The Dane County Sheriff’s Office operates three jail facilities
1. City-County Building Jail (CCB) located at 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blv.
2. Public Safety Building Jail (PSB) located at 115 West Doty Street
3. William H. Ferris Center located at 2120 Rimrock Road

Information regarding phone calls, visitation, property, money for inmates and mail can be found on the Dane County Sheriff’s Department website at: [http://www.danesheriff.com/jail_general.aspx](http://www.danesheriff.com/jail_general.aspx)

Following is some additional information for parents:

**MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE JAIL**

Medical and Mental Health Services are available 24 hours a day in the jail. Parents wanting to provide medical information or concerns to medical service providers are encouraged to do so [we are hoping that some form can be provided for submitting this information] The medical care of inmate patients is solely within the Sheriff’s Office responsibilities and all medical decisions are made by a Jail physician based on the needs of the inmate/patient and safety needs of the jail.

**By-pass #’s: 8:00 – 5:00 266-4033 (Jail Mental Health Line)**
**After hours and weekends – 284-6863 (Booking Line)**

Your child should be encouraged to be truthful with the medical staff about drug use so that the best medical decisions can be made. Jail medical and mental health staff are genuinely concerned about both well-being and continuity of care of “patients”. There will not be additional criminal consequence for sharing truthful information about drug use/abuse to jail medical or mental health staff.

There is never a financial cost for medication or treatment for emergency medical needs. Should a non-emergent medical need occur, and medical intervention requested – this may result in a co-pay. Flu shots or other prophylactic measures may be administered to individuals who are high risk for infection (HIV infected, immuno-suppressed).

The Jail cannot provide the same services as an inpatient addiction treatment facility. Treatment resources (AA/NA) are available in the jail, however, they need to be initiated by the inmate.

The Dane County Jail is not authorized to prescribe suboxone or any other medication for addiction maintenance/treatment. However, the jail does provide symptom management for withdrawal.

Direct contact with staff should be limited to emergency needs only so that the staff can best attend to the needs of the patients. Concerned family members cannot dictate housing location, medication
dose/time, sleeping schedule. Parents' well intentioned efforts to address the same concern or request with multiple staff or to continue calling until a desired staff person is reached, limits staff ability to perform their required duties.

Your child can sign a Release of Information form in order for you to talk with staff. The release is to assist staff in collecting medical or mental health information to best treat the patient and does not imply an open discussion of his/her health status and health care.

**VISITATION**

It is the responsibility of inmates to initiate and schedule visitation. Violation of a jail rule can result in loss of eligibility of visitation rights.

**INMATES ACCESS TO MONEY AND PROPERTY UPON RELEASE**

Any money that the inmate had on him/her (unless part of evidence seized) will be returned to the inmate upon release. The balance of money deposited in the inmate’s account will be mailed to the inmate at the address provided at booking. Property can be released to a third party if so arranged by the inmate, however controlled medications will not.

**JAIL PROGRAMS**

The Dane County Sheriff’s Office provides a wide range of programs in the Dane County Jail to provide opportunities to assist those who are struggling.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) / NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)**

AA and NA are support groups for people who are chemically dependent. The purpose of the program at the jail is to provide a support group in the jail setting (i.e., a chance to meet with other prisoners who are also chemically dependent and in need of support.) They also offer exposure to people outside of the jail who are living a sober lifestyle, such as volunteers who live and work in the community to serve as role models. Both programs operate in all three DCJ locations.

**AL-ANON**

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anon believes that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend.

Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization or institution; does not engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership. Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and
encouragement to the alcoholic. Currently, Al-Anon services are only offered to female inmates that are housed on the PSB.

**CHAPLAIN**
The chaplain responds not only to the spiritual needs, but also the many physical needs of the prisoners such as requests for paper, sympathy cards, clothing, eyeglasses, etc. The Madison Area Lutheran Council (MALC) and the various churches that support the council fund the Jail Chaplain position. Currently (January 2013), John Mix serves as a full-time Chaplain and Julia Weaver serves on a part time basis. John works Monday-Friday and Julia works Tuesday and Thursday

**CHRISTIAN SERVICES**
Religious services provided in the Dane County Jail are coordinated by the chaplain's position. Currently Roman Catholic services for males are held in the CCB Chapel on Thursdays at 7:00pm. Protestant Services for males are held in the CCB Chapel on Sundays at 7:00pm. Protestant services for females are held in the PSB at 11:00am and at 1:00pm in the CCB. Other religious services provided include religious counseling, personal emotional support, as well as assistance in gaining community contacts for the purposes of employment, counseling, or other needs facing prisoners when they are released from jail.

**MUSLIM SERVICES**
Muslim Friday prayers take place in the CCB Chapel every Friday from 1:30pm-2:30pm. Prayer rugs were purchased and are provided to inmates for their use during the prayers. Turgay Ayers volunteers his time to facilitate these prayers and also provides Muslim counseling to inmates upon their request.

**GIDEONS BIBLE STUDY**
Guided by a member of the Gideons Auxiliary, participants get acquainted with the Good News Testament. The goal of the bible study program is to discover what the bible says and how it applies to the participants lives.

**EMOTIONAL AWARENESS GROUP**
Led by the Jail Chaplain and offered once a week in the CCB and PSB. This is a small group of up to 8 inmates who want to look at their unhealthy patterns of thinking and acting to develop more successful ways to live. The basis for discussion is reading from the book Houses of Healing: A prisoner’s guide to inner power and freedom. In addition there is opportunity to use simple art Media (crayons and pastels) to express feelings. This program consists of 8 sessions per group.

**MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**
The Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) education program is designed to fulfill the educational needs of prisoners who would otherwise be required to attend school under the compulsory education law. Classes primarily consist of the basic skills in reading, writing, and math. Secondary focus is given to language arts, health, social studies, logic problems, spelling, vocational skills, etc. Beyond high school supplements, prisoners are also given opportunities to learn in areas of practicality such as handling stress, conflict resolution, living skills, etc.

This education program provides testing before entering the classroom to determine each student's current academic level, as well as to find out if the prisoner needs clinical assistance. The goal of the program is not to offer a high school diploma, but to interest participants in lifelong learning.
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
The Dane County Sheriff’s Office entered into a contract with MATC for educational services to be provided to inmates in the Dane County Jail, as of August 1, 2007. The agreement calls for MATC staff to provide twenty-four (24) hours per week of GED educational and testing services for a period of forty (40) weeks, to the residents of the Dane County Jail, at facilities at the Dane County Public Safety Building and the City County Building, services include:

- Basic skills assessment and advising.
- Development of student educational plans.
- As appropriate, literacy skills education in reading and writing.
- Basic literacy computer skills.
- Necessary high school completion training to prepare students for the GED and HSED tests.
- Employability skills instruction.

The services/classes described above are provided to inmates individually or in small groups. MATC staff coordinates all services with jail staff. MATC also provides GED testing services for inmates, which occurs in the DCJ. Testing is scheduled each week depending upon the number of inmates signed up for testing. Upon students’ release from the DCJ, MATC shall provide the following where appropriate:

- Coordination of transition to other MATC education or training programs.
- Coordination of transition to other basic education services at MATC outreach sites.
- Coordination of transition to education services in the community.

NOTE: Huber inmates housed in the PSB are offered In-House night classes that meet in the PSB MATC classroom every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, from 6:00pm-9:00pm. This makes attending such classes more accessible and convenient for inmates, eliminating the need to leave the jail to attend classes at the MATC-Central Madison Campus.

FACING FREEDOM
Facing Freedom is a program offered to inmates housed in the Public Safety Building (PSB) and is facilitated by volunteers form the Abundant Life Link, which is a volunteer effort from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) churches. Facing Freedom lessons focus on developing life skills to be used by inmates facing release from jail. In addition to the teachers and classes, this organized group of volunteers offers recovery studies after inmate release at weekly meetings, held in local WELS/ELS churches called Grace Oasis. The intended end result is to reduce recidivism through a tighter integration into a local community group with a focus on strong spiritual and family beliefs and practices. Facing Freedom funds itself and provides books and materials at no cost to inmates. Volunteers have undergone formal training for jail settings by professionals serving jails and prisons.

JAIL LITERACY PROGRAM
Because Literacy can impact recidivism rates, the Dane County Jail has partnered with the Madison Area Lutheran Council and the Literacy Network of Dane County to train and provide volunteer tutors. These tutors provide basic literacy services to inmates that have been identified by Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), Madison Area Technical College (MATC) and the Jail Chaplaincy Staff, as having low reading skills.
KID CONNECTION
The Kid Connection is a sub-program within the jail library. The goal of the Kid Connection is to promote literacy among children and incarcerated adults, as well as to facilitate a positive connection between child and parent. A parent is given the opportunity to audio record a children's book. The recording and the book are mailed to the child, who then reads along in the book while listening to the parent’s reading. It reinforces the family relationship and the need for literacy.

LIBRARY
The jail library is a program offered to prisoners and run by volunteers from the community. Books come from donations or grants and become the property of the jail. The jail library operates like a regular library. Housing units are supplied with books for prisoners to read. On occasion prisoners will make particular requests for material which volunteers may be able to locate.

LAW LIBRARY
The law library is a legal reference service to prisoners to inform them of the substantive and procedural law. Prisoners are required to fill out a request form for legal documents from the library and can receive up to three cases or 30 pages of documentation per week.

RAPE CRISIS CENTER
The Rape Crisis Center offers individual counseling services and group sessions to women housed in the Dane County Jail who are affected by experiences of sexual assault and/or abuse. Group sessions consist of participants talking about their experiences, as well as an educational component on sexual violence. Once a week, a member of the Rape Crisis team offers a one-hour Women’s Empowerment class to the female inmates housed in PSB. Sign up sheets are kept in the pod for inmates to sign up during the week.

MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
This program is offered to inmates housed in the Public Safety Building (PSB). The program helps inmates who suffer from Mental Health issues with coping skills, how to care for themselves and numerous other issues. MH Staff refers participants to the program.

ANGER and STRESS MANAGEMENT
This program is offered to females in the PSB and involves meditation and relaxation techniques to assist participants in reducing anger and stress in their lives.

MADISON AREA URBAN MINISTRY-HOUSING FOR ALL
The Greater Isthmus Group (GIG) is a cluster of individuals and congregations concentrated on action related to homelessness and affordable housing for those at or below 35% of Dane county Median income. GIG is supported by Madison-area Urban Ministry. GIG in collaboration with Secure Payment Services, the Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin, City of Madison Equal Opportunity Commission, United Way of Dane County 211, and various faith partners concerned with housing has developed a training program for jail inmates shortly before their release. The Workshops include: 1) How to Budget your money before you have any money to budget; 2) Housing rights for people with conviction records; 3) Filling out housing applications and appeal rejections; 4) Avoiding/Preventing Evictions; and 5) Community Resource Lists. (The other two will be added with more space.) The sessions are held first and third Wednesday, for 1.5 hours at the Ferris Center. The goal is to support people coming out of jail and hopefully curve the percentage of homeless men and women who are
released without any plan for housing nor aware that they have rights even though they have conviction record(s).

**MADISON AREA URBAN MINISTRY- MENTORING CONNECTIONS**
The Madison Area Urban Ministry Mentoring Connections program recruits and trains adult volunteers to serve as mentors to children with an incarcerated parent. The program serves children ages 4-17 living in Dane County who have a parent incarcerated in a state or federal facility, a parent in jail and awaiting transfer to a correctional institution, desire weekly contact with a mentor for at least one year, and have a written consent form their parents/guardians. Mentors commit to spending time with the child(ren) each week, helping with homework, going to the park, going out to lunch, or similar activities. Over 25 children currently are on a waiting list for a mentor. MUM seeks mentors who have one or two hours per week to spare, to provide a stable, caring adult presence in the life of a child.

**OUTSIDE PROGRAMMING:**

**MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.** Available to Ferris Center Inmates only
Inmates from the Ferris Center can attend classes at the South Madison Community Center to receive the following services:

- Basic skills assessment and advising.
- Development of student educational plans.
- As appropriate, literacy skills education in reading and writing.
- Basic literacy computer skills.
- Necessary high school completion training to prepare students for the GED and HSED tests.
- Employability skills instruction.
- Instruction to prepare for the Compass test.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the school year. MATC has a limit of twenty students.

**MATC SMEC Workshops.** Available to Ferris Center Inmates only
MATC offers afternoon (Monday through Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) workshops to help inmates prepare for college or employment. Workshops include:

- Workshop I – Stepping into the Future
- Workshop II – Engaging in Problem Solving, Cross-cultural Communication &
- Workshop III – Developing Self-awareness for the Workplace
- Workshop IV – Basic Computer Literacy
- Workshop V - Student Success: Study skills and Testing taking strategies
- Workshop VI – “Show me the Money” Financial Aid and Money Management

Flyers are posted in each wing as to when the workshops are held and inmates submit request slips to attend. Attendance is limited to about fifteen inmates, so release dates are used to decide who attends. The workshops are held on a rotating basis. Each lasts one week.
CHRISTIAN INTERVENTION PROGRAM
Huber inmates from the Ferris Center may volunteer to participate in the Christian Intervention Program, which takes place at the Calvary Gospel Church. The Calvary Gospel Church provides transportation to and from the program for the inmates. Through James Hawk, an AODA counselor, and Greg Martin, a retired Madison Police Officer, alcohol and AODA issues are addressed. Inmates attend classes, which deal with life skills; parenting and child care issues, job skills, decision-making, and anger management, along with alcohol and AODA issues. Lessons focus on changing beliefs in behavior using the bible as a basis. After the class, inmates are invited to join the congregation for church service with members of the church mentoring individual inmates. Inmates are also allowed private prayer time following service, if desired. The program runs 20 weeks, cumulating in a graduation ceremony for the participants.

ARC COMMUNITY SERVICES
This program provides outpatient women-specific AODA treatment at no cost to the inmate. ARC Emil is located at 1409 Emil Street, 283-6426. ARC does not come into the jail for programming. Inmates need to be on Huber release to avail themselves of this service.

BACKYARD MOSAICS
This program is designed to support women in their spirituality, creativity, and sobriety. The group is a support group that also uses art therapy to help participants heal. Each session begins with reflection, a check in, sharing of concerns and needs, and re-entry issues the women are facing. The group is held at St. John’s Lutheran Church at 322 E. Washington Ave. and is held on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Inmates are referred to the group by the facilitator. The facilitator contacts the Huber Counselor to request that an inmate attend the group.

DAY REPORT CENTER (DRC)
This agency is part of the Department of Corrections. To be eligible, an inmate needs to be on Probation and Parole. Further, the Probation and Parole agent must refer an inmate to treatment at the Day Report Center (DRC), which is located at 7017 Raywood Road, 224-6310. The DRC provides a number of treatment groups at no cost to the inmate. The groups offered includes several AODA groups, Women’s Issues, Restorative Justice, Cognitive Issues groups, Anger Management, GED classes, and employability classes.

NEW BEGINNINGS
Beginnings are designed for men and women who are to be released from jail and want help and support in developing and following through with an action plan to remain out of jail. This group aids the prisoner in coping with problems and setting personal goals. It also utilizes networking with resource individuals from outside the jail to assist prisoners in teaming about how to engage more successfully with issues surrounding employment, alcohol, aggression, etc.

The group meets each week for two hours at Bethel Lutheran Church. The women’s group is held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. The men’s group is held on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Prisoners are eligible to attend Beginnings if they have four weeks remaining on their sentence. Individuals are released from jail to attend the group through the Huber program. Participants are encouraged to continue attending the group after release.

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER MADISON AREA-FATHERHOOD PROGRAM
Inmates who are court-ordered to pay child support and are in their last 30 days of incarceration may attend an orientation session at Urban Leauge 2222 S. Park St. Suite 200 Madison.
PRISONER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Individuals sentenced with Huber privileges will have the opportunity to apply for various volunteer projects in Dane County. Some of the projects have involved cleaning parks, roadsides, lakeshores and neighborhood centers, as well as painting playgrounds, clearing brush from park trails and helping to care for animals at the humane shelter. Prisoners participate in work that consists of assisting in general labor.

Each interested prisoner completes an application form that is reviewed by Jail Administration. Persons convicted of a violent felony, domestic abuse, crimes involving children, parole/probation revocation, are registered sex offenders or who have been absent without leave from the jail will generally not be allowed to participate.

Prisoners are eligible for this volunteer initiative if they have had no violent offenses within five years, no history of Huber violations, and are housed at the Ferris Center without holds or discipline action for 30 days. The projects will vary in length from one day to longer. Program size varies from five to over 30 prisoners, depending on the needs of the job and available transportation. Lynn Montgomery currently oversees this program.

MADISON AREA URBAN MINISTRY-VOICES BEYOND BARS

Voices Beyond Bars is a group that is held on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Madison Urban Ministries. MUM is located at 2300 South Park Street #5, 256-0906. This group is to support people as they reintegrate into the community from jail or prison.

YWCA Employment and Training Annex

This program is located at 310 Latham Dr. in Madison and offers education/services to help individuals gain employment. There is no cost to the person. The following are the programs they provide:

Construct U

This is eight week 24 hours per week. Course is designed to introduce participants to road construction and the building trades. This training includes CPR/First Aid certificate, Flagger’s certificate, TrANS certificate (Wis DOT issued), Preparation for apprenticeship, hands-on training.

TSPT: Training Partnership for the Skilled Trades

TSPT provides tutoring and job skills training to prepare individuals for apprenticeships in the construction trades, which includes carpentry, plumping, steam-fitting, electricians, etc. Our main goal is to prepare students for the common entrance exam required to enter apprenticeships. We provide tutoring in math, science, grammar, mechanical comprehension, spatial relations, blueprint reading and help you with personal finance and job skills. Students will meet for six-weeks with one three-hour class and three two-hour tutoring session each week. The tutoring is available afternoons and evenings.

TrANS Road Construction Training

TrANS is a 120-hour industry awareness program introducing participants to the road construction industry. Class times are usually scheduled during evenings and weekends. The curriculum includes hands-on projects such as cement finishing and rough carpentry. Students graduate with state certification, flaggers training, and CDL permit. CDL behind the wheel training may also be offered to graduates. Graduates are directly referred to interviews with local construction employers for jobs with family-sustaining wages.

Parent Addiction Network of Dane County, A Safe Communities Initiative
www.ParentAddictionNetwork.org
SUCCESS: Structured Training for Successful Employment
This is a 3-week class that will expand your opportunities for successful employment by:

- Developing skills that employers are looking for
- Obtain a quality job reference
- Create a functional resume
- Learn about training opportunities
- Build on your strengths
- Find solutions to barriers

SKILLED TRADES APPRENTICESHIP READINESS TRAINING (S.T.A.R.T.)
The START program provides qualified inmates the opportunity to work toward a skilled trade, be part of a union and enjoy competitive wages and benefits. 90% of the training is on the job, with 10% classroom. START’s primary focus is in the construction trades. The program runs for six weeks and inmates meet at the Probation and Parole Office located on Allied Drive in Madison.