

SB 132 Updates

Meeting 4/5/2021 with CCII Vandenberg, CDW Ret. Harrington, and Lt. Trenka to discuss pre-transfer class. Effective immediately, it is a required prerequisite to transfer. Used to help screen transgender women prior to classification and transfer. Even once class is successfully taken, transfer is not a guarantee.

16-hour class. Consisting of 8, 2 hour classes over the course of four weeks. Each class will also have a mandatory homework writing assignment that will be discussed at the beginning of the next session.

“Right person, Right prison.”

Mandatory, active participation is required for completion and chrono.

In addition, individual must take Beyond Violence and Healing Trauma upon transfer.

Summary of Curriculum

- Class 1: Introduction, Group Rules
 Real vs. Not Real - myths
 How we live: levels, races, housing, etc.
- Class 2: Different Communication Styles
 Emotional expression
 Race relations
 Prison gangs vs. pseudo families
 Differences in interactions inmates/staff
 (video) Do all transgender people think the same?
- Class 3: Conflict Management
 Is essential skill to practice
- Class 4: What are you saying, and Why does it matter?
 Possible intimidation of manner
 Gender expression, How do others see you?
 You may be asked question, How will you handle that?
 Are you triggering others? Triggering trauma in other?
 How do you think population will accept you?

- Class 5: Doing time – Being your best self
 Start fresh and be comfortable in your own skin.
 No prison politics
 Be the change you wish to see in the world
 Get involved, Self-help groups
- Class 6 Fears, reservations, apprehensions
 Fears of unknown
 Cis-gender fears of being housed with “men”
 Trans fears of being housed with cis.
 Triggering of trauma
- Class 7: What’s in it for you?
 Safe for you
 (video) Town hall CCWF – San Quentin
 Poll class regarding issues/concerns of safety/security
 List any concerns about living with cis-genders
- Class 8: Re-cap
 Reiterate everything covered in first seven weeks