



WELCOME TO THE LEHIGH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



STEP BACK IN TIME FOR THE EVOLUTION OF THE DOC





**1817- First County Prison was
constructed at the 4th and Linden
street site**

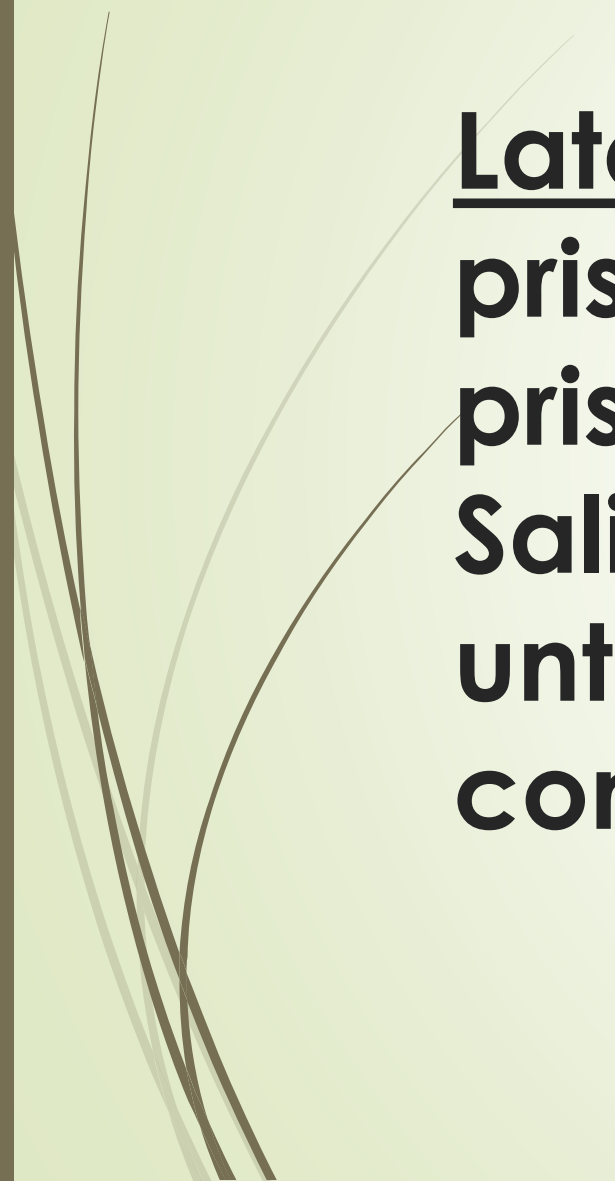



1986- A Federal lawsuit was filed by inmates citing overcrowded conditions and therefore, unconstitutional conditions

1988-Under pressure of a Federal Judge, Lehigh County agreed to start working on plans for a new prison



Early 1989- The Judge ruled the maximum inmate population at Lehigh County Prison was to be 242. For each inmate over that number, Lehigh County would be fined \$100 per day.




Late 1989- Rather than release prisoners, a makeshift temporary prison facility was opened at our Salisbury site to take the overflow until a new prison construction was completed.




**1992- Opened First phase of the
new prison**


**1994- Opened Second and final
phase**






The Jail is a state of the art 250,000 square foot, Direct Supervision high-rise facility. Corrections Officers work inside the housing units where they have direct contact and interaction with inmates. The maximum-security facility houses pre-trial detainees as well as those serving local terms of sentence.






The facility has a maximum capacity of 1,363 beds, however we operate at a capacity of 1,267 beds.






Renovated in 2011, our Community Corrections Center is a 400-bed facility which provides a cost effective alternative to a secure environment. This led to the closure of the women's facility on 6th street and the ladies were transferred to the new facility.









This facility affords sentenced individuals varied prescriptive rehabilitative programs, as well as the opportunity to enter the community for work, perform community service work, and for other pro-social activities under structured parameters.



Our Juvenile Detention Center closed its doors in early 2014 and since then we have contracted with other counties to house our juvenile offenders at a per diem rate.



Imagine yourself.....

You are arrested, processed into the jail and placed in a housing unit. You are in a 2 person cell that is about 6' X 10'. You are secured in that cell about 18 hours a day.






There are concrete floors, block walls, steel doors, steel tables and plastic chairs. There is a TV in the dayroom for up to 48 inmates to watch at any one time.



You can purchase your own TV and pay for your own cable.

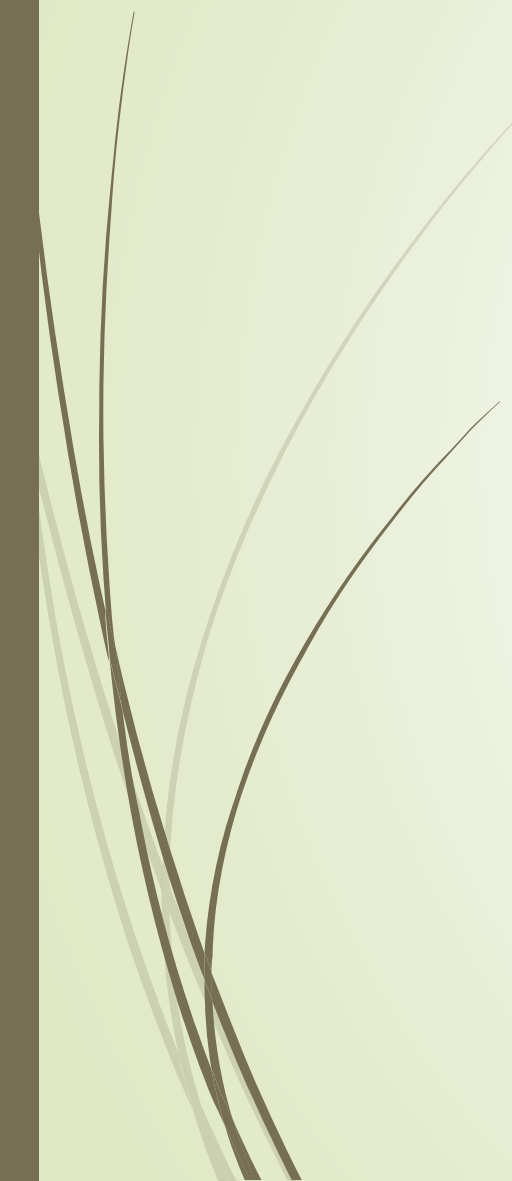

You can purchase commissary items much like you can go to any convenience store and pick up snack food items and hygiene articles (in addition to what is provided).





**What happens if you do not
comply with the rules and
regulations?**

- Misconduct Process**
- Disciplinary Segregation**
- Behavior Modification**



We are a “no frills” operation. We are cognizant of our costs and our responsibility to the tax payer to contain those costs. That is the reason behind some of the revenues we receive and the various costs for the inmates.



Lehigh County Prison formally changed its name to Lehigh County Jail in 2014.

What's in a name??



IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW.....



2020

3,575 commitments processed*

3,432 were Lehigh County commits

3,645 inmates discharged*

***This includes all inmates, not just
Lehigh County commits**



Average Daily Population for the department in 2020

Overall- 699

*** Jail-656 (Per Diem- 83)**



The average length of stay of an inmate in 2020 was 62 days.



20.3% of commitments needed to undergo medically supervised detoxification in 2020.




**We drove 17,304 miles while
making 1,204 transports.**



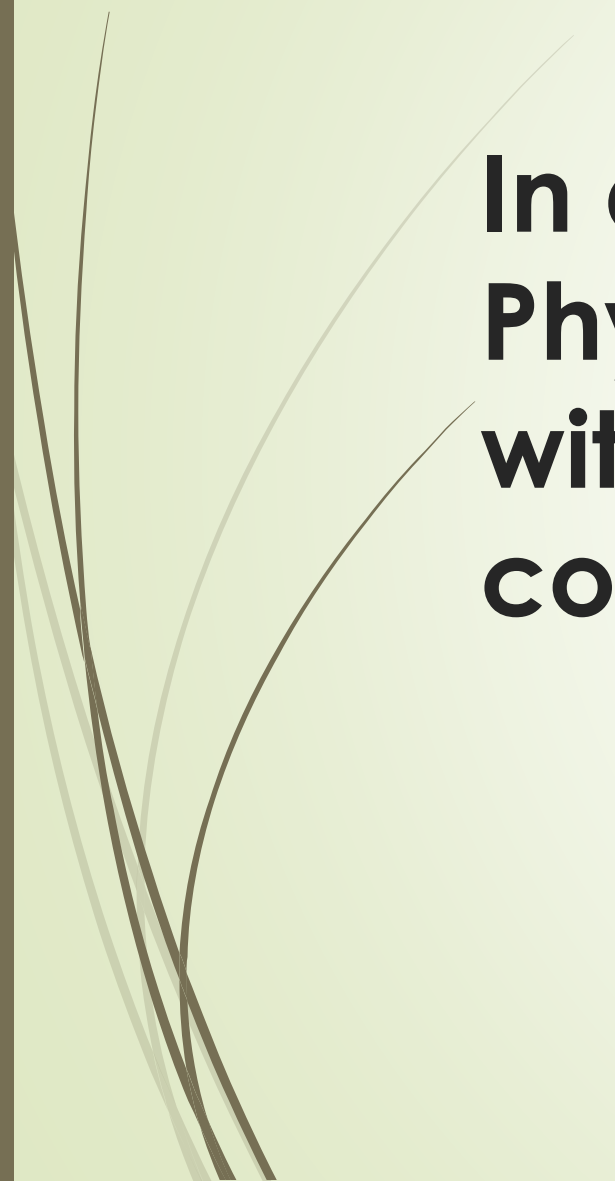

CLASSIFICATION OF INMATES

THERE WERE 3,041 INMATES CLASSIFIED


**14,511 CASE MANAGER TO INDIVIDUAL
INMATE CONTACTS**



Our health care services are contracted with an outside vendor who is Prime Care Medical Inc. We have medical coverage 24/7. Medical staffing includes licensed mental health staff, Psychiatrist, MH Nurse Practitioner, Physician, Physician Assistants, RNs, LPNs and Medical Assistants.



**In a year's time, there were 6,087
Physician/PA visits, 3,168 sick visits
with a nurse, and 2,073 inmate
contacts with a Psychiatrist**





Inmates receive healthcare as required by law.

However, they are responsible for a “co-pay” to see the nurse and doctor just as you and I are. If you do not have money on your account, you will be seen and treated regardless.





In 2020, there was a total of 813,600 meals served at the jail; 47,225 meals served at the Community Corrections Center for a grand total of **860,825 meals served.**

More meals served than the busiest restaurant in the Lehigh Valley



The meals are prepared by inmates and kitchen supervisory staff. The menu is a four-week rotating menu, approved by a dietitian, and includes medically necessary diets and those for religious reasons.

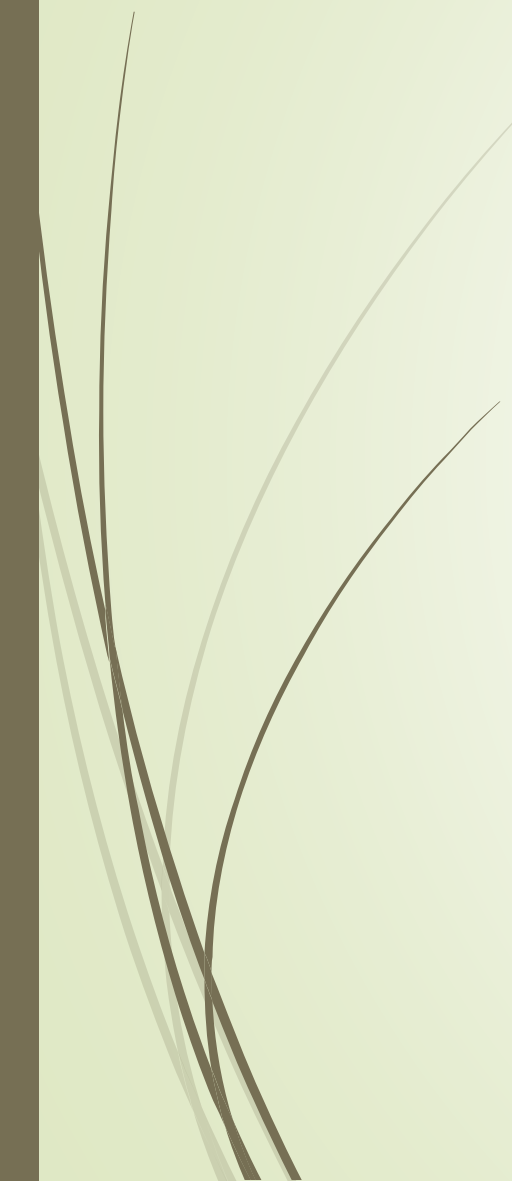






On March 13th, 2020, we closed our doors to visitors and volunteers due to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic. Our Pandemic Response Plan was initiated, revised, and adjusted based upon the changing and evolving recommendations made by the CDC, the PA Department of Health and our contracted Healthcare Provider.




In a “normal” year, we offer a large variety of programming at both the jail and the community corrections center. Inmates can stay active and busy throughout the day by participating in the programs.



Our case managers meet with inmates and develop a program agreement for the inmate. The programs suggested for participation are based upon a treatment screening questionnaire, family dynamics, history of drug or alcohol use, educational background, current charges and other factors.




We are fortunate to have over 250 volunteers from the community come into the facilities and provide programming. These programs vary from educational, addiction and faith-based support.



On a typical Sunday, we have a variety of faith-based programs that span from 8 in the morning until 10 at night for those that wish to attend.


Many of those same volunteers also hold services and programs throughout the week for inmates as well.



Every day, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m., an inmate can participate in educational and treatment programs.


To name a few:

- * Computer Literacy**
- * Diploma program**
- * Seeking Safety**
- * Thinking for a Change**
- * Reentry**

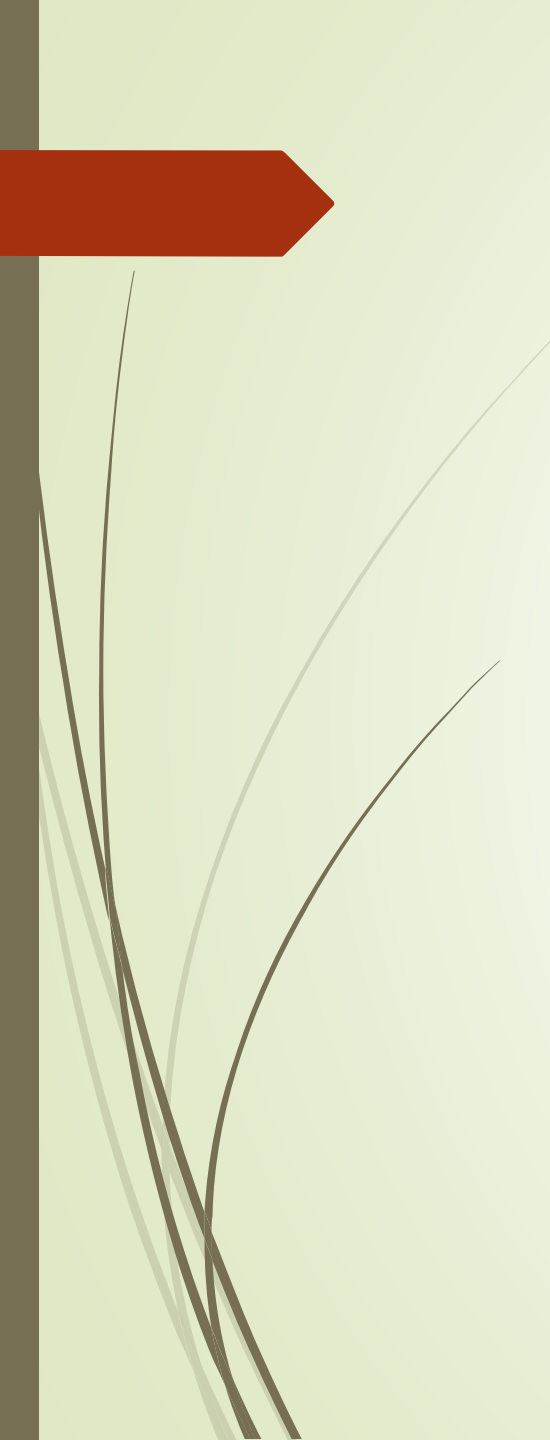
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- * Relapse Prevention**
 - * ESL Class**
 - * Employment Readiness**
 - * Anger Management**
 - * Path Recovery- MAT Awareness**
 - * Healthy Relationships**
 - * Stepping UP**
 - * Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous**
 - * Parenting Program**



Recovery in Progress Program



This program is a Drug and Alcohol based therapeutic community. The program utilizes multiple disciplines such as 12 step treatment, group based methods and individual treatment.



Residents work on better decision-making, life skills, and personal accountability in addition to their drug and alcohol therapy.

The all encompassing treatment dynamic is used in hopes of returning the resident into the community with tools to remain drug and alcohol free!!



Community Corrections Center



Inmates can be transferred to the CCC via several different paths. They can be a direct commit from court. Their sentence can include transfer to the center, they can petition their sentencing Judge themselves, or they can also go through the jail's referral process.

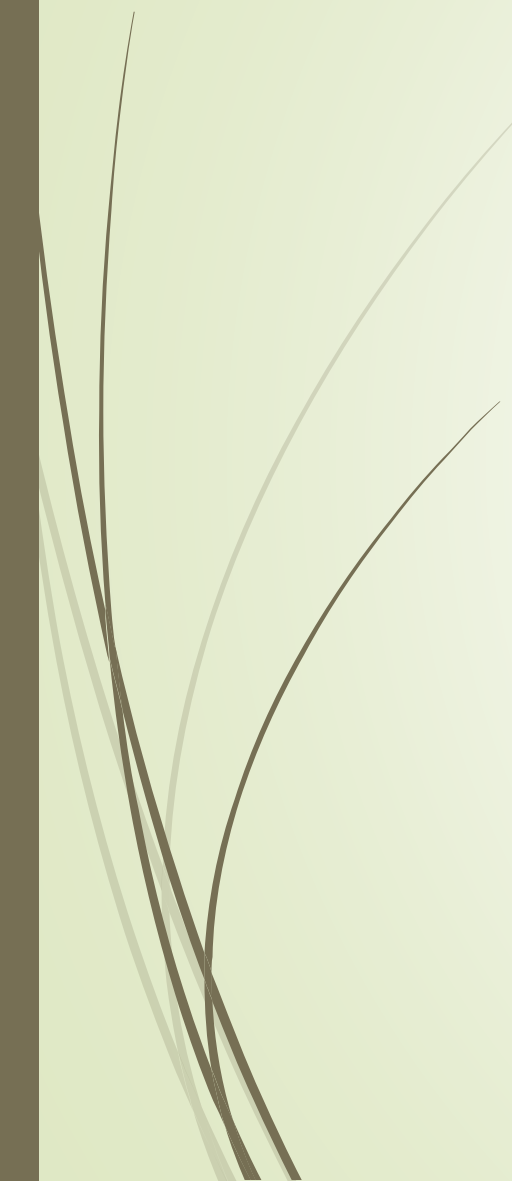



Community Corrections Center

There are numerous classes, support groups, Bible studies, a Survivor's group, 12-step groups and a book club.

- * Parenting**
- * Reentry**
- * Computer Literacy**
- * Inside/Out- Muhlenberg College**

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- * Conflict Resolution**
 - * Healthy Relationships**
 - * Decision Making**
 - * Employment Readiness**
 - * Intervention**
 - * Relapse Prevention**
 - * Life Skills**
 - * Creative Writing- Muhlenberg College**
 - * Criminality and Impulse Control**





A resident is sent to an agency in the community to pick out clothing for interviews. Staff then conduct a panel interview for practice and provide tips and guidance for a successful interview. The resident is then provided a 10-ride bus pass for their completion.



Volunteer Program- CCC



Since the program began October 2018, 163 residents have volunteered more than 6,218 hours at various agencies and events.

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- * The Caring Place**
 - * The Museum of Indian Culture**
 - * Allentown Victory Church**
 - * Fountain Hill Cemetery**
 - * St. Steven's Episcopal Church**
 - * Lehigh Valley Active Life**
 - * Nehemiah Wall**
 - * Whitehall Historical Society**

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- * Horses Unplugged**
 - * New Bethany Church**
 - * Lehigh Conference of Churches**
 - * PA Music and Arts**



QUESTIONS?