



Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) California

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www.AVPCalifornia.org

800/905-6765

AVP/California and Parolees

Parolees are encouraged to be involved in community Alternatives to Violence Project workshops. Though AVP/California does not offer a highly structured re-entry program, a system whereby parolees can participate in the community Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) program upon release is available.

For facilitators trained while incarcerated the following opportunities are offered:

- Facilitating on a team of facilitators for workshops being held in their local community
- Assistance in starting AVP workshops in their local community
- Financial assistance/travel expenses for facilitating workshops in counties other than their county of release
- Participation on local councils of facilitators in planning programs in their area with their leadership involvement encouraged
- Scholarship assistance to attend national and state AVP conferences
- Speaking to community groups about AVP

For those parolees not yet facilitators, the opportunity to become one is available:

- Scholarships to take the three 20-hour-workshop series in their community toward becoming a facilitator— Once trained the above facilitator benefits apply.

AVP/California is a fast growing non-profit organization, expanding in more CDCR prisons every month and offering training in the community and inside correctional facilities to at least 300 people a month. Opportunities for leadership and positive community relationships are available to those making contact once released.

Central contact number: 800/ 905-6755

Location to sign up for workshops or as a facilitator: www.avpCalifornia.org

Address to communicate with AVP/CA: P.O. Box 3294, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3294

Statistics on AVP success

Delaware Research on Recidivism

Return to prison after one year:

Life Skills class – 18%

AVP – 10%

Control group – 25%

AVP graduates re-offending after 3 years, 33% (cumulative). **Usual rate is 60-80%.**

With no AVP, returning to prison for any reason: 3 years 48% (cumulative)