

# REENTRY OPPORTUNITY CENTER RECEIVES TWO AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AWARDS

## R.O.C. WINS CITATION DESIGN AWARD AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The Los Angeles County Probation Department Reentry Opportunity Center recently won the Citation Design Award and People's Choice Award presented by the American Institute of Architects – National Associates Committee (AIA-NAC).

The R.O.C. was awarded this prestigious honor for their innovative design and renovation of a 1960s, 60,000 square foot building into a state-of-the-art probation office and community resource center. The project started in 2017 and concluded in 2019, just before the pandemic. The three-story building's interior features vibrant colors and modern décor to create an environment for probation staff and clients to feel welcome and valued. The atmosphere promotes positivity and hope. The office and community resource center intends to provide a space for justice-involved individuals to get assistance and guidance as they re-enter the community and make plans for a more productive future. The Center is also open to community members to utilize and obtain free resources and services.

The first floor includes a receptionist and a beautiful waiting area. Clients are given an assessment and assigned service providers to meet their individual circumstances upon entering. Beyond the reception area is a medium-sized conference room and several private interview rooms and cubicles where clients and Probation Officers can meet. The interview rooms are painted bright orange to promote a feeling of vibrancy and kindness.

The second floor is the probation office. It's designed with several modern-style cubicles, additional conference rooms, and one large and small kitchen for staff's convenience painted bright yellow. Each conference room is equipped with an extra-large flat-screen television and motion censored cameras to aid in virtual meetings or staff training sessions.

"I'm most proud of how this building serves the community," expressed Marcy Martin, Abbott Construction Sr. Project Manager. "I'm a Los Angeles native, and the fact that I was able to touch a project that serves the community in this manner, as well as the probation department, is something that makes me very proud of what we did here."



The R.O.C. Probation Staff, NAC Architecture Representative, Abbott Construction Representative, and American Institute of Architects Representatives.



Welcoming entrance area



Karla Grijalva of NAC Architecture and Marcy Martin, Abbott Construction, presenting to American Institute of Architects Representatives.

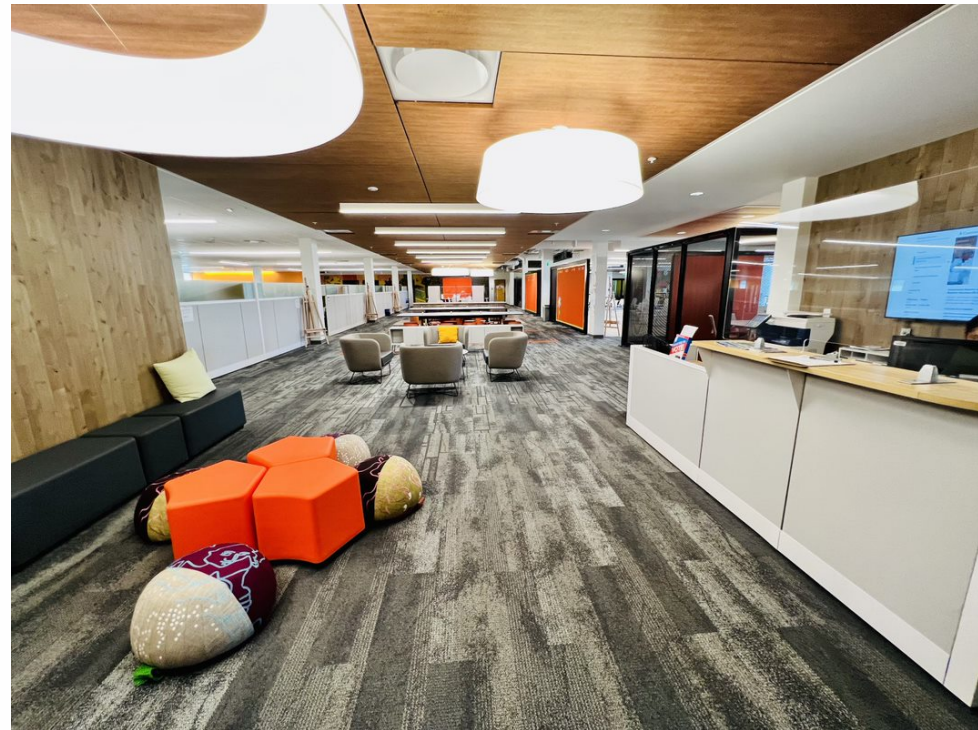


Touring the small Kitchen



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Third level waiting area.



Third level floor to ceiling window wall



Third level meeting space



Third level open floor plan

The third floor has an open floor plan that creates a "Wow" moment upon exiting the elevator. Although several walls are painted in various combinations of bright orange, yellow and green, the main attention grabber on this level is the floor-to-ceiling window wall that invites a plethora of natural sunlight. This floor also features beautiful murals covered with inspirational words, numerous cozy and comfortable seating areas, a children's corner with toys, a computer lab, several private therapy offices, a large conference room and kitchen, a community clothing pantry, and several cubicles for service providers to utilize while meeting with clients and community members.

"I'm very proud of this project. The highlight is the positive impact that it provides on the community," shared Karla Grijalva of NAC Architecture. "Probation, Public Works, LA County Arts Department, Abbot Construction, and NAC listened to the client's perspectives. Hopefully, we together were able to sensitize the building, and this design will be the beginning of a promising future for everyone."

Congratulations, Reentry Opportunity Center. This outstanding recognition is well deserved. Your team has created a much-needed modern probation office and inviting resource space in the community. Thank you to the American Institute of Architects – National Associates Committee (AIA-NAC) for this honor.

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