

# *Welcome!*





## **Crawford County Statistics**

Population: 60,378

### **Number of Possible Participants:**

- District Court-10,471
- Drug Court-65
- DWI Court-12
- Child Support Court-240
- Mental Health Court-85
- Juvenile Court-400



**Crawford County**  
**Adult Education Center**  
*Alternative Sentencing Program*



## FORMATION



- ◆ 2010: Arkansas received a grant from the Department of Justice to develop innovative ways to confront crime and then resolve it.
- ◆ Smarter Sentencing Program-
  - ◆ 13th Judicial District-Union County
  - ◆ David Butler, Prosecuting Attorney & Barbara Hamilton, SAU Tech Adult Education Director



## FORMATION

- ◆ Fall 2016:
  - ◆ CCAEC began discussions with court personnel and stakeholders in Crawford County and surrounding area.
- ◆ Spring 2017:
  - ◆ Changed name to Alternative Sentencing Program and began formal partnership with the District Court of Crawford County.





## Alternative Sentencing Growth



- ◆ Added partners since formation:
  - ◆ Drug Court
  - ◆ Child Support Court
  - ◆ DWI Court
  - ◆ Mental Health Court



## **Alternative Sentencing Procedures**

- ◆ CCAEC attends all court proceedings in Crawford County.
  - ◆ Physical presence in court is essential.
- ◆ In lieu of fines or community service, client can spend 40 hours with CCAEC.
- ◆ CCAEC provides overview of each class and explains the components of each.



## Enrollment Procedures



*Completion of the following is required:*

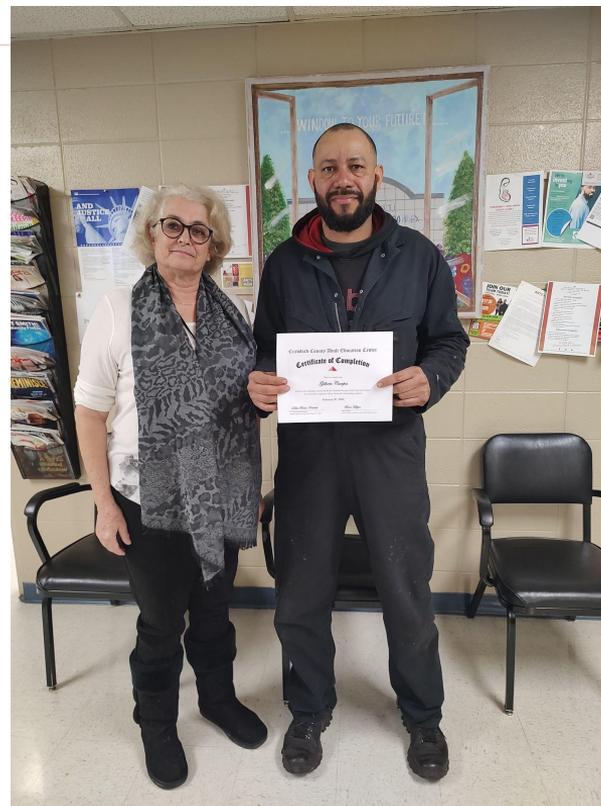
- ◆ Enrollment Application
- ◆ Learning Plan
- ◆ Alternative Sentencing Contract
- ◆ TABE Assessment
- ◆ Orientation
- ◆ Enroll in WAGE & Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- ◆ 40 Hours



## Attendance Guidelines

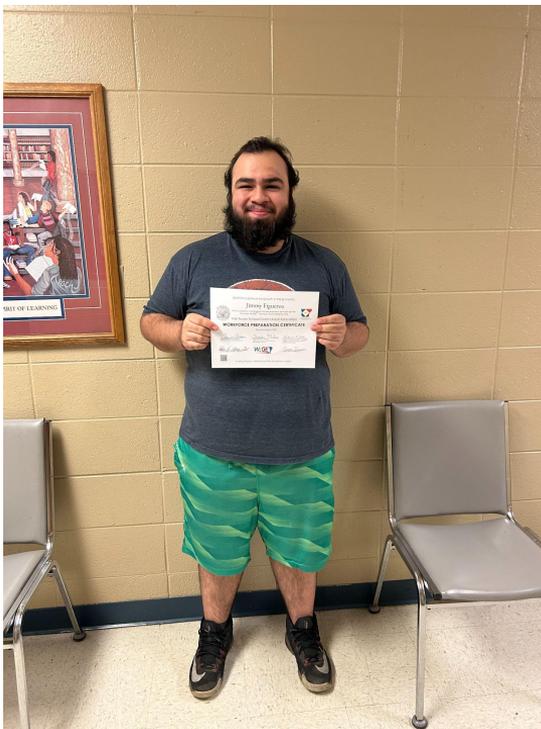
**Students are required to attend:**

- ◆ 6 hours weekly, but can attend more to complete program at an accelerated pace.
- ◆ Student must complete 40 hours and a Post-TABE Assessment.
- ◆ The Probation Officer is solely authorized to forgive an absence.





## Standard Student Policies Apply



- ❖ Student will participate in WAGE 1 Workforce Program
- ❖ Student has option to participate in various programs to satisfy their 40 hours.
- ❖ Students who complete the program will satisfy their alternative service obligation and all fines will be waived.



# Things We've Learned Along the Way

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Completion, Release and Dismissal Letters Sent
  - ◆ Probation Office
  - ◆ Adult Education Staff
  - ◆ Student & Student File

## ENFORCEMENT

- ◆ **Data Tracking**
  - ◆ Sign in Sheets
  - ◆ LACES Reports
  - ◆ Email Correspondence
  - ◆ Presence in Court

## Sample Completion Letter



### Crawford County Adult Education Center

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Debbie Faubus-Kendrick, Ed.D.  
*Director*

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Honorable Judge Charles D. Baker  
Crawford County District Court, Alma Division  
804 Fayetteville Avenue  
Alma, Arkansas 72921

Dear Honorable Judge Baker,

The following individuals have completed their course of instruction at the Crawford County Adult Education Center

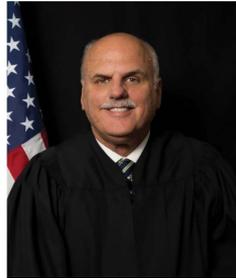
**Name**                      - 6/20/2023 -                      **Case Number**

Sincerely,

Dr. Debbie Faubus-Kendrick Ed. D.  
Director / Alternative Sentencing Coordinator  
Crawford County Adult Education Center

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*“When I took the bench, we decided to try some innovative things to provide alternatives to help people financially, help their families and their employment situations, mental health issues, substance abuse issues. We try to be a one stop source for people to get help, no matter what their situation.”*



*Judge Charles Baker  
Crawford County District Court  
Van Buren, Arkansas*



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## **It's All About Choices,**

*Here are a Few of Ours...*

**Arkansas High  
School Diploma  
(G.E.D.)**

**English Language  
Learner (ESL)**

**Citizenship  
Classes**

**National Career  
Readiness  
Certificate (NCRC)**

**OSHA 10  
Certifications**

**Workforce Alliance  
for Growth in the  
Economy (WAGE) I &  
II**

**Enroll in IET**

**Saturday  
Availability!**



## **Additional Class Options with Partners**

**Certified Clinical  
Medical Assistant  
(CCMA)**

**Certified Nursing  
Assistant (CNA)**

**Welding  
Courses**

**Personal Care  
Assistant Bootcamp**

**Vincennes  
University**

**Amatrol  
Industrial  
Maintenance**

**Pharmacy  
Technician Program**

**CPR Training**

**COPS CDL  
Academy**

**COMING SOON:**

**Child Development Associate (CDA)**



# Workforce Development Programs

## WAGE 1

- ◆ Digital Literacy
- ◆ Financial Literacy
- ◆ Employability

## WAGE 2

- ◆ Industry Specific Training
- ◆ Scholarship Opportunities

## OSHA-10

- ◆ General Safety
- ◆ Health Hazards
- ◆ Industry Specific Regulations

## NCRC

- ◆ Graphic Literacy
- ◆ Applied Math
- ◆ Workplace Documents

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

- ◆ Online & in-person classes
- ◆ National Certification Exam

## WELDING

- ◆ 6 Week Classes
- ◆ GMAW Certification

## AMATROL

- ◆ Online & in-person classes
- ◆ Industrial Maintenance Training

## Personal Care Assistant

- ◆ 40 hour bootcamp



## Wrap Around Services

- ◆ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ◆ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ◆ 100 Families
- ◆ DWS Mobile Unit
- ◆ Western Arkansas Planning & Development (WAPDD)
- ◆ Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS)
- ◆ Division of Services for the Blind
- ◆ Western Arkansas Community Development (WACD)
- ◆ Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program
- ◆ Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)
- ◆ AmeriCorps





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me. Show me you care and  
help me first.”*

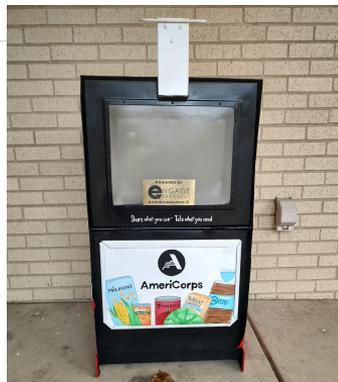
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*Dr. Debbie Faubus-Kendrick*



## On Site Resources

- ◆ Monthly Food Giveaways
- ◆ Feeding Program
- ◆ Hygiene Goods
- ◆ Household Goods
- ◆ Community Garden
- ◆ Career Fairs
- ◆ Clothing Closet
- ◆ Book Nook



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*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."*

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*Coretta Scott King*



# Our Community Resources

- ◆ Local Churches
- ◆ Local Food Banks
- ◆ Local Banks
- ◆ Local Public Schools
- ◆ Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- ◆ Doordash
- ◆ Arkansas United
- ◆ Quality Inn Alma & VB
- ◆ Rotary Club
- ◆ Women's League of VB
- ◆ VB & Alma Chambers of Commerce
- ◆ Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center (WACGC)
- ◆ Arkansas Community Corrections (ACC)
- ◆ Arkansas Legal Services
- ◆ ATU Ozark
- ◆ UAFS
- ◆ Wholistic Health
- ◆ Valley Behavioral Health
- ◆ Ideal Option
- ◆ Monarch 61
- ◆ Crawford County Conservation District
- ◆ AmeriCorps
- ◆ Crawford County Library System
- ◆ Hand to Hand Foundation
- ◆ Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council (CSCDC)
- ◆ Comprehensive Juvenile Services (CJS)
- ◆ Armed Services
- ◆ Crawford County Public Facilities Board

# Our Business & Industry Partners

- Simmons Foods
- Tyson Foods
- Pepper Source Ltd.
- Douglas Structural Welding
- Citizens Bank & Trust
- Arvest Bank
- Bekaert Steel
- Time Striping, Inc.
- McCormick Works
- TEC Staffing
- Qual Serv Solutions
- Pinnacle In Home Care
- Consolidated Printing, Inc.
- Van Buren Police Department
- Van Buren Fire Department
- Barling Police Department
- Turf Pro
- Home Instead Senior Care
- Alma Health & Rehab
- USA Truck
- WorkSource
- Mahar Manufacturing/4 Legs 4 Pets
- Crawford County Sheriff's Department
- Head Start Child and Family Services
- Creative Design Concepts
- Department of Human Services
- United Federal Credit Union
- Silverlight Insurance
- Cops Trucking School
- CDL Academy
- Home Instead
- ONIN Staffing
- Penmac Staffing
- Walmart Van Buren
- OK Foods
- Cricket Wireless
- Designer College
- Zaxby's
- Sonic
- William's Florist
- H&H
- Merle Norman
- Quality Inn VB & Alma
- Camille & Co.
- Chapters on Main
- Legacy Heights
- Crawford County
- Harold Hamm Construction
- Crawford Construction
- Nabholz
- Yeagers Hardware
- Lowe's
- Arts on Main
- Home Helpers



# **POINTS TO PONDER**



# **\$58 Per Day Per Inmate**

The amount the CCAEC Alternative Sentencing program saves Crawford County in corrections costs.

## **Additional Wins**

- ◆ Enables students to keep their jobs and their freedom.
- ◆ Students may obtain higher paying jobs due to increased skill set.
  - ◆ Wrap around services provided for additional needs.
    - ◆ Allows families to stay together.



# Statistics

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Students Served</b>	<b>Students Completed</b>	<b>Obtained Employment</b>	<b>Remained Employed</b>	<b>Became Unemployed</b>
<b>2020-2021</b>	225	48%	29%	100%	0%
<b>2021-2022</b>	173	50%	54%	100%	0%

# Smart Justice Feature

- ◆ CCAEC is excited to be a part of the new Smart Justice magazine and season 2 podcast featuring:
  - ◆ Crawford County District Court Judge Charles Baker
  - ◆ Van Buren Police Chief Jamie Hammond
  - ◆ Director, Dr. Debbie Faubus-Kendrick



- ◆ Magazine: [Spring 2023 Smart Justice](#)
- ◆ YouTube: [Smart Justice Video](#)
- ◆ Podcasts: [Smart Justice Podcast](#)



# National Recognition

## Alternative Sentencing Program

Crawford County Adult Education Center (CCAEC)  
Van Buren, AR

*Innovator in Holistic Approaches to Adult Education Services*

### THE PRACTICE

First of its kind program in Crawford County in which adults can participate in an education program in lieu of jail time, community service, and/or fines while accessing a variety of wrap-around services.

### INNOVATIVE FEATURES

- CCAEC, the District Court Judge, and the Crawford County Probation Office work together to determine the best course for each eligible justice-involved individual.
- Relationships with local churches and families who provide food, clothing, furniture, and household items to learners.
- A court liaison meets with the District Court Judge monthly to discuss programs successes and areas for improvement.
- Strong partnerships with community employers that provide support, including job opportunities, for learners.
- Learners can enroll in college courses and can receive an associate degree through Vincennes University.



**Crawford County Adult Education Center**  
INNOVATOR IN HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

**CRAWFORD COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION CENTER JOINS ADVANCING INNOVATION'S LIST OF ADULT EDUCATION INNOVATORS!**



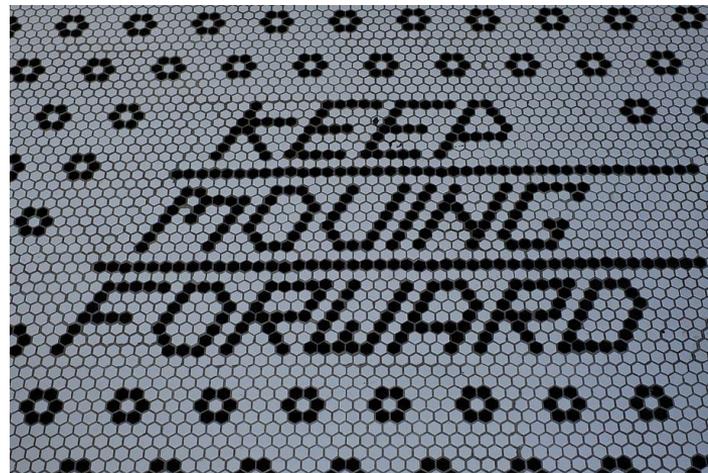
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## Moving Forward...

### What's Next at CCAEC

- ◆ Additional Resources
  - ◆ Community Partnerships
  - ◆ Business & Industry
- ◆ More Class Choices
- ◆ Updated Data
  - ◆ Accepted vs. declined job offers
  - ◆ Completed MSGs
- ◆ Added Case Management
- ◆ Events on Campus





## **Best Practices**

### **Build Your Lines of *Communication***

- ◆ Judges
- ◆ Court Staff
- ◆ Prosecuting Attorney
- ◆ Probation
- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Adult Education Staff
- ◆ City & County Officials
- ◆ State Office
- ◆ MOU
- ◆ Letters of Support
- ◆ Visit Active Alternative Sentencing Program



## Best Practices

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### Selling Points

- ◆ Be clear about
  - ◆ Who you are
  - ◆ What you offer
  - ◆ What you need
  - ◆ How this can help the community
    - ◆ Stay employed
    - ◆ Stay out of jail
    - ◆ Pay taxes
    - ◆ Keep family together
    - ◆ Provide resources
    - ◆ Upgrade skills



## Best Practices: Other Key Players

### Schedule Meetings:

- ◆ Stakeholders
- ◆ Legislators
- ◆ City & County Officials
- ◆ Business & Industry
- ◆ Community Resources
- ◆ Ministerial Alliance
- ◆ Advisory Board





## Best Practices



## Build Your *Choices*

- ◆ Class Options
- ◆ Resources Available
- ◆ Wrap Around Services
- ◆ Holistic Approach
- ◆ Job Opportunities





## **Best Practices**

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### **Adult Ed Essential Staff**

- ◆ Court Liaison
- ◆ Data Management
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Case Management
- ◆ Other Needs
  - ◆ All adult education staff buy in



## Best Practices

### Day to Day Operations

- ◆ Maintain Data
  - ◆ Students Served
  - ◆ # Graduated
  - ◆ Obtaining and Retaining Employment
- ◆ Invite the Community In
  - ◆ Orientation
  - ◆ Open Houses
  - ◆ Host Business After Hours
  - ◆ Career Fairs
  - ◆ Advisory Board
  - ◆ Community Events



## Best Practices: Residuals

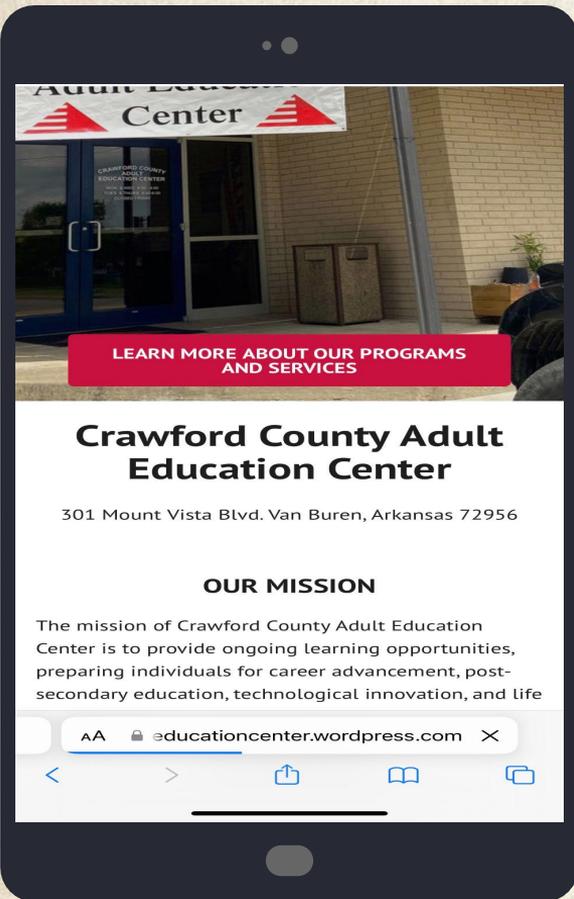


- ◆ Impact on Friends/Family
- ◆ New Student Referrals
- ◆ Taxes/Economic Impact
- ◆ Unemployment Decreases
- ◆ Higher Paying Jobs





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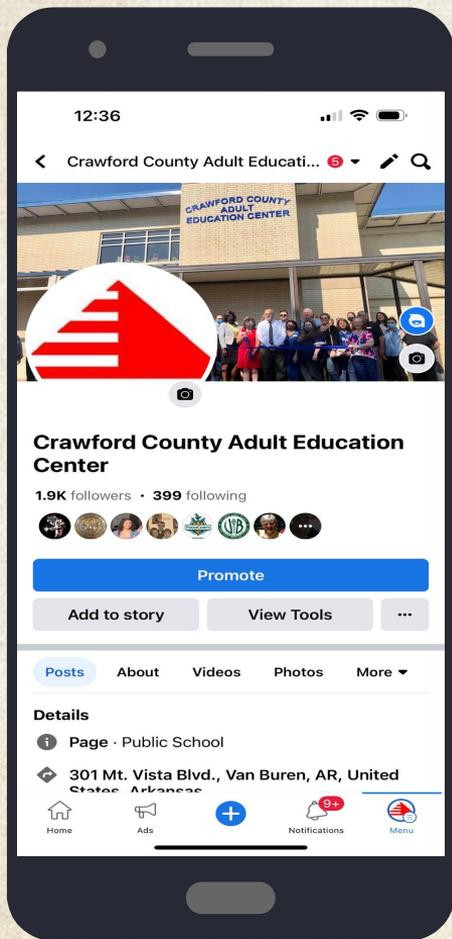
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