FEMALE DIAGNOSTICS AND CLASSIFICATION

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MISSION

To protect Georgians by operating secure facilities and providing opportunities for offender rehabilitation.

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Within the correctional system, the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) has four female State Prisons, one medical facility, which houses pregnant offenders, two Transitional Centers, one Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, one Integrated Treatment Facility and one Probation Detention Center. The female offender population is Georgia's fastest-growing population. The Diagnostic facility is located at McRae Women's Facility in Helena, Georgia.

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

DIAGNOSTICS

OVERVIEW

- Identifies all pertinent needs of an offender entering the prison system to meet those needs to prevent the offender from returning to prison
- Conducted at McRae Women's Facility (WF)

HISTORY

- McRae Correctional Facility was constructed in 2000 and operated under CoreCivic. It was re-commissioned in December 2022 by GDC to house female offenders, and changed to the name of McRae Women's Facility.

OFFENDERS

POPULATION

- Diagnostic offenders arrive from the county jail
- All diagnostic inmates receive security classifications through the Next Generation Assessment (NGA) while in county jails awaiting assignment to GDC. Security classifications are close, medium, and minimum
- Diagnostic offenders usually transfer prior to being eligible for visitation, if bed space is available
- Diagnostic Offenders are only allowed visitation under extenuating circumstances.
- Upon transfer to their new facilities, Diagnostic inmates become permanent inmates, remaining at the new facility until they are released or administratively transferred due to medical issues, behavioral issues, or program needs.

SECURITY LEVELS

CLOSE SECURITY

Have staffing and physical security measures which are designed for the offenders listed below:

- Are escape risks
- Have assault histories
- Are considered dangerous and may have detainers for other serious crimes on file
- May never work on an outside detail
- Require supervision at all times by a correctional officer

MEDIUM SECURITY

Have staffing and physical security measures which are designed for the offenders listed below:

- Have no major adjustment problems
- May work outside of the prison but must remain under supervision

MINIMUM SECURITY

Have staffing and physical security measures which are designed for the offenders listed below:

- Tend to abide by prison regulations
- Present a minimal risk of escape
- Have been judged to be a minimal threat to the community
- May work outside the fence under minimal supervision

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PROCESS

The Diagnostic process is designed to identify specific needs of each offender in regards to Programming (Academic/Vocational/Cognitive), Medical, Mental Health, and Dental. The Diagnostic process will be completed within 10 business days of arrival, additional time may be needed for offenders that require upper level medical and mental health care.

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

INTAKE
- Shower
- Delouse
- Picture taken
- Clothing, Bed Roll, and ID Issued
- Intake Packet Completed

MEDICAL SCREEN
- Vital Signs
- TB Test
- Pregnancy Test
- Review Medicines/Medical Records with provider
- Medical Consent Packet

MENTAL HEALTH SCREEN/PREA ASSESSMENT

NEW ARRIVAL ORIENTATION
- ADA Video
- PREA Video
- PIC Video
- Review of Offender Handbook

DAY 2

MEDICAL
- Labs drawn for Blood Work
- Pap Smear
- Physical Examinations
- DNA Collection

DENTAL
- Comprehensive Dental Exams

MENTAL HEALTH FOLLOW UPS
- Offenders identified as MH Level 2 will be seen by Psychologist and Psychiatrist

DAYS 3-4

ORIENTATION
- Orientation Packet
- Phone List
- Visitation Packet
- Letter to family notifying them of arrival to LASP and pertinent information
- Culture Fair IQ Test
- WRAT 5 Test

PPD READING

DAYS 5-6

MEDICAL
- Offenders are schedule to see Medical for make up appointments
- Chest X-Rays ordered for positive PPD Readings

PAROLE
- Pre-Parole Interview conducted by Parole Investigator
- Parole Orientation
- Parole Packet and Personal History Statement

DAYS 7-10

FINAL INTERVIEWS
- Diagnostic Director reviews all areas for completion for each offender
- Offenders who have completed Diagnostic processing will be pending review for transfer by Offender Administration