

# PROBATION DETENTION CENTER



GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## MISSION

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

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## 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

### BACON PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Alma

Host facility: Ware State Prison in Waycross Capacity: 177 Opened: July 1, 2004

### 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)

## 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

