

CLARG Report  
AVP/California - 2017

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS:

California City Correctional Facility  
California Correctional Center  
California Correctional Institution  
California Institution for Men  
California Institution for Women [WOMEN]  
California Medical Facility  
California Men's Colony  
California State Prison - Los Angeles County  
California State Prison Corcoran  
California State Prison Solano  
Calipatria State Prison  
Centinela State Prison  
Central California Women's Facility [WOMEN]  
Chuckawalla Valley State Prison  
Correctional Training Facility  
High Desert State Prison  
Ironwood State Prison  
Lompoc Federal Correctional Complex [FEDERAL]  
Mule Creek State Prison  
R.J.Donovan Correctional Facility  
Salinas Valley State Prison  
San Francisco Jail [COUNTY]  
San Luis Obispo Jail [COUNTY WOMEN]  
San Luis Obispo Jail [COUNTY]  
SLO Juvenile Hall [YOUTH]  
Substance Abuse Treatment Facility

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS:

212 Basic Workshops: 3513 participants  
140 Advanced Workshop: 2353 participants  
44 T4F Workshops: 564 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS:

Antelope Valley  
Bay Bridge  
Chico  
Coachella Valley  
Homeboy Industries  
Other CA  
Sacramento  
San Diego  
San Joaquin Valley  
San Luis Obispo  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Cruz  
Santa Monica / Los Angeles  
Santa Rosa  
Stockton

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS:

38 Basic Workshops: 369 participants

18 Advanced Workshops: 151 participants  
12 T4F Workshops: 83 participants

**YOUTH WORKSHOP LOCATIONS:**

Civicorps  
Grizzly Youth Academy  
Salinas  
San Joaquin Valley  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Barbara Alternative Detention Center

**YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS:**

16 Basic Workshops: 273 participants  
0 Advanced Workshops: 0 participants  
1 T4F Workshops: 3 participants

**TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITATORS:**

ANYONE WHO FACILITATED AT LEAST ONCE IN 2016  
710 inside; 245 outside

**TOTAL NUMBER AVP/CALIFORNIA WORKSHOPS IN 2016: 481**

**SPANISH WORKSHOPS (included in 481 above)**

**LOCATIONS:**

California Institution for Men  
California Institution for Women [WOMEN]  
California Medical Facility  
California Men's Colony  
California State Prison Solano  
Calipatria State Prison  
Centinela State Prison  
Correctional Training Facility  
Ironwood State Prison  
Lompoc Federal Correctional Complex [FEDERAL]  
Salinas Valley State Prison

**SPANISH WORKSHOP STATISTICS:**

14 Basic Workshops: 207 participants  
8 Advanced Workshops: 134 participants  
0 T4F Workshops: 0 participants

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

By far our greatest joy is to see the increase in total workshops for 2016 from 393 in 2015 to 481 in 2016 – a 22 percent increase! And our inside facilitators increased by 12 percent (from 636 to 710), while our outside facilitators increased by 23 percent (198 to 245). We opened two new state prisons in 2016 and re-opened the federal prison in Lompoc after an almost 20-year absence. We again applied for and received three grants from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to increase volunteer support in one existing prison (Mule Creek) and two new facilities (North Kern State Prison and Wasco State Prison) in 2017. The choice of the latter two institutions reflects a decision by AVP/CA to focus on some of the many state prisons in the San Joaquin Valley that have not benefited from AVP workshops in the past. An important change in the grant program to begin in 2017 is that grants will now be for three, rather than one year, more accurately reflecting the amount of work required to recruit and train new volunteers, set up local councils, and get a new program up and running in a prison environment. AVP/CA is carefully taking note of what works and what does not work and is developing guidelines to assist future volunteer recruitment initiatives.

AVP/CA is rejoicing in the significant number of our inside facilitators who are getting out of prison and are now helping to strengthen the AVP program in our communities. In their honor, our 2016 Annual Facilitators' Gathering was billed as a "welcome home" celebration and 18 men and women Returned Citizens participated, making this one of our most diverse, enthusiastic, and successful Gatherings ever.

In 2016, AVP/CA launched its new website in a much more user-friendly format and began disseminating a biannual newsletter to highlight activities throughout the state. Our workshop reporting system, QEWR, was also updated to better serve facilitators throughout the state.

As always, our greatest concern is that we cannot reach more people—both inside and outside—with AVP workshops but we continue to seek new ways to recruit and maintain facilitators. We also are seeking better ways to integrate the great resource of our Returned Citizens into AVP/CA at the local and state levels. The number of Spanish workshops remained almost the same as last year and, obviously, we would like to see these numbers increase. We also continue to seek better ways to raise funds to support the AVP program in terms of having funds available to pay necessary expenses and stipends to those who need them and continue to support our volunteer outreach efforts in California's Central Valley beyond the support for specific prisons we have received from CDCR.