



TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATES

October 2025

Tiered Program Information

Treatment Curriculum

- ▶ Positive programming with the ultimate goal of working to resolve the client's behavioral abnormality and no more victims.
- ▶ TCCO worked with the TCCC vendor to develop curriculum for Tiers 1-4 that addresses the needs of the clients and the goals of each tier.
- ▶ The resulting curriculum is a living document that can be updated as needed. Providers can also utilize adjunct materials to address specific issues a client is facing.
- ▶ Revisions or additions to the curriculum do not result in clients starting over or repeating work they have previously successfully completed and internalized.
- ▶ The community providers that provide services to Tier 5 clients utilize their own curriculum, as approved by TCCO.
- ▶ Polygraphs & penile plethysmographs are a regular part of the treatment program for all tiers.

Tier 1 - Responsibility

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- ▶ Build problem-solving skills and teach clients how good decisions are made.
- ▶ Introduce the language and concepts of the Good Lives Model.
- ▶ Address individual needs as well as consider the various level of skill each person has for managing his life.
- ▶ Goals: Learn to take accountability, develop an understanding of healthy vs. deviant sexuality, work on understanding thinking errors, and demonstrate readiness to change.

Tier 2 – Awareness & Discovery

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- ▶ Participate in disclosure group that covers offending, relationships, and sexual history.
- ▶ Develop the path toward establishing a balanced, self-determined lifestyle, free from offending behavior.
- ▶ Goals: Admitting to the offenses, understanding the offense cycle, being accountable for the choices made, identifying risk, and continuing to demonstrate an understanding of healthy sexuality.

Tier 3 – Healthy Relationships & Empathy

- ▶ Client will learn to control risk factors and build relationship skills.
- ▶ Assist the client to understand and share with others in a more empathic and emotionally healthy manner through the development and practice of self-control behaviors, thoughts and emotions.
- ▶ Goals: Being able to identify high-risk situations, increasing social support; gaining skills in recognizing healthy relationships; and creating a maintenance plan for managing risk.

Tier 4 – Preparation for Community Reintegration

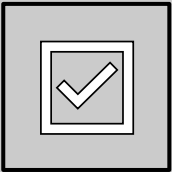
- ▶ Client will receive support and guidance with reinforcing and supporting the skills learned thus far in treatment.
- ▶ Clients prepare to return to the community through individually tailored curriculum using offense-focused group presentation, cognitive restructuring, role play and life planning.
- ▶ Goals: Being financially and emotionally responsible and developing a safety and discharge plan for community living.

Tier 5 – Community Treatment

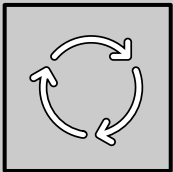
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- ▶ Continue to reinforce the skills learned in treatment while living in a less restrictive housing.
- ▶ Goals: Continue to build healthy relationships and support systems; identify high-risk situations; and be a productive citizens who is free from offending behavior with the ultimate goal of no more victims.

Tier Movement



**Not just checking
the boxes or
completing
assignments.**



**Behavior +
Participation +
Internalization**

**“It becomes a part of
you. It’s like with
breathing, you don’t
think to breathe. You
breathe. When you get
to a point where you
internalize treatment,
you live in what you say.
You believe every day.”**

- Former TCCO Client

Role of a Case Manager

Case Manager Duties



- ▶ Community and Facility Case Managers
- ▶ Coordinates with Multiple Agencies Regarding Treatment and Supervision of Clients
- ▶ Community Safety
- ▶ Monitor Compliance
- ▶ 24/7 Response
- ▶ Office Visits/Home Visits
- ▶ Review and Approval of Friends and Family Members as Collateral Contacts
- ▶ Treatment Team Meetings
- ▶ Monitors Movement

Community vs. TCCC Case Manager

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Community Case Manager

- ▶ Late-night, weekend and holiday visits to the client's personal residence.
- ▶ Searches of the client's personal residence.
- ▶ Safety equipment available for use.
- ▶ Smaller caseload, many contacts per week with each client.
- ▶ Field surveillance during client activities/movement.
- ▶ Completion and coordination of daily activity schedules.
- ▶ On-call rotates on a monthly basis.

TCCC Case Manager

- ▶ Office and home visits at the TCCC. Field visits if offsite at a medical facility.
- ▶ Larger caseload but fewer contacts per client.
- ▶ Does not complete field surveillance – client is escorted by security for offsite appointments.
- ▶ Coordination with TCCC for transports rather than daily activity schedules.
- ▶ Coordination with security & medical departments.
- ▶ On-call rotates on a weekly basis.

Additional Roles of a Case Manager

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Establishing Resources

- ▶ Referrals for Programming/Services
 - ▶ Mental Health Services
 - ▶ G.E.D/Adult Basic Education
 - ▶ Substance Abuse Services
 - ▶ Life Skills

Community Employment Opportunities

Community Housing



Providing Support

- ▶ Advocates for Clients
- ▶ Motivate Change
- ▶ Provides Assistance in Daily Living
- ▶ Encourages and Models Pro-social Behaviors



Dual Supervision

- ▶ 97 SVP Clients in Tiers 1-5 are both civilly committed and on parole.
- ▶ For dually supervised clients, TCCO takes the lead but coordinates and collaborates with parole.
- ▶ Continual information sharing between TCCO Case Manager and Parole Officer.
- ▶ Parole officer visits the TCCC on a monthly basis.
- ▶ When a client on parole is noncompliant with the terms of his parole, that parole officer may request that his parole be revoked and a warrant issued for his arrest.

Client Violations & Disciplinary Process

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- ▶ Clients can receive violation reports from the TCCC or from TCCO directly.
- ▶ Some violations are referred to behavior management review (BMR) and while TCCO violation reports may be addressed directly by TCCO staff.
- ▶ When a client receives a violation report, he is required by statute to be placed back on a GPS monitor and is placed on package restriction. Depending on the behavior, additional sanctions may apply such as dorm restriction.
- ▶ Regardless of the sanctions utilized, the client's treatment team will also address the behavior which may include targeted assignments or returning to a lower tier to revisit concepts that have not been internalized.
- ▶ Clients can move forward after violations by taking responsibility for their behavior and working to address the issues.

TCCC Overview

Texas Civil Commitment Center (TCCC)

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Treatment
Programming



Additional
Programs



Tiered
Housing

Treatment Programming

In 2019, TCCO worked with the TCCC administration and sex offender treatment experts to redesign the treatment curriculum.

The treatment curriculum is tailored specifically to the TCCC.

Curriculum changes did not result in clients redoing work or starting over in work.

Treatment Programming

Six hours per week of group sex offender treatment.

One 60-minute individual session every quarter or more frequently as needed.

Weekly study hall; required for tiers 1 and 2 but open to all tiers.

Client's treatment team meets regularly to assess progress.

Additional TCCC Programming

On-site medical care.

GED/Adult Basic Education

Substance Abuse Treatment

Life Skills Classes

Paid Work Program

Mental Health Groups

Open & Structured Recreation

TCCC Medical Care

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- ▶ On-site primary care clinic open 16 hours day/7 days a week. Staffed by a doctor, nurse practitioner, nurses and medication technicians.
- ▶ Clients are referred to offsite providers for specialty care, surgeries, and emergency room visits.
- ▶ MTC pays the first \$25,000 of offsite care for each client each fiscal year. Amounts above the \$25,000 are paid by MTC and then submitted to TCCO for reimbursement.
- ▶ **TCCO receives limited funding for offsite medical care but no care is denied based on funding limitations. TCCO continually works to secure additional funding for offsite medical care.**
- ▶ In FY 2021, TCCO was budgeted \$414,000 for offsite healthcare and expended \$2.6 million. In FY 2022, TCCO was budgeted \$771,000 for offsite healthcare and expended \$1.9 million. In FY 2023, TCCO was budgeted \$771,000 for offsite healthcare and expended \$3,0. In FY 2024, TCCO was budgeted \$1,851,685 for offsite healthcare and was billed \$3,099,178.11. In FY 2025, TCCO was budgeted \$1,851,685 for offsite healthcare and has billed \$3,680,338.97 with several million dollars of expenses remaining to be invoiced for the year as medical providers finalize their billing. Total offsite medical care costs for FY 2025 are just under \$10 million.
- ▶ In FY 2025, 5 clients account for a total of \$3,478,521 of medical expenses.

TCCC Medical Care

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- ▶ If a client has medical needs that cannot be met/provided for at the TCCC such as needing assistance with tasks such as dressing, toileting, and bathing clients care can be referred to a nursing home. In such cases, TCCO's Case Analyst works to make a placement at an appropriate nursing home with few nursing homes willing to accept TCCO clients.
- ▶ TCCO often receives questions about clients being seen at the VA for medical care. Unfortunately, due to VA regulations concerning clients who are housed in state facilities, the clients are not eligible to receive VA medical care. TCCO has encouraged the VA to reconsider this, without success.

TCCC Features

Developed Since Opening

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TIERED HOUSING



**ADVANCED GROUP
ENVIRONMENT (AGE)
& TIER 4 APARTMENTS**



RESIDENT COUNCIL



**IN-PERSON AND VIDEO
VISITATION**



**PHONES ON DORMS AT
REDUCED RATE**

Client Privileges

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Cell phones allowed
for higher-tiered
clients

Personal electronics
such as gaming
systems and TVs

GPS removal for
higher-tiered clients

Takeout from local
restaurants

Grocery delivery for
Tier 4 & AGE clients
to prepare meals in
their apartments

Packages can be
ordered or sent by
family

TCCC Updates

New dorm opened for Tier 3 clients in 2024, two new buildings scheduled to open in 2025

Improved video visitation system being implemented with better connectivity

Ongoing security training to ensure consistent, firm but fair application of facility rules

Security working with treatment to provide behavioral info so treatment team can address

Additional computers added to law library and computer lab created for non-legal computer use

Multiple bank account options for clients

Reentry Reboot Grant

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Provide up to date, hands-on workplace technology training to clients to assist in reentry.



Utilization of community-based partners.



Technology skills courses and soft-skills courses to help with employability.



Originally a three-year grant, has been extended to a fourth year.



Will serve at least 150 clients.

Reentry Reboot Grant

Computer classroom set up at the TCCC with laptops and iPads.

Smart Board also available for interactive training needs.

Goodwill providing soft skills and computer courses. Lab hours available outside of class.

South Plains College certificates for those who pass the Goodwill computer courses.

Dedicated instructor employed by TCCO in the classroom full-time.

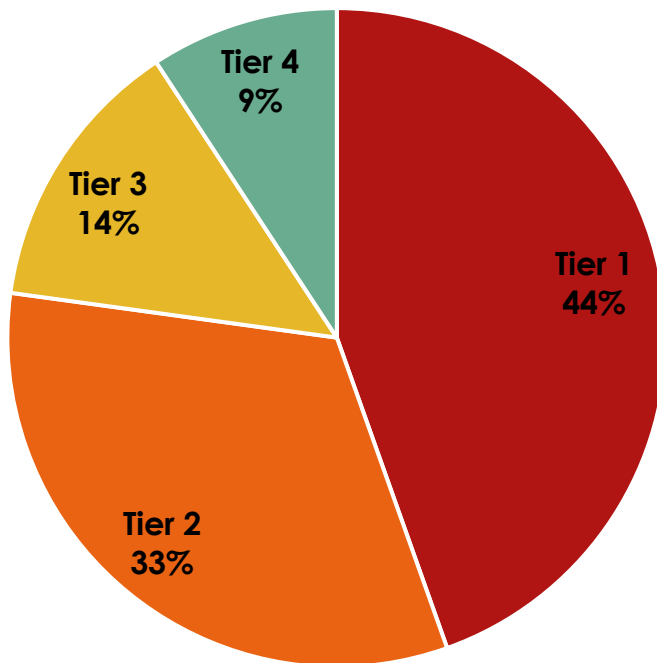
Additional courses offered by TCCO on topics such as housing and using the bus.

Donated forklift for use to obtain certification after taking online forklift course.

TCCC Tier Levels 2015 to Current

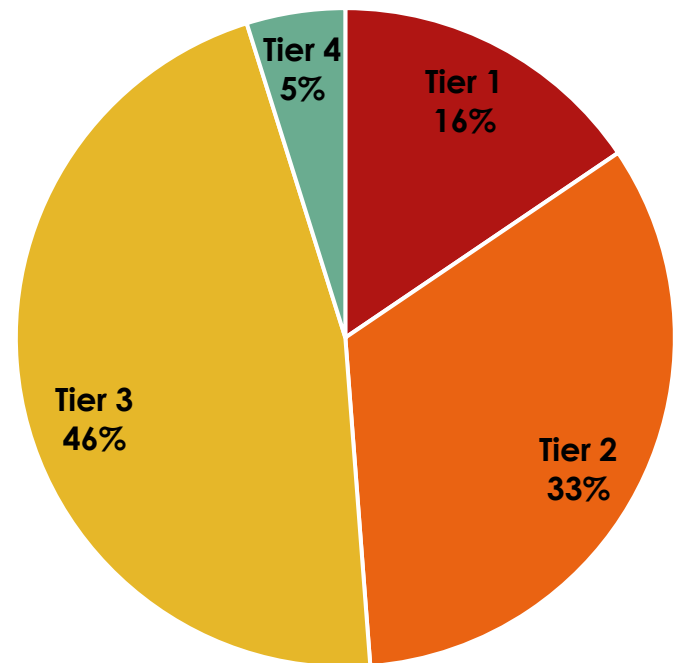
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Tier Levels in 2015



■ Tier 1 ■ Tier 2 ■ Tier 3 ■ Tier 4

Tier Levels 08/31/2025



■ Tier 1 ■ Tier 2 ■ Tier 3 ■ Tier 4

Tier Movement & Releases

Twenty-eight clients have been released from civil commitment.

Of those twenty-eight, five took place in the last year.

Also in the last year, three clients have transitioned from the TCCC to Tier 5.

Biennial Reviews & Petitions for Release

Biennial Review

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- ▶ Required by statute. The purpose is to determine whether the client's behavioral abnormality has changed such that he is no longer likely to engage in a predatory act of sexual violence.
- ▶ Deadlines are set by the court of commitment and biennial review reports are submitted to the court of commitment.
- ▶ Client is evaluated by a psychologist under contract with TCCO.
- ▶ TCCO's Case Analyst compiles all of the information and provides to TCCO's Staff Attorney to file with the court.
- ▶ The review is submitted to the court of commitment and includes an evaluation report from the biennial examiner, a treatment provider report and a case manager report.

Petition for Release

- ▶ **Clients have a right to file a petition for release with their court of commitment.**
- ▶ **This can be done without TCCO's authorization.**
- ▶ **TCCO is required to remind the clients of their right to file an unauthorized petition for release annually.**
- ▶ **TCCO is required to authorize the client to petition for release if TCCO believes the client's behavioral abnormality has changed such that the client is no longer likely to engage in a predatory act of sexual violence.**

Legislative Update – SB 1610

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- ▶ Effective 9/1/2025
- ▶ Equal application of the three-strikes rule for all clients. Minimum sentencing of 25 to life for new felony offenses and consecutive sentences. Does not eliminate the ability to plea bargain for a lesser sentence.
- ▶ Client violations can be prosecuted in county where the offense occurred or in county of commitment and SPU can assist in cases.
- ▶ Specific bond conditions required if the client is released on bond.
- ▶ Clarification to statutes regarding assault and chunking.
- ▶ All SVP clients are now required to register as a sex offender.
- ▶ Requires clients to pay for property damages caused by the client.
- ▶ Only 1 conviction required for Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child/Disabled Person cases rather than the 2 currently required due to elements of the offense requiring proof of multiple offenses.