

Sabrina [REDACTED]

APWA,

I have been incarcerated here at FMWCC since 2013. I will not be considered for release to go home until 2018. This is my 5th time in prison, 3 times in Chowchilla, Calif. and now twice here in Las Vegas, Nevada. My first time in prison was in 1992, and this time will be my last.

You would think with all the money that Nevada generates from the casino's FMWCC would offer rehabilitation classes or even college classes.

A little history about FMWCC... This prison opened September 1997, which at the time it was run and operated by CCA. This is the first and only privately run prison in the history of Nevada. It was originally designed to house at maximum 500 women. In 2005 N.P.D.C.

took over the operation of this prison.
Before NDOC took over, CCA offered rehabilitative classes such as:

- Cordon Blue Cooking course
- Holta culture
- eye glass repair and tint
- floral design
- Quilting
- ~~Flag~~ flagging

Metamorphosis classes:

- Self esteem
- money management
- Smoking Cessation
- hygiene
- co-dependencies no ~~more~~ ^{more}
- Street readiness
- relationship skills
- how to write a resume

Mental health classes:

- anger management
- cage your rage
- commitment to change 1, 2, +3
- vcr for emotions
- Victim awareness
- domestic violence

- Accounting
- business skills

and college classes offered from the local community college.

now that its N.D.C. operated their focus is to rehabilitate the men. Currently we are offered 4 classes.

So me personally I believe I am being warehoused not rehabilitated.

This prison is currently passed 950 women.

I can admit that the last 4 times being in prison was "comfortable." What I mean is that I had the mind set that coming to prison was no big deal to me. While in Calif. prison I witnessed a woman who owed money for drugs get raped with a hot curling iron. Another woman got a needle full of AIDS infected blood shot in her neck because of drugs. Here in Nevada the women are more complacent. They complain but don't want to do anything to try to change anything. There are boxes in cullinary that have labels "not for human consumption," and yet it seems I'm the only one who is getting in trouble for contacting people to get something done. The Dept. of Justice, Southern Nevada Health Dept, ACLU, ect...

Although I've been told that I can't help people who don't want to help themselves. All the effort I've put into trying to change things that aren't right here, I've learned that rehabilitation starts within. If I can't change my mind set then when I leave here I will be back. Presently I am 48 years old. I've missed out on 50% of my son's life, and now I finally met my 3 year old grand daughter for the first time.

The guards here have a high turnover rate. If they don't quit or transfer, they are walked off for having sex with inmates, or bringing illegal things in to women. A lot of the cops abuse the authority that they are given by verbally, mentally, and physically assaulting us.

I was sent to prison AS punishment, not FOR punishment.

—Thank you