

THE HOPE TOOLKIT

Partnering with Prisons

Why Partner ?

In stark relief to the stress of their day-to-day working environment, community engagement is a valuable part of the mission for correctional institutions. Partnerships can:

- Encourage positive interactions with youth before they enter the justice system;
- Support children and families in the communities in which they serve;
- Support institution or school-based violence prevention efforts

Ways to Partner

- Donation Drives
- Family Sponsorships
- Community Outreach & Education

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

How to Reach Out

- Contact the Public Information Officer at an correctional institution near you. Find contact information on the [State of California Department of Corrections website](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/).
- Ask about contact information for the local employees' association and/or other staff that work with community partnerships or outreach.
- Reach out to designated contacts to schedule an introductory meeting to share about your program and explore opportunities for partnership.
- Develop your pitch and include some tangible asks – sponsor or participate in a donation drive to collect needed items, or volunteer for an existing event.
- If the one-time asks goes well, say thank you and continue partnering together as other opportunities emerge. Brainstorm together to discuss other ways to collaborate.

About Us

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Through this toolkit, we want to offer what we have learned to other Local Education Agencies (LEAs) looking to enhance support for their McKinney-Vento students. We have pulled together tools, resources, and advice that we wish we had when we were starting out.

For more information on HOPE partnerships or to access the full HOPE Toolkit, please visit our website: <https://www.chino.k12.ca.us/Page/54175> or scan the QR code.



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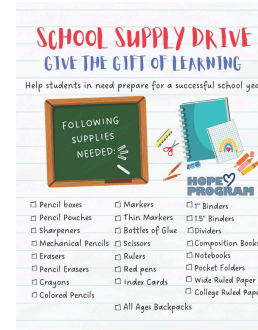
California Institution for Men (CIM) opened in San Bernardino County in 1941 on 1,700 acres of land. CIM is a large prison consisting of four separate facilities under the administration of one warden. It currently houses 2,000 general population minimum custody inmates with an approximate total population of 4,697. Chino Valley Employees' Association (CVEA) is the employees' association for Department of Corrections serving the 1,500 employees working at CIM.

Collectively CIM and CVEA share a common goal of helping others within the facility AND the local community. In partnership with CVUSD'S HOPE Program, CVEA's Board coordinates and executes community-based events including holiday sponsorships, fundraising & clothing campaigns, and community outreach & education.

HOPE In Action

CVEA collects school supplies annually for HOPE families to be distributed through the annual Back to School Giveaway events held in the community. They also collected soap and hygiene items for the community CARE closet through the Soap for HOPE drive.

Each year, CIM also hosts the Adopt-A-Family program. Through this program, HOPE families are invited to a special dinner at the CIM facility, and all children and family members are given gifts. This program is designed to invest in positive relationships with youth, intervene in proactive ways with families, and discourage future criminal behavior.



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