



Overview of Healing Home Participants and Program

This document outlines Healing Home participants' backgrounds, qualifications, personal growth, and commitment to service as they transition from in-prison programming to earned release and into the continuum of care and program that is the Healing Home.

Participant Qualifications and Achievements Earned While Incarcerated

Transformation for these participants occurs long before their release through long-term personal commitment to self-help programming, counseling, and specialized training, rather than short-term participation. This sort of programming will continue while living at the Healing Home. Key accomplishments and roles held by participants while incarcerated include:

- **Higher Education:** Many are college graduates holding Associate degrees, with several actively participating in Bachelor's degree programs.
- **Hospice and Palliative Care:** Participants served as primary care providers in the nation's first inmate-staffed prison hospice program at the California Medical Facility (CMF) in Vacaville. They passed rigorous screening and specialized training to deliver care under the supervision of licensed doctors and nurses.
- **Counseling and Mentorship:** Participants include licensed peer mentors and licensed substance abuse counselors.
- **Group Facilitation:** Men facilitated Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA) groups.
- **Youth Diversion Programs:** Several worked or volunteered in youth diversion programs, undergoing a rigorous vetting process required to mentor at-risk youth brought into correctional facilities.
- **Canine Rehabilitation:** Participants served in dog programs that rescue animals from kill shelters. Certified inmates provide 24/7 care, rehabilitation, and training over several months to a year to prepare dogs for adoption or service animal certification.