

Century Regional Detention Facility "Extreme Make Over - Custody Edition"

A Tradition of Service



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY

"If You Build It, They Will Come"

On March 26, 2006, Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) officially reopened its doors as the Sheriff's Department's sole female jail. Formerly a men's facility, CRDF closed in 2002 due to budget constraints. When CRDF was identified as the County's newest female jail, extensive renovations to its physical plant were planned and executed in a super-condensed time frame. This necessitated plans to accommodate all mandated safety, security, and service requirements. CRDF is now the County's only comprehensive custodial facility which provides for all aspects of incarceration; from the original booking following the arrest, through confinement and the release process.

Coordinated by Facilities Services, CRDF's Reception Center was transformed from a simple movement center into triage/receiving/movement complex. A property reception room was installed in a former holding cell. A former library was converted to provide for inmate privacy during strip searches. Document Control was configured into a new space that was previously the court's holding area. Data Systems Bureau facilitated upgrades to CRDF's computer technology systems and installed the Voice Over Internet Protocol (IP) telephone system.

A new X-Ray room allowed images to be digitally transmitted to Twin Towers, thus reducing the need for on-site professional staff. Two holding cells were converted into Medical and Mental Health screening rooms. An observation unit and additional pharmacy area were

added for Medical Services staff. Unused recreation space was converted into staff offices for 44 Department of Mental Health personnel.

Office space was converted to restrooms, including excavating four feet to install plumbing. Throughout the entire housing area, urinals were replaced with toilets. Privacy screens and ADA compatible fixtures were added to inmate shower areas. CRDF was quickly transformed into a female facility.

"I Get by With a Little Help From My Friends"

CRDF prides itself as a "program-oriented jail facility." The direct supervision format of its housing modules is conducive to a wide variety of educational programs, religious services, and support groups. CRDF partnered with Hacienda-La Puente School District (HLPD) for educational programs.

The Department's Religious and Volunteer Services Unit provides religious services for those in custody. By making these programs available to all incarcerated females, the goal is simple: "To reduce recidivism through educational and support opportunities."

Everyone at CRDF operates like a "family." Overall, it's a positive, cohesive, and fluid working environment for one and all!

