

PROBATION DETENTION CENTER

Probation Detention Centers provide short-term confinement of probationers in a secure, safe, and work-oriented environment. A probation detention center (PDC) is a minimum-security facility for confining probationers, normally for a period of 60 to 120 days.

OVERVIEW

- A sentencing alternative to jail or prison
- Six male facilities and one female facility
- Highly structured minimum-security facility with regimented schedules that include supervised, unpaid work in surrounding communities
- Military-style discipline is emphasized
- May be used as a direct sentencing option or a revocation/ Probation Options Management sanction
- Associated with the facility side of the department in terms of care, custody, food service, and medical needs

FACILITIES

COLWELL PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Blairsville

Host facility: Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto Capacity: 271 Opened: 1989

EMANUEL PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Twin City

Host facility: Emanuel Women's Facility in Swainsboro Capacity: 369
Opened: Oct. 18, 1994

MCEVER PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Perry

Host facility: Dooly State Prison in Unadilla Capacity: 235 Opened: May 15, 2000

PAULDING PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Dallas

Host facility: Hays State Prison in Trion Capacity: 260 Opened: 2000

PATTEN PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Lakeland

Host facility: Valdosta State Prison in Valdosta Capacity: 252 Opened: 1993

TREUTLEN PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Soperton

Host facility: Montgomery State Prison in Mt Vernon Capacity: 295
Opened: 1991

WOMEN'S PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Claxton

Host facility: Smith State Prison in Glennville Capacity: 237 Opened: 1992

STAFFING

Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Security, Administrative Support Supervisor, Support Staff, and Counselor(s)



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MISSION

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

Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner

Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner Facilities Division

CHARACTERISTICS



- Short-term program with a designed length of 60-180 days
- Average stay is 90 days
- Probationers required to work on a detail
- May receive credit for time served while waiting on bed space for PDC in the county jail if judge/hearing officer states specifically on the court order
- Probationers are transported to each facility by the local Sheriff's Office

ELEMENTS

- Probationers are required to work on a detail 5 days of the week: food service, horticulture, auto-body, building grounds maintenance, janitorial, laundry, utilities, maintenance and sanitation duties
- Community work details: under supervision, low-security offenders build, refurbish, and maintain prison and civic buildings, perform road work, clean public buildings and schools, and work at recycling centers and landfills
- Programming varies from minimal education improvement to a broader spectrum of evidence-based treatment programs depending on the facility's resources and court ordered requirements to include:
 - Motivation for Change
 - Substance use counseling-primarily AA/NA
 - Life Skills
 - Job Readiness
 - Group Counseling
 - Personal Health
 - GED/Adult Basic Education

