

# TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE

Civil Commitment  
Program Overview

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The Texas Civil Commitment Office (TCCO) is responsible for providing appropriate and necessary treatment and supervision for civilly committed sexually violent predators. The philosophy of treatment is that services will address multiple areas of an individual's functioning in order to achieve a balanced lifestyle that is incompatible with sexual offending.

The treatment is delivered in five tiers. TCCO offers a comprehensive sex offender treatment program for all tiers. Tiers One through Four are located at the Texas Civil Commitment Center (TCCC). Tier Five is delivered while the client is residing in a home plan in the community. Clients at the TCCC participate in six hours of sex offender treatment weekly as well as additional programming. Client in Tier Five participate in sex offender treatment groups weekly and attend individual sessions monthly.

### Treatment Tiers:

**Tier One – Responsibility:** This Tier will assist the client in building problem solving skills and focuses on how good decisions are made. Clients will learn to take accountability, develop an understanding of healthy vs deviant sexuality, work on understanding thinking errors and demonstrate a readiness to change.

**Tier Two - Awareness and Discovery:** The client will work on disclosure of offending behavior and their offense cycle, sexual history and relationships. This Tier will help the client work on their risk factors and develop a path towards establishing a balanced, self-determined lifestyle that is incompatible with offending behavior. Tier Two consists of two parts: Tier 2-Initial Placement or Incident Report (Tier 2-I) and Tier 2. Clients are placed in Tier 2-I for the first six (6) months of this tier. A client may also be considered for Tier 2-I if the client receives a sustained incident report.

**Tier Three - Healthy Relationships and Empathy:** This Tier will assist the client with controlling his risk factors, help build relationship skills and work on understanding others in a more empathic and emotionally healthy manner. The client will continue to develop skills and practice self-control behaviors, thoughts and emotions. Clients will work on a maintenance plan for managing their risk.

**Tier Four - Preparation for Community Reintegration:** The client has the opportunity to receive support and guidance while reinforcing the new skills they have learned in treatment. This tier also prepares the client to return the community.

### Additional Programming at the TCCC:

- Life Skills
- Individual Sessions are provided every 90 days and when needed or upon request
- Weekly Study Hall/Required for Tier 1 and 2 and sometimes in higher tiers if needed
- Weekly Community Meetings
- Spiritual Services
- Therapeutic Work Program offers employment and vocational training opportunities to clients while residing in the TCCC. The Therapeutic Work Program will help clients to develop skills and personal habits necessary for gainful employment upon release to the community. Clients are eligible for employment based on their tier level. Clients placed in the work program are paid minimum wage.
- Clients are assigned to a Case Manager who will assist clients in multiple areas.
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- NA/AA
- Education Classes
- Resume Writing
- Budgeting
- Structured and open recreation

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- Progression through the tiers is self-paced. As a client progresses through the tiers, the client is able to earn more privileges and may be moved to less restrictive housing within the TCCC.
- Visitation is allowed by family and friends who are approved contacts. Visitation may be in-person or by video. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as on designated holidays. Exceptions for in-person visitation may be made in advance for visitors traveling a certain distance.

**Tier Five – Community Treatment:** The client will continue to receive treatment and supervision that will reinforce the skills learned in treatment. The goals for Tier Five are for the client to continue to build healthy relationships and social support systems, identify high-risk situations, and to be a productive citizen who is free from offending behavior with the ultimate goal of no more victims.

**Privileges and Property for clients at the Texas Civil Commitment Center in Tier 1-4 are listed on the next page. Privileges and property for Tier 5 clients are determined on a case-by-case basis.**

## Privileges

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance to scheduled programs and activities listed on the approved Building Schedule.</li> <li>• Specific dorm rules more restrictive than higher tiers.</li> <li>• Authorized movement coordinated and supervised by staff while outside the housing dorm.</li> <li>• May volunteer to work (i.e., general cleaning, etc., without monetary compensation).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 +</li> <li>• Tier 2's can participate in the paid client work program under special circumstances (i.e., moving furniture or equipment, major cleaning projects, etc.) and participation does not impact job opportunities for Tier 3's and Tier 4's and approved by the Texas Civil Commitment Office (TCCO).</li> <li>• Eligible for Global Positioning System (GPS) removal while on site at the Texas Civil Commitment Center after completion of Tier 2-I.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 &amp; 2 +</li> <li>• Less restrictive movement from the housing dorm specific authorized areas and activities (i.e., treatment, recreation and work).</li> <li>• Six months rotation in paid client work program.</li> <li>• Eligible for TCCO approved cellphone &amp; charger upon approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1-3 +</li> <li>• Less restrictive movement from the housing dorm to all authorized areas and activities.</li> <li>• Open access to recreation yard during open recreational times</li> <li>• Continuous participation in paid work program.</li> </ul>

## Approved Property

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Clothing (10 sets of clothing).</li> <li>• *Shoes (6 pairs).</li> <li>• *Hygiene products.</li> <li>• Jewelry (1 watch, 1 wedding band and 1 religious medallion).</li> <li>• Legal Material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 +</li> <li>• 1 pair of stud earrings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 &amp; 2 +</li> <li>• 1 non-religious necklace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1-3</li> </ul>

## Electronics Allowed

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk fan.</li> <li>• Clock/radio.</li> <li>• Desk Lamp.</li> <li>• Typewriter or Word Processor.</li> <li>• Headphones.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 +</li> <li>• Television.</li> <li>• DVD player.</li> <li>• 1 approved media music payer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 &amp; 2 +</li> <li>• Approved gaming systems, battery operated TV-radio.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1-3 +</li> <li>• Approved rechargeable small electronic games.</li> </ul>

\*Number of items subject to availability of space

### Media Items Allowed

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 approved newspaper.</li> <li>• 1 approved magazine.</li> <li>• Up to 5 approved non-legal books.</li> <li>• 25 approved loose photographs approved by the Treatment Team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 +</li> <li>• 1 additional approved magazine (2 total).</li> <li>• 5 additional approved non-legal books (10 total).</li> <li>• 25 additional approved loose photographs (50 total).</li> <li>• 15 approved DVDs or CDs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 &amp; 2 +</li> <li>• 1 additional approved newspaper (2 total).</li> <li>• 1 additional approved magazine (3 total).</li> <li>• 25 additional approved loose photographs (75 total).</li> <li>• 15 additional approved DVDs or CDs (30 total).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1-3 +</li> <li>• 1 additional approved newspaper (3 total).</li> <li>• 1 additional approved magazine (4 total).</li> <li>• 25 additional approved loose photographs (100 total).</li> <li>• 15 additional approved DVDs or CDs (45 total).</li> </ul>

### Leisure Recreation Items Allowed

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 set of dominoes.</li> <li>• 2 decks of playing cards.</li> <li>• 2 board games.</li> <li>• Approved art supplies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 +</li> <li>• Drawing pencils &amp; 2 sketch pads.</li> <li>• *2 approved completed art projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 &amp; 2 +</li> <li>• 1 additional approved completed art project.</li> <li>• 2 additional board games (4 total).</li> <li>• *1 additional approved completed art projects (3 total).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 additional board games (5 total).</li> <li>• 2 additional approved completed art projects (5 total).</li> </ul>

### Packages

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 initial package.</li> <li>• 1 approved package from a vendor or family semi-annually.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 initial package.</li> <li>• 1 approved package from vendor or family quarterly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 initial package.</li> <li>• 2 approved packages from vendor or family quarterly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 initial package.</li> <li>• 3 approved packages from vendor or family quarterly.</li> <li>• 1 extra package anytime during the year with approval.</li> <li>• Purchase of approved movies &amp; video games from approved vendors.</li> </ul>

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## Commissary & Activities

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three	Tier Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited commissary purchases (up to \$100 monthly) within the authorized storage capacity provided and if the client has funds.</li> <li>• Eligible to vote and hold a position on the Client Council.</li> <li>• Intra-Housing dorm events (i.e., sports, board games and holidays).</li> <li>• Clients may order and purchase food from local food establishments on special occasions as determined by the Facility Administrator and approved by TCCO. (Special occasions can involve the entire Center or just the Tier 1's).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 + additional \$40 allowed for monthly commissary (total \$140) if the client has the funds.</li> <li>• Clients may order and purchase food from local food establishments on special occasions plus once semi-annually as determined by the Facility Administrator and approved by TCCO. (Special occasions can involve the entire Center or just the Tier 2's).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 + additional \$80 allowed for monthly commissary (total \$180) if the client has the funds.</li> <li>• Movie night once per month.</li> <li>• Clients may order and purchase food from local food establishments on special occasions plus once each quarter as determined by the Facility Administrator and approved by TCCO. (Special occasions can involve the entire Center or just the Tier 3s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Tier 1 + additional \$120 allowed for monthly commissary (total \$220) if the client has the funds.</li> <li>• Clients may order and purchase food from local food establishments on special occasions plus once each month as determined by the Facility Administrator and approved by TCCO. (Special occasions can involve the entire Center or just the Tier 4s).</li> <li>• Movie night with pizza party (client's expense) 2 times per month.</li> <li>• Bulletin board in their room.</li> <li>• One approved instrument.</li> <li>• One dorm library with approved literature.</li> <li>• Personal bed linens at the client's expense.</li> </ul>

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