



TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATES

September 2024

Tier 1 - Responsibility

- ▶ 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.

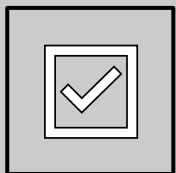
Tier 5 – Community Treatment

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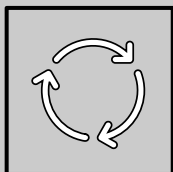
- ▶ Continue to reinforce the skills learned in treatment while living in a less restrictive housing.
- ▶ Goals: Continue to build healthy relationships and support systems; identify high-risk situations; and be a productive citizens who is free from offending behavior with the ultimate goal of no more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

Tier Movement

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**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

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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 90 days 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 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 MP3
players, gaming
systems, TVs

GPS removal for
higher-tiered clients

Packages can be
ordered or sent by
family

Takeout from local
restaurants

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

Program Updates

GPS Updates – Better connectivity & more clients eligible for removal

Switch to smartphones & addition of data plans for some clients

Cost recovery reduced from 33% to 25%

Packages no longer subject to cost recovery

Clients are able to check out tablets on their dorm for 2 hours per day.

CapitalOne bank accounts for clients

Grant program to provide reentry technology training and related skills

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.



Three-year grant with ability to extend to a fourth year.



Serve at least 150 clients; have served 77 thus far.

Reentry Reboot Grant

Computer lab/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 teacher employed by TCCO in the classroom full-time.

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

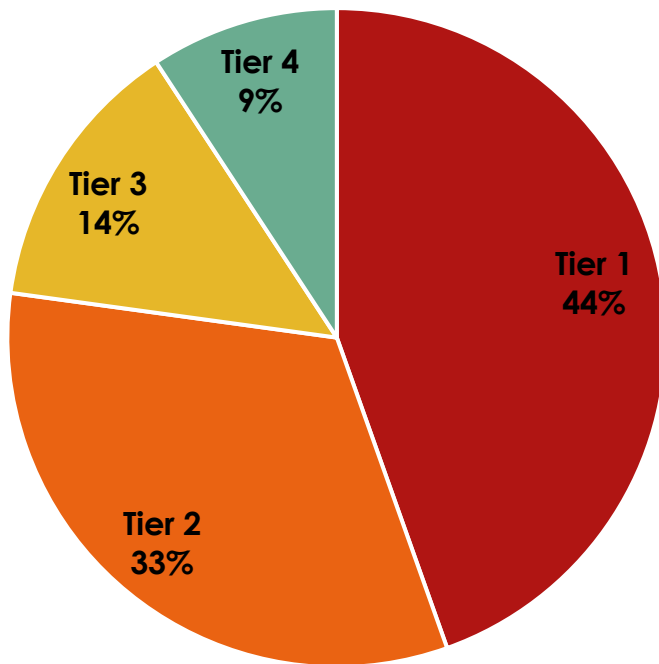
Donated forklift for use to obtain certification after taking online forklift course.

First cohort of students completed the program, all passed the advanced course.

Second cohort currently participating in the computer class and the soft skills courses.

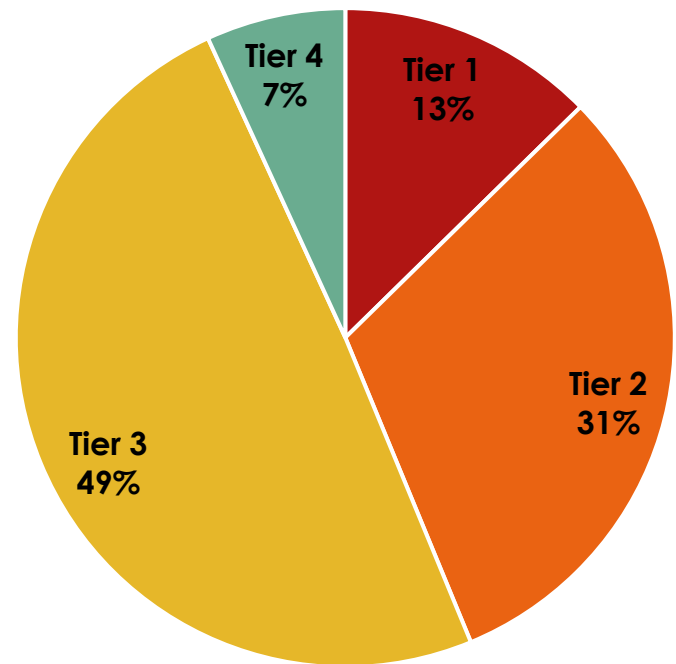
TCCC Tier Levels 2015 to Current

Tier Levels in 2015



■ Tier 1 ■ Tier 2 ■ Tier 3 ■ Tier 4

Tier Levels 08/31/2024



■ Tier 1 ■ Tier 2 ■ Tier 3 ■ Tier 4

Tier Movement & Releases

Twenty-three clients have been released from civil commitment.

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

Also in the last year, two clients have transitioned from the TCCC to Tier 5 with one pending final arrangements.

Biennial Reviews & Petitions for Release

Biennial Review

- ▶ 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.**