Are your gang or prison tattoos keeping you from getting a job?

Are you ready to start fresh?

The Permian Basin Tattoo Removal Program is a community service project of the Permian Basin Tattoo Removal Program, Midland/Odessa Federal Probation Office, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Midland Judicial District Community Supervisions and Corrections, and Ector County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

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your **HELP** *is not* **WANTED**

Questions?

Who can have a tattoo removed in this program?

Ector and Midland county residents who are currently on supervision or have been in the past and have noticeable prison and gang tattoos or tattoos that interfere with employment may be eligible for the program. Check with your probation or parole officer to see if you qualify or call 686-4060.

What does it cost to have a tattoo removed?

If you qualify for the program, all you pay is $50 for each session. Some tattoos may take up to three visits to remove.

How are the tattoos removed?

A specialized system is used that breaks the ink into small particles the body can absorb. The process will produce a superficial second-degree burn, much like a sunburn.

Approximately 30 days later the procedure is repeated. A third treatment is required on some tattoos.

Will I have a scar?

The treatment produces skin damage similar to a heavy sunburn. The removal causes a slight discoloration of the skin and the inability to tan at the site of the tattoo removal. Often you can see that the impression that a tattoo was once there but is no longer recognizable.

I'm interested in a fresh start. How do I get started?

Contact your probation or parole office to see if you qualify. Or call 686-4060 ext. 2225 for eligibility requirements or more information.

About the Permian Basin Tattoo Removal Program

The Permian Basin Tattoo Removal Program is made possible through a generous grant from Neighbors Against Burglary, Drugs, Inc - a Midland-based group and community philanthropist Betsy Triplett Hurt.

Tattoo removals are performed by specially-trained Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center staff and coordinated through the Midland/Odessa Federal Probation Office.

Mission:
This program is designed to assist individuals integrate and re-integrate into mainstream society by removing tattoos that would identify them as participating or supporting antisocial behavior.

Target audience:
Living in the Permian Basin area that agree to follow the guidelines of the program are welcome to participate. All youth under age 17 years must complete a parent/guardian permission form.