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GLOSSARY OF SOME PRISON TERMS

- AVP kit:** materials for the workshop, usually in a plastic box with hanging folders. This is brought in by outside facilitators or, in some prisons, left in a locker at the prison
- brown card:** state issued identification for all prison employees and regular volunteers. (For some reason, in Susanville this is called a beige card.)
- CCPOA (California Correctional Peace Officers Association):** the guards' union
- CCR (Creative Conflict Resolution):** the name Friends Outside uses for AVP workshops
- CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation):** the name of the State department that administers all 33 adult prisons, 42 fire camps, and 4 youth facilities in California. Their website is <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov> Check it out.
- chit:** personalized prison-issued copper disc to be used when checking out prison materials, e.g keys
- chrono:** a paper placed in an inmate's file once s/he has completed a program. Those who complete an AVP workshop receive a chrono.
- CPM (Community Partnership Manager):** prison staff member who handles various programs at the prison including AVP
- ducat:** the paper that an inmate must have which gives him/her permission to be somewhere other than in his/her housing unit or on the yard
- Fire Camp:** a facility for lower level prisoners who are trained to fight fires. There are 42 fire camps in the state in which eligible men, women, and youth may be housed (not in the same camp, though).
- Friends Outside:** a non-profit organization at some jails and prisons that offers various services to inmates and their families. Their website is www.friendsoutside.org
- levels:** a numerical indication of the amount of security provided for a prisoner. Maximum security is 4; minimum security is 1. Level 3 and 4 prisoners live in cells (usually 2 to a cell); level 1 and 2 prisoners live in dormitories.
- lockdown:** a time when all inmates are confined to their cells or dorms for security reasons
- prisons in which we work:**
- CCC (California Correctional Center):** one of the two state prisons for men in Susanville There are two yards there --Main and Lassen. Main is level 1 and 2; many of the men there are training for Fire Camp. Lassen is level 3. This prison is next-door to HDSP.
- CCWF (Central California Women's Facility):** one of the two state prisons for women in Chowchilla This prison is next-door to VSPW.
- CSP, Solano (California State Prison, Solano):** a state prison for men in Solano This prison is next-door to CMF.
- CMF, Vacaville (California Medical Facility, Vacaville):** the state prison where many of the seriously ill male inmates are imprisoned We used to be there and may be again, soon. This prison is next-door to CSP.
- HDSP (High Desert State Prison):** one of the two state prisons for men in Susanville. There are five yards there --A, B, C, D, and E. A yard is level 3; B, C, and D are level 4. B yard is an SNY. This prison is next-door to CCC.VSPW (Valley State Prison for Women): one of the two state prisons for women in Chowchilla. This prison is next-door to CCWF
- shot caller:** a leader in a prison gang
- SNY (Special Needs Yard):** a yard for inmates who need protection from the general population. These include men who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature (rape, child molestation, etc.), homosexuals, transsexuals, and men who have left a prison gang.
- Warden, Chief Deputy Warden, Associate wardens:** general administrators of the prison. There is one warden, one chief deputy, and several associate wardens.
- yard:** the open space outside the housing and guard buildings. Yards are used for recreation.