Directions to Medium (John J. Moran) and Maximum Security

East Bay, Providence and Points North

For Maximum Security: Take Rt. 95 South to Exit 14 (Rt. 37 West, Cranston). Immediately take Exit 3 (Pontiac Ave.), Pastore Complex. At bottom of ramp, take a left. Go south on Pontiac Ave. Maximum Security is on your right. Turn right into the Max parking lot and enter through the main entrance for processing.

For Medium Security: Go straight. At second set of traffic lights take a right onto Howard Ave. Proceed to four-way stop after Medium Security. Go left onto West Road. Follow to end. The John J. Moran Medium Security Building is on the right.

South County and Points South

Take Rt. 95 North to Rt. 37 West. Take Exit 3 (Pontiac Ave.), Pastore Complex. At bottom of ramp take a left, go south on Pontiac Ave. Follow directions above.

Points North and West of Cranston

Take Rt. 295 to Rt. 37 East. Take Rt. 37 East to the Pontiac Ave. exit, at bottom of ramp take a right, go south on Pontiac Ave. Follow directions above.

Directions to the Women's Bernadette Building

From Route 95 North or South

Take Exit 14 (Rt. 37 West/Cranston). Take the Pontiac Ave. exit and take a left onto Pontiac Ave. At the third traffic light, take a right onto Howard Ave. (a sign indicates John O. Pastore Center).

At the four-way stop sign, take a right onto West Road, and then a left onto Fleming Road.

The Bernadette Building is the second brick building (No. 48) on the right. There is ample parking. The building shares a parking lot with the Gloria McDonald Women's Awaiting Trial and Medium Security Facility.
What Is the S.C.O.R.E. Program?

The Rhode Island Department of Corrections' Special Community Outreach Education (S.C.O.R.E.) Program provides middle and high school youth a firsthand look at what life is like for incarcerated men and women at the Adult Correctional Institutions. It began in 1994 as a collaboration between the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and the Rhode Island Family Court.

By telling their stories, carefully screened inmate panelists hope to persuade young men and women to make positive choices in their lives. The inmates, serving for a variety of offenses including murder, DUI, robbery and drug offenses, candidly talk about the negative behaviors that led to their incarceration and what their lives are now like behind prison walls.

Participants are encouraged to question the inmates on any topic they wish.

Topics of Discussion Include:

- Peer Pressure
- Gangs
- Bullying
- Truancy
- Violence and Substance Abuse
- Disrespect of Authority Figures

Sessions can be booked at either the Men's (John J. Moran) Medium Security Facility, the Men's Maximum Security Facility or the Women's (Bernadette) Minimum Security Facility. Sessions run from approximately 9-11:30 a.m. on Thursday or Friday depending on the building. Please allow at least 15 minutes for processing at the front desk. Please review the dress code in advance to avoid delays. The program is subject to cancellation without notice due to an emergency.

Quotes From Inmate Panelists

"You can say it won't happen to you, but somebody in this room is going to end up having contact with the law. I'll be 50 years old when I get out of here. Who's gonna want to hire me, give me a job, a license?"

- Chris, doing 38 years for Murder II

Correctional officers are always present during the S.C.O.R.E. presentations.

"My mother lost her only son. My victim's mother lost her son. I'll never go to college, never go to a prom. My gang friends don't come to visit."

- Broden, sentenced to 25 years for murdering a rival gang member

"I started selfishly thinking that I knew it all and my parents couldn't tell me anything. I was a follower, not a free thinker. That's what we're asking you to be — free thinkers. The more you disregard the voice telling you you're doing something you know is wrong, the dimmer that voice becomes."

- Alex, sentenced to 35 years for murder

Quotes From Educators

"I have found the S.C.O.R.E. Program to be an effective tool for reinforcing the importance of values and respect for our students. The inmates are forthcoming, sincere and clearly accountable for the actions which led them to crime and incarceration."

- Doug Borden, School Resource Officer, Martin Middle School, East Providence

"On the ride back home, we polled the students and asked them to rate the experience on a scale of one to 10. Most of them said 10, while a few said 20 and even 25. I was floored by the inmates and their presentations, and all of us agree that it was very powerful to be directly addressed by these men (officers and inmates). The officers were friendly and informative and put the students at ease."

- Arthur McGovern, Professor, Nichols College