Inmate Services

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Inmate Services Division is responsible for overseeing the operations of Academic Education, Chaplaincy, Risk Reduction Services, Substance Abuse, Transitional/Reentry Services, and Career Technical and Higher Education. These areas are critical to criminal justice reform and prison reentry initiative.

MISSION

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

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INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- Offered in all State Prisons, Private Prisons, Probation Detention Centers, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Centers and most Transitional Centers

GENERAL EDUCATION

- Title I
- Special Education
- Literacy Remedial Reading
- Adult Basic Education
- General Equivalency Diploma Preparation (GED)
- Tift Academy of Georgia
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Braille

TIFT ACADEMY OF GEORGIA

- GDC offers an in-house, accredited high school option at all facilities through Tift Academy of Georgia for eligible students.
- Eligible students have the opportunity to pursue a high school diploma through Tift Academy of Georgia.

CAREER, TECHNICAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION

On average, 8,000 offenders a month are enrolled in one of the 300 on-the-job training, vocational, skills trades, and post-secondary programs available. Program offerings are selected based on offender interest and job opportunities available upon release. Some of the programs with the highest enrollments include:

- Animal Caretaking
- Automotive (ASE) Mechanics
- Business Customer Service
- Culinary Arts
- Computer Technology
- Diesel Mechanics
- Electrical Assistant
- Horticulture
- Plumbing
- Welding

Our agency partners with the Technical College of Georgia and the local technical colleges to provide these important workforce development programs. We are also proud to partner with several colleges and universities that utilize grant and nonprofit funding to provide fully accredited college courses to offenders at 18 facilities within GDC.

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Chaplaincy Services provides and facilitates pastoral care access for offenders and staff, as appropriate. Chaplaincy Services strives to promote and establish a community of peace, hope, safety and mutual respect and ensure offenders First Amendment religious rights.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (NOBTS)

- Opportunity to earn Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Ministry
- 2-4 year cycles, 30 offenders per class

RISK REDUCTION SERVICES

This unit partners with federal, state and county agencies as well as non-profit and community based organizations. It is comprised of:

- Assessment
- Cognitive-Behavioral programming
- Counseling
- Data operations
- Research
- Evaluation
- Development
- Substance Abuse

PROGRAMS

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL

MORAL RECONATION THERAPY (MRT)

Is an objective, systematic treatment designed to enhance ego, social, moral and positive behavioral growth in a progressive step-by-step fashion. It has 12 to 16 steps and attempts to change how drug abusers and alcoholics make decisions.

THINKING FOR A CHANGE (T4C)

Is an integrated, cognitive behavioral program that includes cognitive restructuring, problem solving and skill-building. This program was developed by the National Institute of Corrections.

SUBSTANCE USE

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) CENTERS

9-month program targeting high risk, high needs offenders with a history of substance abuse as a crime-producing behavior

INTEGRATED TREATMENT FACILITIES (ITF)

9-month program that combines interventions intended to address substance use and mental health disorders

INTENSIVE REENTRY PROGRAM (IRP)

90-day program targeting non-violent offenders with a history of substance abuse as a causative factor leading to correctional supervision

PROGRAM TREATMENT CERTIFICATE

After the passing of Senate Bill 365, offenders will now be released into society with a Program Treatment Completion Certificate. This official certificate is comparable to a college student's transcript. It will record what an inmate has completed during incarceration. Approximately 25 to 33 percent of releasing inmates are eligible for a certificate.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DEVICES

The Georgia Offender Alternative Learning (GOAL) devices are currently being distributed to our offender population to assist with providing educational programming. These tablets will store electronic educational material, thus providing all offenders, even those within restricted housing, the ability to access their educational programming.

SECURE KIOSK

- JPay kiosk
- Educational content can be loaded onto GOAL device from kiosk
- Allows for video visits with family at a rate of $3.95 per 30 minute session
- Allows offenders to send and receive emails at a rate of $0.35 each

GOAL DEVICE

- Upon completion of diagnostics, all offenders housed in a state facility receive a device
- Do not have Internet access
- No state funds used to purchase