

Mural Concepts for the: El Paso County Juvenile Justice Center.

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Reception Room

“Positive Thoughts to a brighter Future”

The background and foreground of this composition is dominated by a spirit of freedom symbolized by an eagle sweeping down in front of the young people, with a list of positive thoughts. On the left are four students, gender and racially balanced, about to pursue a path that can make a difference in their lives. On the right are two students who, after committing to these values, came to a turning point and are moving on into the dawn of a new day. The land, sky and eagle will be an array of colors. The rectangular box on the right is the door to an existing fire extinguisher which I am reluctant to incorporate in the design because of the fire codes.

Meeting Room

“Seeds of Imagination”

Considering the different people and uses of this room, I thought it is a good opportunity where the viewer can stimulate their imagination by interplaying with a single form that we are most familiar with, the sphere. We are all made of atoms or molecules and we all live on a sphere in the midst of millions of spheres. I used two horticulture symbols of plants and planters to represent just one of the multitudes of sphere (seed) producers. The different colored spheres against a dark background suggest a universe behind a ledge holding the planters. These illusions create a beautiful backdrop that is both whimsical and meaningful. This spirited imagery compliments the serious thoughts that take place in these types of rooms with something that is fun, hopeful and nourishing to the soul.

The 12 rectangle shapes on the bottom of the composition are built in existing chairs.