Program for individuals under 18 and adjudicated as adults.

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Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC) opened in 1978 on the site of a World War II-era U.S. Navy firing range. The prison’s namesake, Joseph Harp, was an Oklahoma State Reformatory warden from 1949 to 1969. He started the first fully accredited high school education program in a prison in the United States.