THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER INMATE HANDBOOK

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Assistant Commissioner, Operations
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You think that if you talk about your pain that people won't think that you are strong. Get support from your brothers and sisters because they have had exactly the same feelings. Talk to the Aboriginal Inmate Committee, contact the Welfare Officer or Psychologist, maintain your dignity and you will become a victor over—and not a victim of—the system.

This book is all about opportunities. There are many opportunities that can be taken and the same number that can be lost.

Todd Gordon
Editor
SCREENING, CLASSIFICATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT

When you come into custody you will be seen by a number of people who will ask you lots of different questions. This is to make sure that you are safe and to help make plans for your future. The whole process is part of Case Management.

First, while you were in the courts, a Custodial Officer would have asked some questions. Then after arriving in the Correctional Centre a Nurse and a Welfare Officer would have followed on from this. Their role is to see if you have any immediate problems or concerns that need sorting out, particularly health and family issues. If they are worried about you or they need more information, they may ask someone else to talk to you. Some of the others who may see you are the Education Officer, D&A worker, the Psychologist, or the Aboriginal Inmate Committee.

Next you will be seen by a team made up of civilian staff and Prison Officers. They are called the Case Management Team and they will try to work up a plan with you about how you are going to spend your time in custody. For example, if you have come in on a drug-related charge they will probably suggest you do some work on this. If you lose your temper easily they might suggest that you go to an anger management class. You will be fully involved in discussions of your Case Plan.

The other thing that they will discuss is your classification. This will determine what correctional centres you can go to and the level of supervision required. If you have been convicted of a serious offence, you will start in maximum security. If your offence is less serious you will start in medium or minimum security.
Think about what you want to achieve while you are in custody, what skills you can pick up to stop you coming back again.

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Brigette Smith-Ives, Regional Aboriginal
Project Officer, Northern Region

Derek Parnell, Regional Aboriginal Project
Officer, Metropolitan Region
Anthony Flanders with a banner he designed for
The Inmate Reception Room, Long Bay
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Psychologists available on a limited basis. However, more Psychologists now work within the Aboriginal medical centers.

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Norm Newlin, Drug and Alcohol Counsellor

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Brian Maranda, Probation and Parole Service, Lithgow
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Shirley Scott, Aboriginal Post Release Officer, 
Bathurst
CORRECTIONS HEALTH SERVICE

The Aboriginal Health Service is the representative agent of the Corrections Health Service for the well-being of all the Aboriginal Inmates in the NSW correctional system.

We can help you with specialised services, some of which are:

- Referrals
- Assessments
- Counselling
- Education
- Crisis Intervention
- Discharge
- Aboriginal History
- Cultural Awareness
- Literacy - reading/writing
- Spiritual sensitivity
- Mental health

We are committed to:
- improving the quality of life of all Aboriginals in every respect
- an ongoing partnership with our clients through the development of cultural awareness and any special needs
- being responsible to consumers' input in our representation of all our people.

We are pro-active in assisting political and culturally sensitive change aimed at meeting the future needs of all Aboriginal people.

Please contact your Correctional Centre Clinic for an immediate consultation with this service.
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Dr John Daniels, Medical Practitioner,
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Jack Walker, Coordinator, Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services
All information is reported on a regular basis if
Remember, the extra effort makes a difference.

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Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee
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