

RICE COUNTY Public Safety Center

INMATE MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Rehabilitation, not retribution

The criminal justice system's move toward rehabilitation helps improve detainee behavior both before and after release from prison.

The current facility's space constraints limits opportunities to be more rehabilitative. The new 76-bed facility will allow Rice County Corrections to align with national directives, as well as those in the county's criminal justice and social services systems.

Specialized environment

The facility's design provides enhanced means to manage acute mental health issues. That includes individual living quarters, a soft color pallet, adjustable lighting, soothing furniture and the ability to remove external stimuli.

There is also space for private, individualized counseling with mental health professionals.

Mental health programming

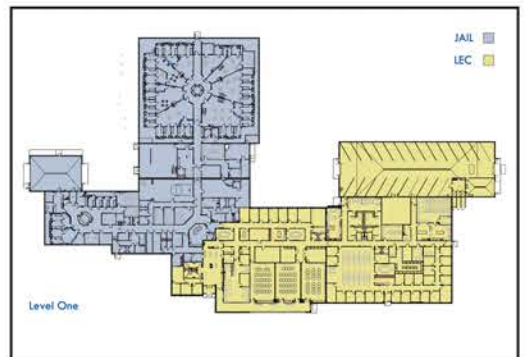
Rice County detainees reporting and/or displaying mental health issues have access to embedded social workers through Project Intercept, ensuring better support for those detainees upon entry.

The program also connects inmates with community partners for services, developing those relationships and making contacts prior to release.

Inmate well-being

Recreation and classroom space will help detainees improve themselves physically and mentally, allowing them to return to society a better individual. A designated computer classroom will allow detainees to take GED, and other educational and job-skills classes, learn to write a resume and complete job applications.

The facility will have the technology and space to allow detainees to remotely attend group sessions on mental health, substance abuse, cognitive skills and a plethora of other topics.



PUBLIC SAFETY BENEFITS

Mental health crisis preparedness

A large room offers regional training opportunities in both a classroom setting and a full mat room. This type of facility will allow staff and the county's public safety partners to better train its Crisis Intervention Team and in reality-based settings, including scenario-based training to increase preparedness and assist those in crisis.

Geography

Centralized location in Rice County will allow a quicker response time to assist public safety partners and a faster response to I-35. The new facility provides direct access to the Cannon River, where most river rescues take place.

LOCAL JOB CREATION

Additional 40 FTE (full-time equivalents) through the course of the project. This project is estimated to bring nearly 166,400 hours of work into Rice County.

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