

AA MEETINGS OPPORTUNITIES AT MCSO JAILS MOSAIC PROGRAM – DORMS N & O

Valleywide H&I has been invited to provide AA meetings *within* the MOSAIC program; both men & women AA meetings are needed. MOSAIC is facilitated by Maricopa County Correctional Health Services (CHS); VWHI will sponsor AA volunteers / meetings & provide AA literature. This will be a new reporting / incident structure for volunteers. Instead of reporting to the MCSO Jail Programs' Assistant (the Detention Officer at the jail), AA will be reporting to Lil Espinoza (CHS). Due to this structure, Bridget Mack from MCSO requests volunteers entering this facility meet the following conditions: **1) Volunteers who have experience chairing in MCSO Jails on a regular basis & 2) those who have been badged for at least one year.** At some point, MCSO may issue volunteers a different or 2nd badge, badge we currently have to those chairing within the MOSAIC program (CHS personnel / volunteers are issued a red badge). This service opportunity will not affect your current yellow 'Programs' badge or chairing in other MCSO Jails including the existing Estrella AA meetings.

- AA meeting opportunities at 6pm, Monday through Friday
 - Saturday opportunities: Noon to 1pm or 4pm to 6pm
 - Sunday opportunities: AA meetings may be any time slot except for 2pm (during the shift change which would make escorting challenging)
- It is suggested that a pair or group sign up to chair meetings for an entire seven-week program to engage the same inmates until the next group is rotated in
- Volunteers do not need to volunteer on specific days of the week & have the flexibility to change your day week to week. *For example: You may go in one week on a Tuesday, but the following week, your schedule only allows you to go in on Friday.*
- You may also choose a specific day & request a definite number of weeks for that day or a set date range
 - If possible, this is recommended; you would not need to schedule on a weekly basis
- CHS will attempt to accommodate a 'drop-in' meeting within the same week (**limited basis**) & will need a couple days' notice to verify availability, adjust their schedule, & notify staff, guards, & inmates
- MOSAIC creates their schedule of classes every week (Monday - Sunday) which they finalize on Fridays & then disseminate to staff, guards, & inmates for the next week
- Please notify AA / MOSAIC by end of day on **Thursdays** for chairing an AA meeting the following week
- The meetings are not co-ed & housing units are completely divided. MCSO's requirement for chairing meetings of the opposite sex applies: A female chairing a men's meeting **must** have a co-chair (male or female). A male chairing a women's meeting **must** have a co-chair (male or female).
 - Please note that meetings are held within their living / housing areas

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- **All volunteers are required to contact the MCSO Liaison for clearance and scheduling to chair meetings per the Maricopa County Sherriff's Office & Correctional Health Services.**
- **After initial screening & 'registered' with MCSO & CHS via the MCSO Liaison, volunteers may contact CHS directly to schedule meetings they are interested in chairing.**

AA volunteers who meet the above criteria, please contact the VWHI / MCSO Liaison mcs0_liaison@vwhi.org.

Thank you for your continued service!

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What is the MOSAIC Program in MCSO Jails & how does it involve AA?

MOSAIC's selection process requires all inmates be classified with the following conditions:

- 1) Moderate to high substance / alcohol abuse
- 2) High risk for recidivism
- 3) Sentenced followed by probation

Inmates are housed in at Estrella Jail; in a newly divided area – the 'O' Dorm for women & 'N' Dorm for men. Volunteers will need to enter at the Estrella Jail Control Desk for entry to the dorms. MOSAIC program classes are held in the Estrella Support Building (the former Tent City Jail); after passing through Estrella's Control Desk, volunteers should continue down the left hallway (marked "Dorms M, N, O", etc.) to an additional, locked entry checkpoint. Please use the call-button on the wall to identify yourself, request entry & escort to the dorms / classroom area. Security & staff will have advance notice of the meetings & the need for escorting. The AA meeting will be announced & all inmates are free to join. Chairpersons will be issued a radio & sign in sheet for the attendees which will need to be returned to the guard on staff after the meeting. Security will also escort volunteers back to the main Estrella Jail.

The inmates are in classes throughout the day, every day except Sundays. Each group of selected men & women is separate from the rest of the inmate population for a seven-week program. If they meet the set criteria, they graduate & are released to the community. MOSAIC has a 90% graduation average. The first week is orientation (but AA meetings are encouraged for the entire seven weeks) & after each class / group ends, there is a week break before the next group of men & women are brought in.

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(AA Big Books & Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions are in the classroom of both dorms; inmates are free to take the books for their personal use until they are released.)

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Correctional Health Services:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/1179/Correctional-Health>

MOSAIC Program: [https://www.maricopa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?
AID=355](https://www.maricopa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=355)