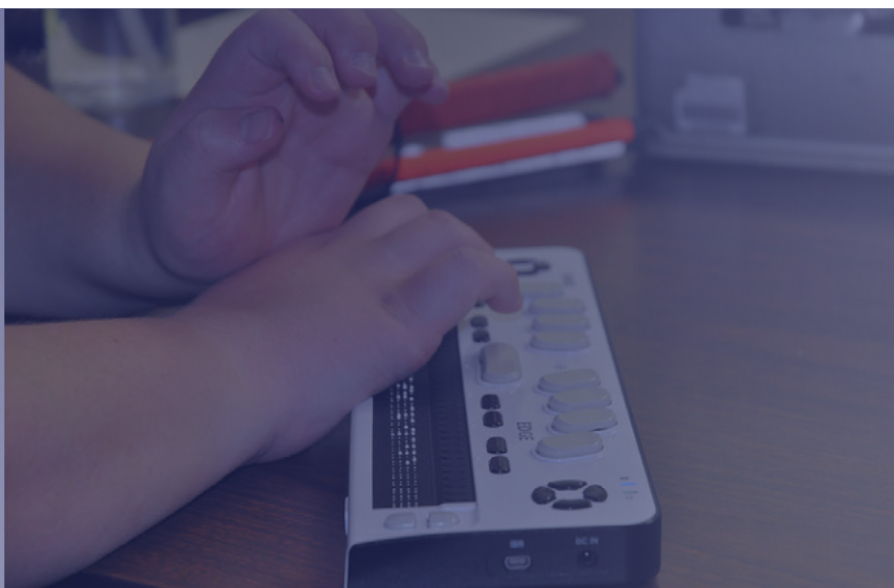


# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



INMATE SERVICES IMPACT REPORT 2020

## **MISSION**

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

## **VISION**

We set the exceptional standard for protecting the public through our people, processes and infrastructure.

## **CORE VALUES**

Courage • Determination • Teamwork

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# Letter From the Commissioner

TIMOTHY C. WARD

“ **Our Inmate Services team continuously works to ensure that the GDC programs best meet the needs of the inmate population.** ”



On behalf of the entire team at the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), it is with great pleasure that I present to you our Inmate Services Impact Report. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 ending programming for the latter half of the fiscal year, staff within the GDC did not hesitate to modify their goals, objectives, and processes in an effort to maintain our commitment to provide education, offender-based programming, and reentry services to assist offenders with returning to society as productive citizens. This report highlights our progress toward those goals and objectives.

Over the last year, we have continually worked to set a successful inmate rehabilitation model. The agency has been dedicated to developing educational programs, job skills training, and evidence-based programs for offenders by cultivating partnerships with multiple agencies. Our Inmate Services team continuously works to ensure that the GDC programs best meet the needs of the inmate population.

Through our partnerships with the Technical College System of Georgia, we have been able to expand educational programs, thus providing offenders with new opportunities. Although Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 2020) became an untraditional academic year, staff and offenders worked hard to complete course work. Academic program completions for Literacy Remedial Reading, Adult Basic Education, General Equivalency Diploma (GED) prep, GED testing, and Foothills Education Charter High School reached over 6,000 completions. We were able to exceed a fiscal year goal of 20,000 earned certificates in Career, Technical, and Higher Education (CTHE) programs by more than 1,100.

Reentry and Cognitive Programming provides evidence-based programming to offenders throughout the state. Program completions have steadily increased over the last three fiscal years, and in the FY 2020, the Unit had realized 60,700 enrollments and 48,559 completions.

The agency's Reentry Assessment Centers (RAC) provide tools and support needed to assess, inform, prepare, and connect returning citizens with a solid reentry plan during their final months of incarceration. The RAC offers resources for housing, transportation, identification documents, and career exploration. During FY 2020, 300+ new resources were identified, over 3,400 job leads were shared, and offenders were referred to more than 2,300 potential employers.

GDC Chaplaincy Services continues to successfully in provide worship programs and pastoral counseling to offenders throughout the state. The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary program, which was established at Whitworth Women's Facility in FY 2019, celebrated the completion of their first semester with female offenders working toward their two-year degree in Christian Ministry.

I am proud to share the successes of our Inmate Services team during this unprecedented year, and I look forward to working with our team in achieving even more success in the years to come.

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# IMPACT SERVICES REPORT

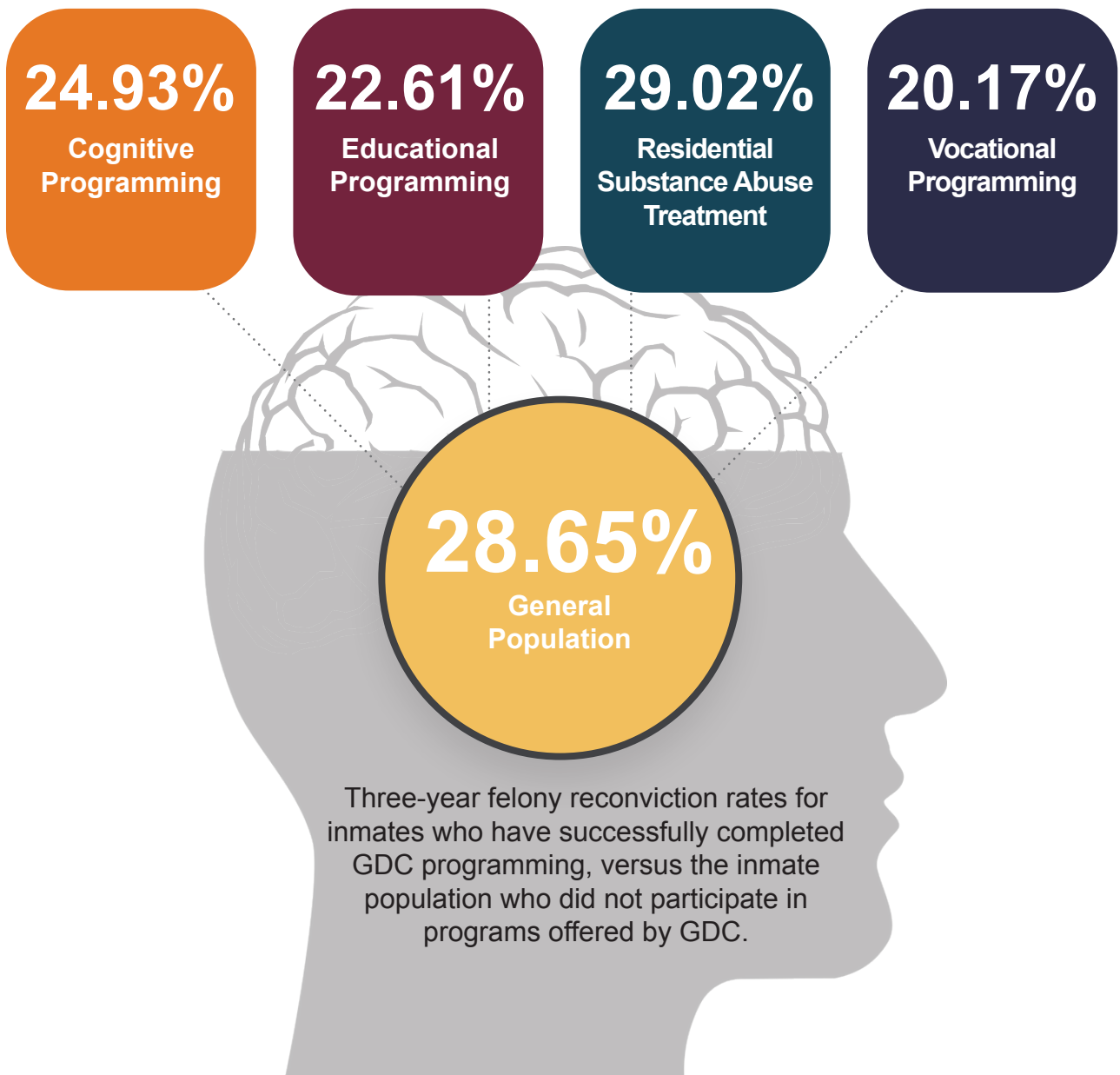
According to the Rand Corporation and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) study, “How Effective is Correctional Education, and Where Do We Go from Here?”, inmates who participate in any kind of educational program behind bars—from remedial math to vocational auto shop to college-level courses—are up to 43 percent less likely to re-offend and return to prison. They also appear to be far more likely to find a job after their release and the social stability that comes with it, according to they study.

Every dollar invested in correctional education saves nearly five in reincarceration costs over three years.

## TREATMENT EFFECTS FROM PROGRAMS

Three-Year Felony Reconviction Rates for Program Completers vs. General Population

Based on FY 2017 Releases



# **REENTRY SERVICES AND COGNITIVE PROGRAMMING**

## RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program implements evidence-based programs which target crime producing behavior and focuses on changing criminal thinking and reducing actions associated with the criminal mindset. The mandated RSAT program is one of the largest in the country, with almost 2,500 beds. GDC partners with federal, state, and county agencies, non-profit and community-based organizations to provide research-based programs.

### RSAT Program Overview

- Evidenced based cognitive-behavioral curriculum
- Goal is to learn real-life ways to help live a pro-social, productive life free of alcohol, drugs, and crime
- All RSAT participants are housed separately from the general population
- Based on Modified Therapeutic Community Model

#### RSAT Facilities

Bainbridge PSATC*	Lee Arrendale State Prison
Bleckley PSATC*	Northwest RSAT
Coastal State Prison	Paulding PSATC*
Coastal PSATC*	Pulaski State Prison
Johnson RSAT (A)	Turner RSAT
Johnson RSAT (B)	Valdosta State Prison

\*Probation Substance Abuse Treatment Center

2,428

Capacity

2,828

Enrolled

9 MONTHS

Program Duration

3,409

Completions

93%

Completion Rate

## METRO REENTRY FACILITY

The Metro Reentry Facility (RF) opened in May 2018 and utilizes comprehensive behavioral health and substance use curriculum to address returning citizens' criminogenic needs. All returning citizens within the program are classified as high-risk, high-need and receive a minimum of 20 hours of programming each week. The program is 12 months long and consists of four levels that prepare the returning citizens for successful reentry into the community.



Since May 1, 2018, there have been 281 releases from Metro RF; the first occurring on May 21, 2018.

Of the 281, no one that completed the full program has been reconvicted, and only 17 that completed partial programming have been re-convicted.

## THE NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM

The New Freedom Program is offered at Metro Reentry Facility and consists of over 400 cognitive-behavioral programming hours. The program assists offenders by utilizing Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques, group contact, goal setting, and emotional intelligence lessons. The program also increases self-awareness and emotional recognition/regulation, awareness of current risk factors, and new protective factor options.

### The program concept is also designed to:

- identify what needs to be changed in the offender's life
- test new ideas
- learn and practice new skills
- activate change and action planning for building self-efficacy
- create pro-social relationships for pre-release preparation

During FY 2020, a total of 88 offenders have completed the New Freedom Program and were released. Of those, 39 were released directly from Metro RF, and at this point, none have been re-convicted.

## REENTRY ASSESSMENT CENTERS

Located within Georgia’s prisons and Transitional Centers (TC), Reentry Assessment Centers (RAC) provide tools and support needed to assess, inform, prepare, and connect the returning citizen with a solid plan of reentry while completing their final months of incarceration. The redesign of these areas is aimed at better addressing all needs of the returning citizen. A new resource directory is being built and added for services to be researched by the county of residence, thus saving time and making the RAC platform more user-friendly. By providing relevant and up-to-date information and resources, peers guide and assist returning citizens in building a comprehensive reentry plan in the following areas:



HOUSING  
RESOURCES



STATE ISSUED ID

### IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- birth certificate
- social security card
- driver’s license
- identification cards



TRANSPORTATION  
RESOURCES



### CAREER EXPLORATION TOOLS & ASSESSMENTS

- resume preparation
- practicing interviewing skills
- job market trends
- location of outside career centers
- job interest and skills matching assessments
- development of typing and computer skills

## RELEASE DOCUMENT REPOSITORY

The repository provides a secure location for GDC to collect and store reentry-related documents such as Department of Driver Services (DDS) identification cards, driver’s licenses, and birth certificates, which are vital to an inmates’ success upon release. The documents are sent to the releasing facility 180 days before the inmate’s release date.

During FY 2020, the repository staff delivered 13,459 packets containing these documents to facilities to be given to inmates upon their release. Since the process began in 2016, more than 28,200 identification cards or driver’s licenses have been issued.

# 13,459

Total Documents in FY 2020



# 5,045

Driver’s Licenses & ID Cards



# 8,414

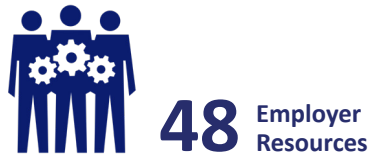
Birth Certificates



# REENTRY SERVICES AND COGNITIVE PROGRAMMING

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

In December of 2019, the Georgia Department of Corrections implemented a new initiative to identify resources that focused on offenders' post-release needs. These resources covered employment, job skills training, housing, counseling services, financial assistance for family and children, mentors, and faith-based organizations. From December of 2019 to June 30, 2020, 498 new resources were identified.

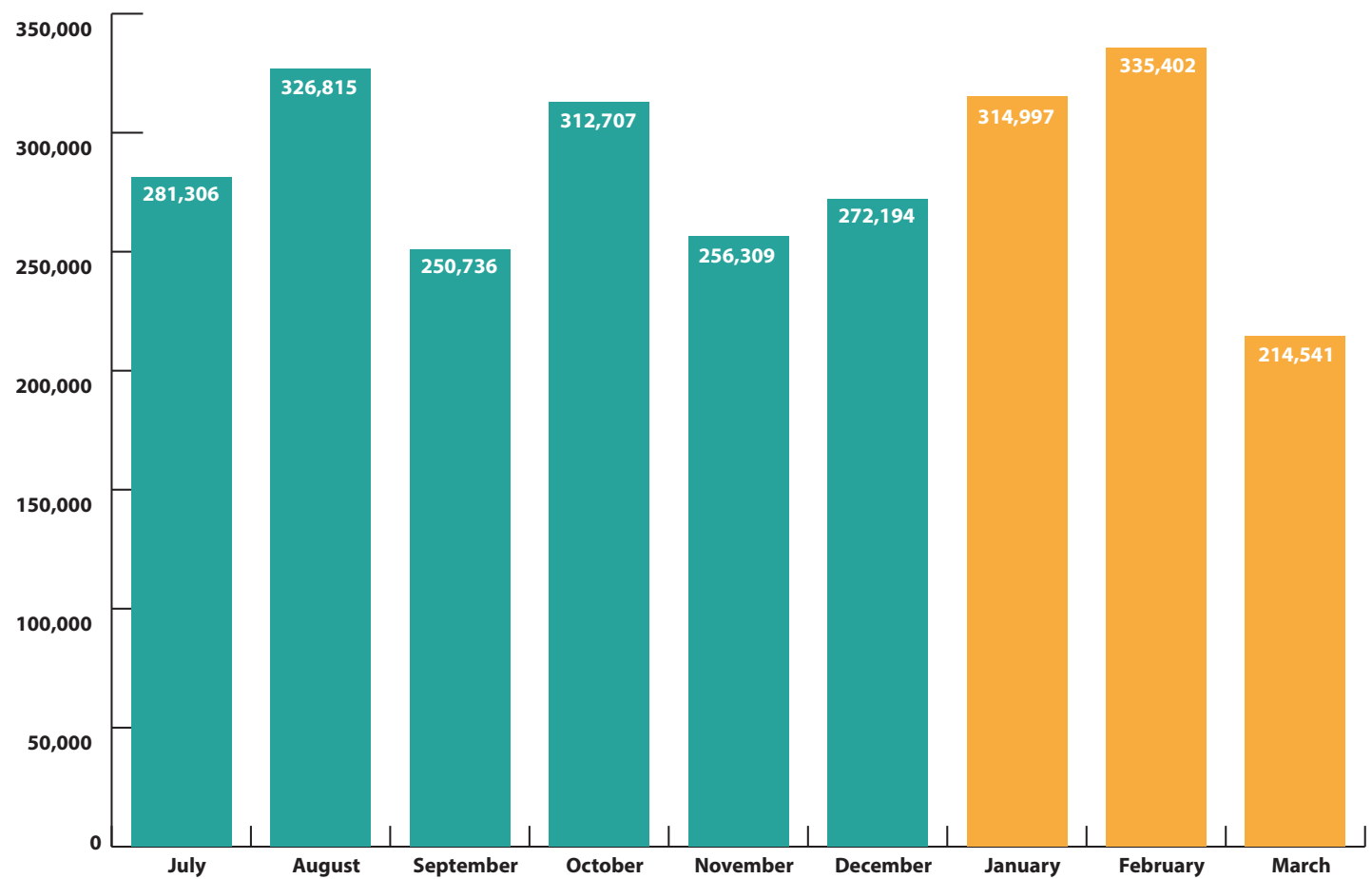


## PEACH PASS PARTNERSHIP

The GDC and the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) entered into an agreement to provide employment opportunities to returning citizens housed at Metro TC. The program was implemented in November 2018 and focuses on image review for the Peach Pass Lanes.

During FY 2020, the program employed 10 returning citizens and reviewed almost two million images. A similar partnership will be implemented at Metro Reentry Facility (RF) during FY 2021; however, offenders participating at Metro RF will earn vocational credits towards certification.

### Total Images Reviewed Per Month

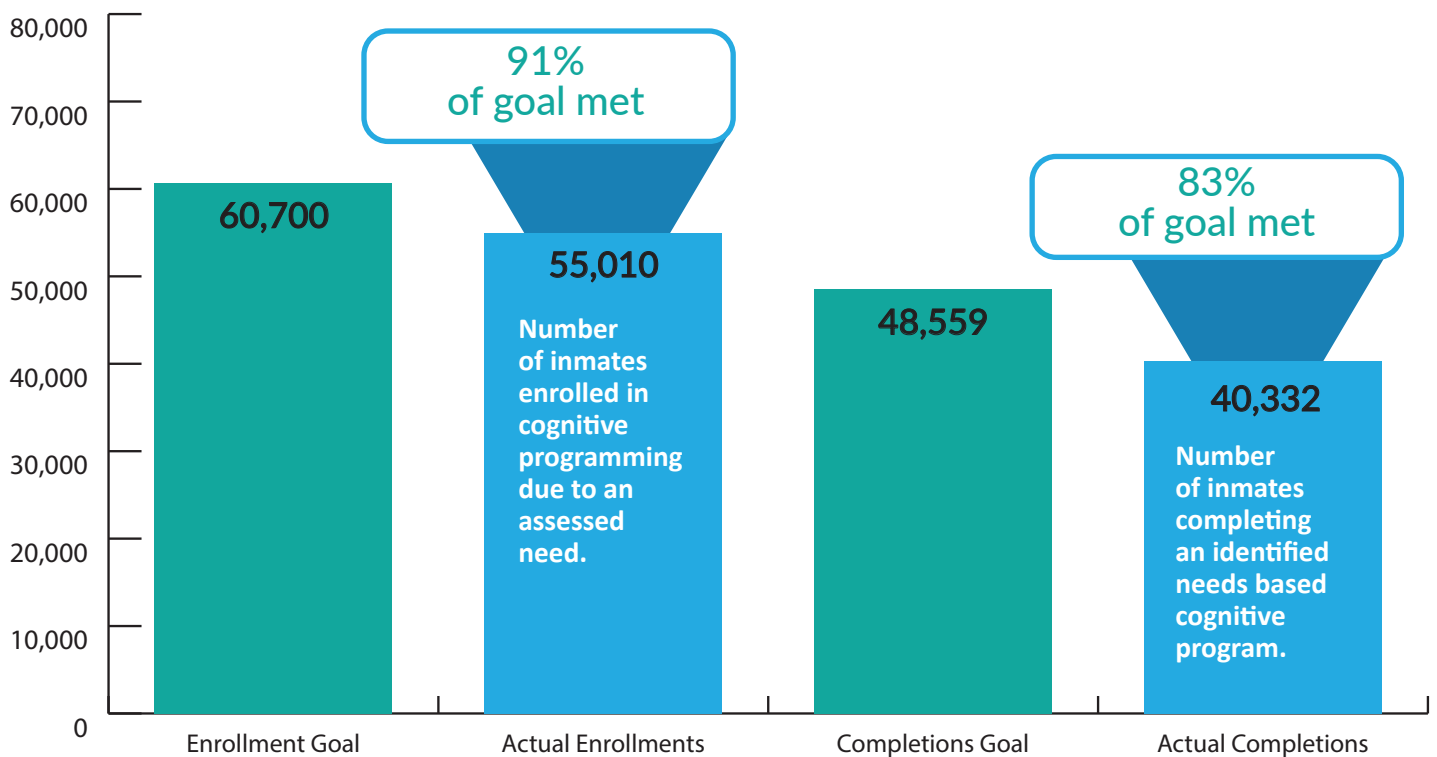


# **STAFF AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UNIT**

## INITIAL CORRECTIONAL COUNSELING TRAINING

Initial Correctional Counseling Training (ICCT) is a seven-day comprehensive training program designed to introduce and provide entry-level counselors and Multi-Functional Officers (MFO) with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide services to the inmate population. During FY 2020, newly hired counselors and MFOs completed this required training, within 12 months of their hire date.

### Cognitive Behavioral Program



**38**  
AUDITS

Social Service Program Consultants attend all facility audits. These audits are of the Care and Treatment and Performance Incentive Credit section. During the audits, facilities are scored based on how well they are following policies and directives

**576**  
FACILITY SITE  
VISITS

In addition to facility audits, routine site visits are conducted to support and provide recommendations regarding care and treatment operations. During these site visits, the consultants review offender programming, case notes, classification, staffing, monthly meetings, and supervisory oversight of the counselors. The site visits help the facilities maintain policy compliance throughout the year.

## ADDICTION CERTIFICATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Addiction Certification Preparation Program (ACPP) was created to identify, train, and develop staff into certified addiction counselors. This intensive 12-month program provides participants with the educational hours required for certification. When graduates pass the exam, they become Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors through the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium. During FY 2020, 17 GDC counselors attended the program.

### ADDICTION CERTIFICATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Complete 300 education hours required by state certification boards

Have a minimum of 4,000 hours of work experience

Pass a 150 question exam

Complete 200 hours of clinical supervision



## CERTIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISORS TRAINING

In FY 2020, four GDC staff undertook the rigorous process of becoming Certified Clinical Supervisors. The certification process requires five years of full-time experience as an addiction counselor; two years of full-time experience as a supervisor; 200 hours of clinical supervision; 30 hours of education, and a passing score on a 150-question exam. All four staff passed the exam and now hold international certifications through the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium.



## SCRIBE COUNSELOR ENHANCEMENTS

To assist counselors with the documentation of 90-day meaningful contact case notes and ensure policy guidelines are met, enhancements were made to GDC’s internal offender case management software, Statewide Correctional Repository and Information System (SCRIBE). One enhancement will support the proper documentation of a meaningful contact using a DAP (Data, Assessment, Plan) format. The Office of Information Technology created dialogue boxes that will define each part of the note captured in DAP format, which will serve as a guide for the counselor.

The other enhancements will assist with meeting the 90-day meaningful contact requirement. A new column on the case manager caseload screen will indicate when the next 90-day contact is due. It will also alert the counselor when the contact is late. The use of the available information in SCRIBE will save valuable time, meet deadlines, and aid chief counselors with their caseload reviews. Deployment of these enhancements is slated for September 2020.

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Program Development Unit conducts continuous examinations of research literature for evidence-based practice developments and improvements for consideration, as well as maintaining, training, and developing policy for the department’s offender risk and need assessment process. They also develop and conduct internal and external process and outcome evaluations to determine the effectiveness of GDC processes and programs intended to reduce recidivism.

## ODYSSEY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Odyssey Program focuses on teaching relevant life skills needed for Transitional Center (TC) residents to transition back to their communities successfully. The program was developed and implemented for TC in 2019.

**13** Process  
Action Team  
Meetings  
Conducted

**95** TC Staff  
Members  
Trained

**2,345** TC  
Residents  
Completed  
**57% increase from 1001 in FY 2019**

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAUMA INTERVENTIONS CJCC GRANT

The purpose of this project is to provide research-based, trauma-informed programming to more than 100 female returning citizens housed at Lee Arrendale State Prison and Lee Arrendale Transitional Center, who have been impacted by domestic violence, and will be released to the local community. The Trauma-informed training will also be provided to identified staff at these facilities. The grant is in partnership with Circle of Hope, a non-profit domestic violence organization funded by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Planning began in September 2019, with implementation anticipated in the fall of 2020.

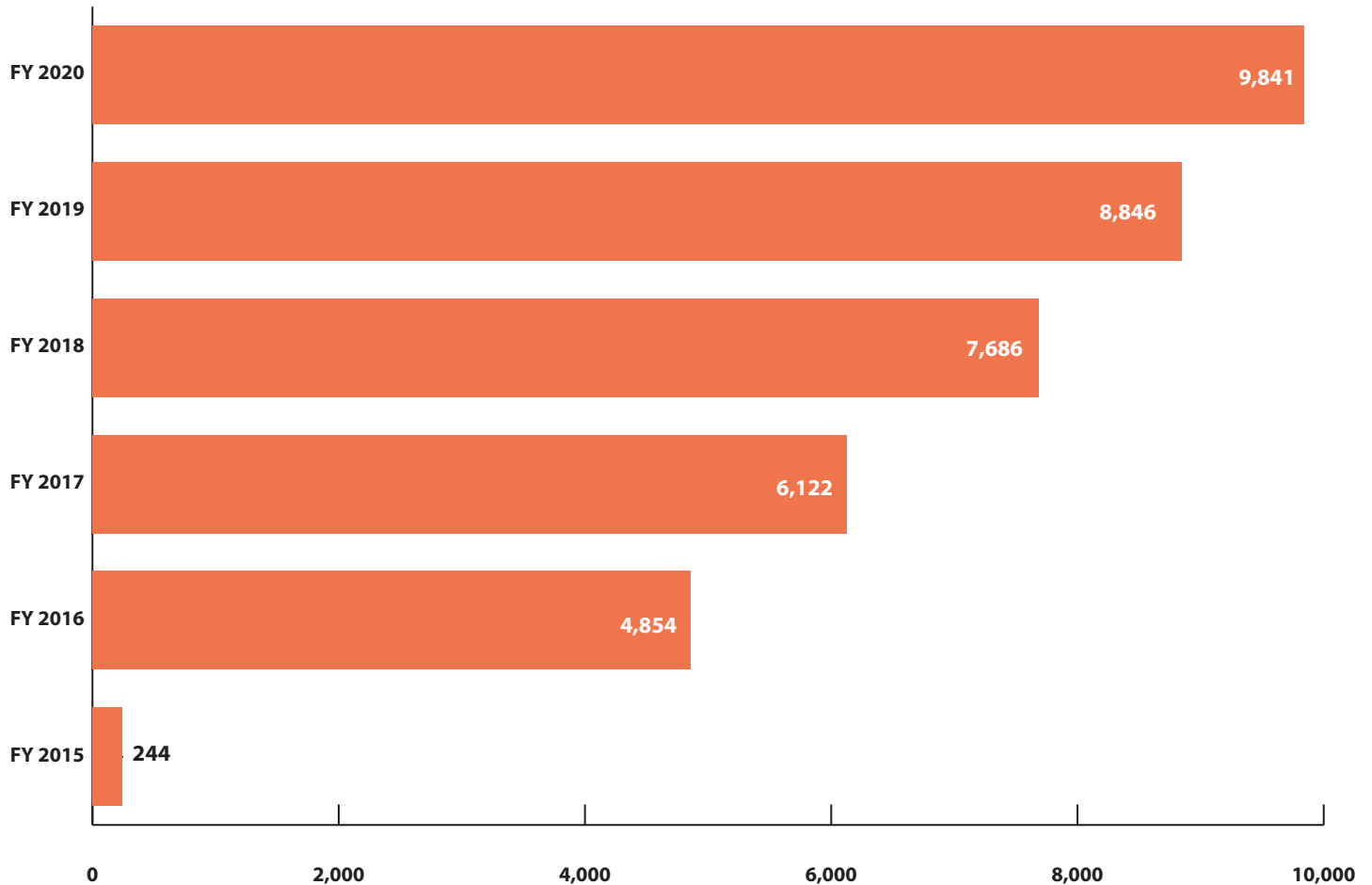
## SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT (SMU)

During FY 2020, the Office of Reentry Services implemented additional programming at the SMU. They offered initial motivational interviewing skills to SMU staff and also provided Franklin Coveys' "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and the Great Courses as instructional materials for the offenders.

SMU developed a master calendar to provide a list of program activities that the facility implemented to support the offender population. The master calendar includes programming and activities for use during recreation time, table time, education, groups, visitation, and video learning.

## PROGRAM TREATMENT COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

The Program and Treatment Completion Certificate (PTCC) is a reentry tool issued to inmates who meet the established criteria. This certificate provides the inmates with a historical account of the accomplishments/programs they have completed while incarcerated. Upon their release, inmates are able to use the PTCC as a tool to highlight their programming accomplishments during their incarceration.



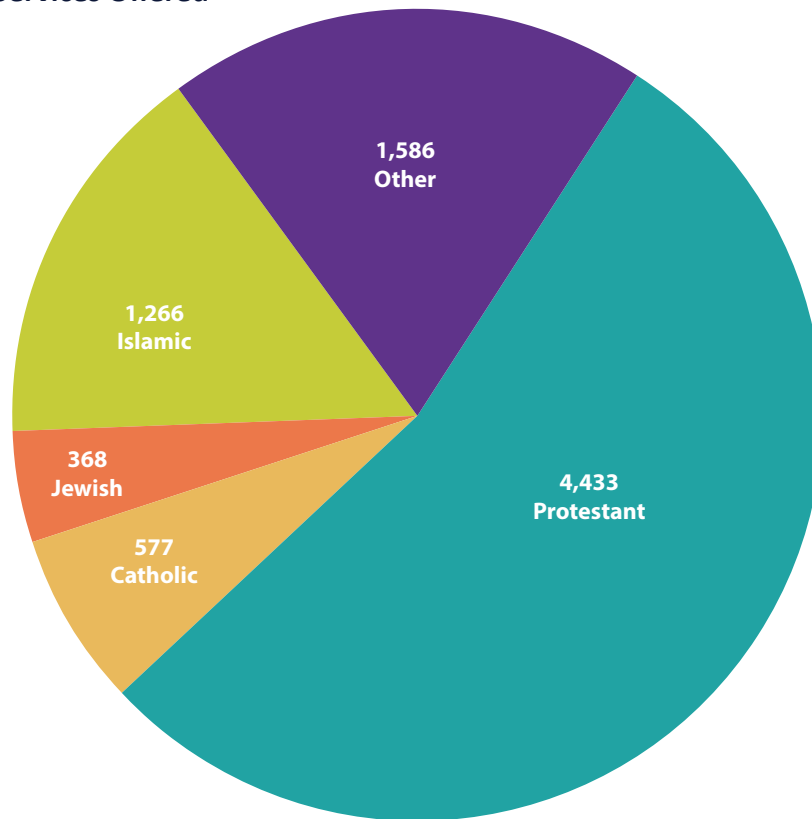
\*Per OCGA 42-2-5.2(c) – Not all inmates released are eligible to have a Program Treatment Completion Certificate awarded to them. An inmate who was convicted of a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, is not eligible for a PTCC.

# CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

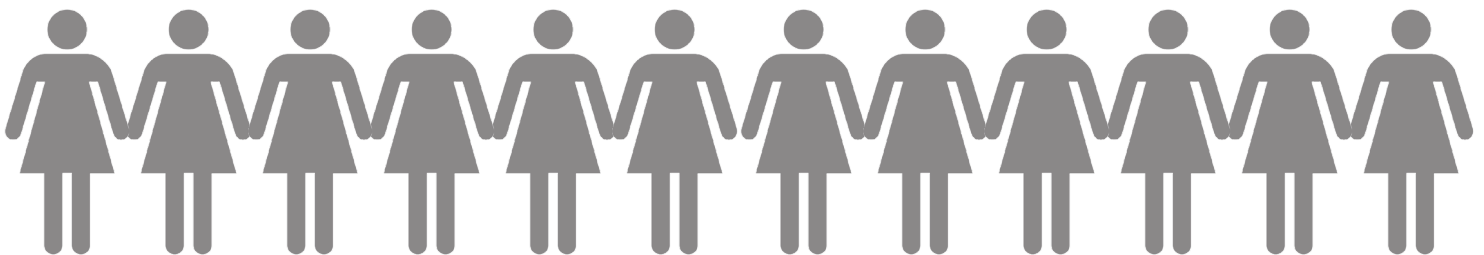
## CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

The mission of the GDC Chaplaincy Services is to provide and facilitate access to pastoral care for inmates and staff to promote and establish a community of peace, hope, safety, and mutual respect, and ensure inmates' First Amendment religious rights. Chaplaincy Services support the agency's mission and vision through professional leadership, and by providing pastoral care to inmates and staff on an individual and corporate basis.

### FY 2020 Chaplaincy Services Offered



Since the inception of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) on January 15, 2019, 12 female inmates have completed the first year at Whitworth Women's Facility. Funding for the program is provided by Heartbound Ministries. The fully accredited college degree is designed to provide a broad foundation for ministry within the prison system and is based upon eight core competencies: Biblical Exposition, Christian Heritage, Servant Leadership, Interpersonal Relationships, Spiritual and Character Formation, Disciple Making, Worship Leadership and Life Skills. They are now completing the third and fourth semester, with graduation scheduled for May 2021.





## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Services incorporates religious and secular activities through community stakeholders, concerned citizens, civic organizations, and business partnerships that support services offered, and others not provided, to inmates by traditional agency programming. The goal for Volunteer Services is to educate the community on how to best support inmates as they transition back into their lives post-release.

Volunteer Services has over 7,000 trained volunteers to assist the inmates and returning citizens inside and outside correctional facilities statewide.

Volunteer Services has implemented new and creative processes in the way volunteers are “onboarded” to make their experience more user-friendly and convenient.

- Website Improvements
- Standardized Training
- Developed Training Curriculum
- Updated Standard Operating Procedures
  - Data Collection
  - Documentation
  - Information Sharing
- Identifying Staffing Needs
  - Oversight and Accountability
- Developed an Implementation Plan



**1,249**

**Volunteers trained at 21  
training events during FY 2020**

**2,415**

**Monthly volunteers  
across the state**

**5,654**

**Inmates attend weekly  
volunteer services**

**24,507**

**Inmates attend monthly  
services on an average basis**

**\*Cumulative totals - an individual may have attended  
service more than once in the same month**

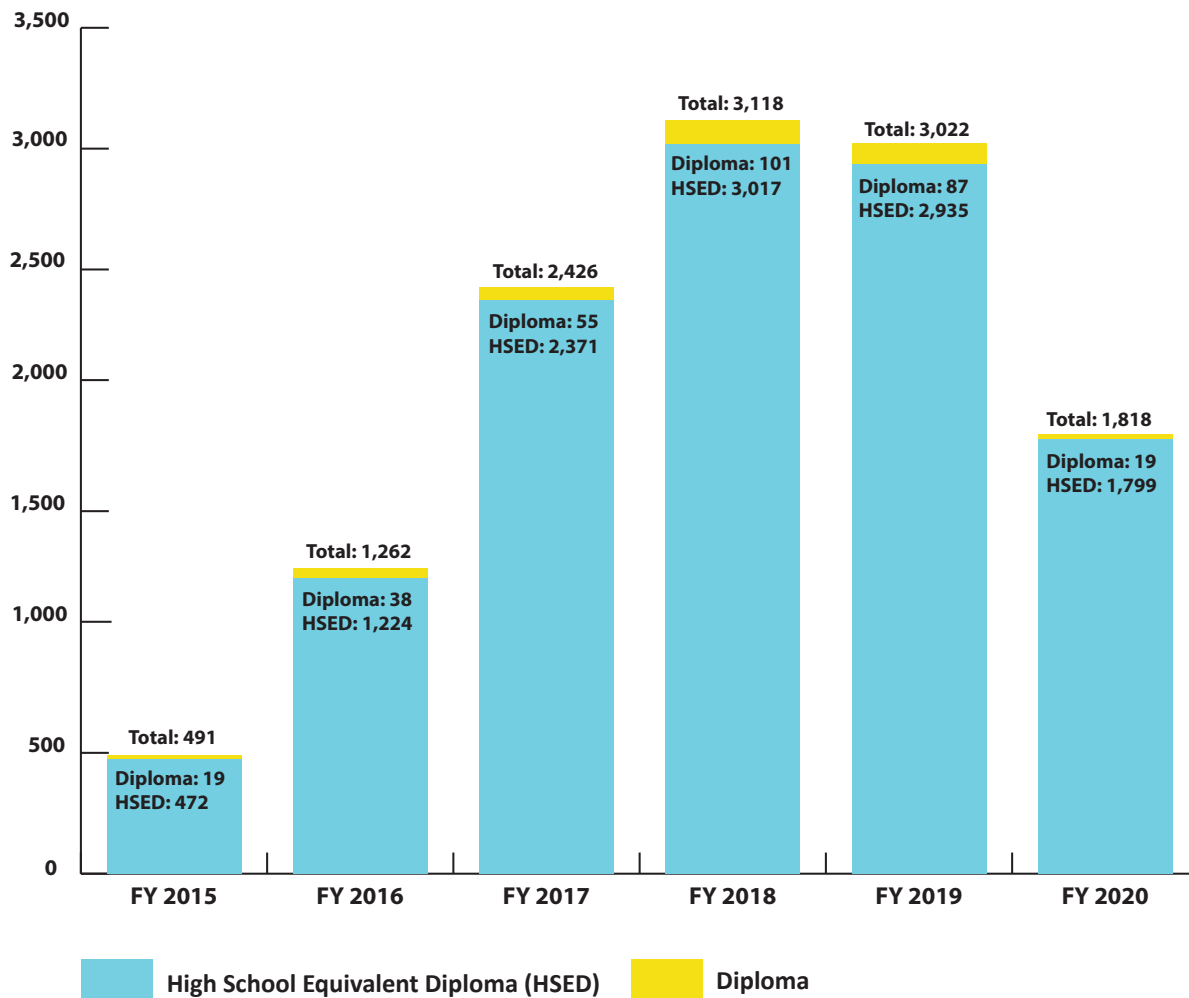
# ACADEMIC EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

COVID-19 caused the closure of over 200 school districts across Georgia, effectively ending the school year for many students. Inmates enrolled in academic education classes were also affected by the closure, only completing two-thirds of the fiscal year in a traditional classroom setting with a qualified instructor. Data collection and analysis indicate that GDC's academic education programming was on track to meet and exceed the FY 2020 goals.

Offenders in GDC academic classes are placed according to ability and achievement level. Students can progress through Literacy/Remedial Reading, Adult Basic Education, GED Preparation, GED Testing, and/or Charter School. Total completions during the first eight months of FY 2020 were 6,024. During the 12 months academic courses were held in FY 2019, there were 9,576 completions, indicating similar completion rates. Traditionally, GDC completions are higher in the last four months of the fiscal year.

### High School Equivalency Diplomas (HSED)



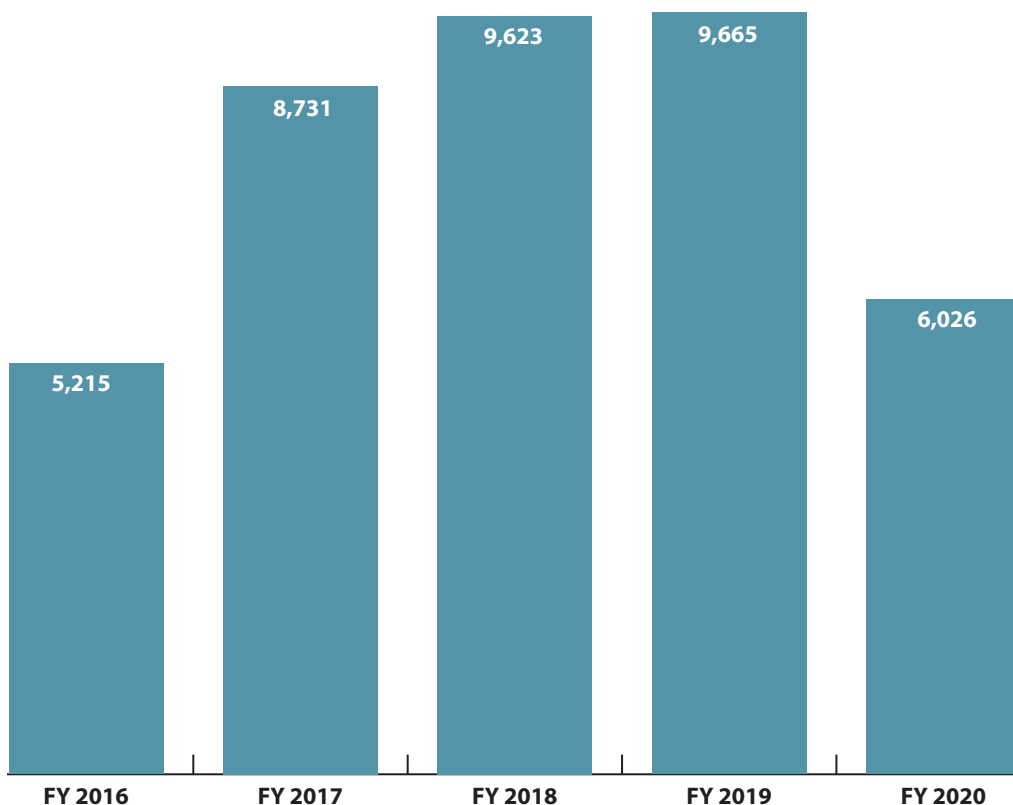
There were 1,799 HSEDs earned in the first eight months of FY 2020. These completions placed GDC students at 60% of the annual goal of 3,000. In comparison for this same period in FY 2019, GDC students had earned 1,840 HSED credentials or 61% of the annual goal of 3,000.

## Academic Completions by Program

	CCI	Private Prison	PDC	RSAT	State Prison	TC	Total
Literacy/Remedial Reading	5	54	35	27	310	9	440
Adult Basic Education	61	249	74	41	1,063	45	1,533
GED Prep	119	216	130	128	1,586	56	2,235
GED Testing	159	216	151	138	1,103	32	1,799
Charter School	0	0	0	0	19	0	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>6,026</b>

- County Correctional Institution (CCI)
- Probation Detention Center (PDC)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center (RSAT)
- Transitional Center (TC)

## Academic Completions by Year



**83**

### Lifer HSED Completions

There were 83 lifers receiving a HSED credential in FY 2020.

**128**

### HSED Completions

Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison credentialed 128 inmates during an eight month period, meeting 98.46% of their goal for the year.



# IMPACT SERVICES REPORT

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

During FY 2020, GDC education recorded 16,277 enrollments in academic courses. The average monthly enrollment was approximately 6,300.

### Top Eight Facilities Earning Over 50 HSEDs in FY 2020

Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison	128
Coastal State Prison	82
Coffee Correctional Facility	76
Whitworth Women's Facility	72
Wheeler Correctional Facility	58
Emanuel Women's Facility	54
Calhoun State Prison	51
Riverbend Correctional Facility	51

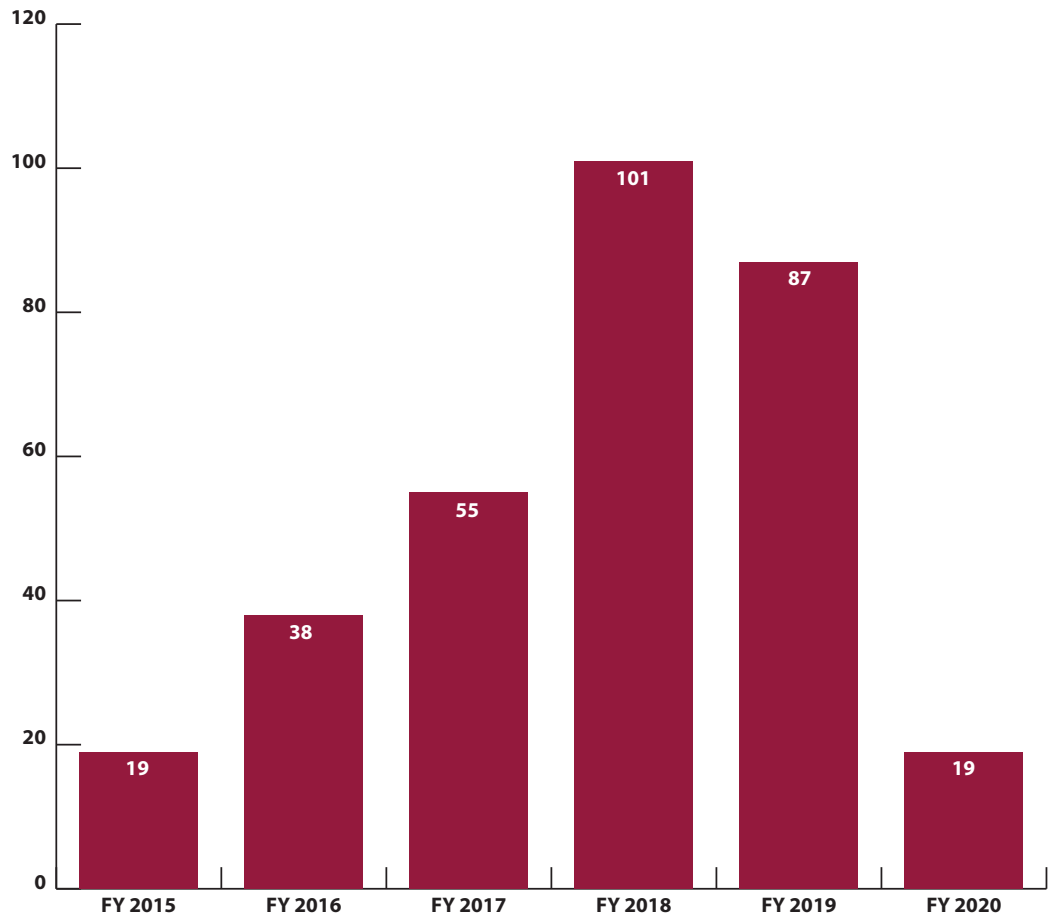
## Facilities earning **100%** of their annual HSED goals in eight months

Atlanta TC	Floyd CCI
Athens-Clarke CCI	McEver PDC
Coastal SP	Patten PDC
Decatur CCI	Richmond CCI
Emanuel PDC	Walker SP
Emanuel Women's Facility	Women's PDC

Thirty correctional facilities were on track to meet and exceed their HSED goals for the fiscal year at the end of the eight-month period. This is an increase from the 25 facilities that were on track to meet and exceed their HSED goals for the same time period in FY 2019.

## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

A total of 319 high school diplomas have been awarded since the inception of the charter school program. Foothills Education Charter High School operates charter school sites at three correctional facilities within GDC: Burruss Correctional Training Center, Lee Arrendale State Prison, and Phillips State Prison.



## ONLINE APPROACH TO ACADEMIC EDUCATION

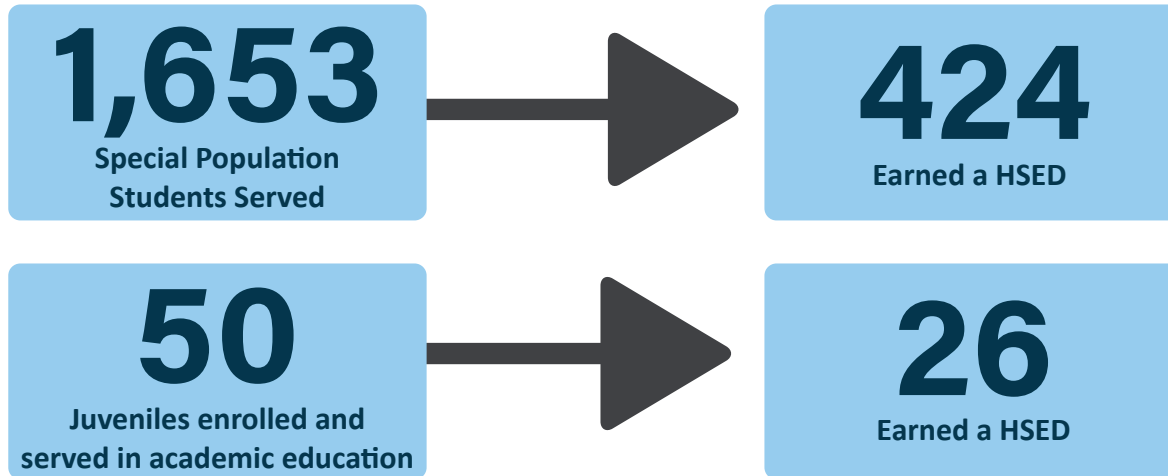
During the four months that academic education and testing was halted in correctional facilities, GDC education staff met weekly to:

- Engage in data analysis for individual facilities and regions
- Create individualized plans for targeting instruction within correctional facilities
- Establish goals for FY 2021
- Develop and implement a standards mastery checklist that would allow instructors to triangulate data to promote students
- Compile and share a curriculum repository for lesson plans and activities that could be used in the classroom and through distance learning while inmates were confined to dorms.

# IMPACT SERVICES REPORT

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS SERVED

Title I-D Neglected, and Delinquent youth are classified as students aged 17-21 who are incarcerated. GDC works in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Education to ensure that students who are eligible for Special Education and/or Neglected and Delinquent Youth Services are served, per federal mandate.



GDC education staff provided additional training for instructors to offer services for Neglected and Delinquent youth under Title I-D. Specific training on meeting the instructional needs of this target group was provided at the Annual Education Conference in August 2019 and through on-going facility site visits throughout the year to evaluate implementation.

## LIBRARY SERVICES AND BOOK DONATIONS



GDC Library Services implemented an improved process to accept book donations from community members and organizations, increasing the number of books received for distribution within correctional libraries by 313%, or a total of 62,000 books received during FY 2020. GDC Library Services has received a total of 77,000 book donations since May 2019 and processes these books through security protocol at GDC's book repository.

Through a partnership with the Georgia Public Library System, GDC increased the number of interlibrary loans by 50%, increasing from 1,000 books loaned from public libraries to inmates within Georgia's correctional facilities to over 1,500.

# **CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

## CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMPLETIONS

Offenders earned over 20,000 successful Career, Technical, and Higher Education (CTHE) completions during Fiscal Year 2020. The combined efforts of partner agencies, instructors, counselors, on-the-job (OJT) training coordinators, correctional officers, and many others made this milestone possible.

### Three facilities earned over 1,000 completions

- Coastal State Prison: 1,645
- Coffee Correctional Facility: 1,302
- Montgomery State Prison: 1,068

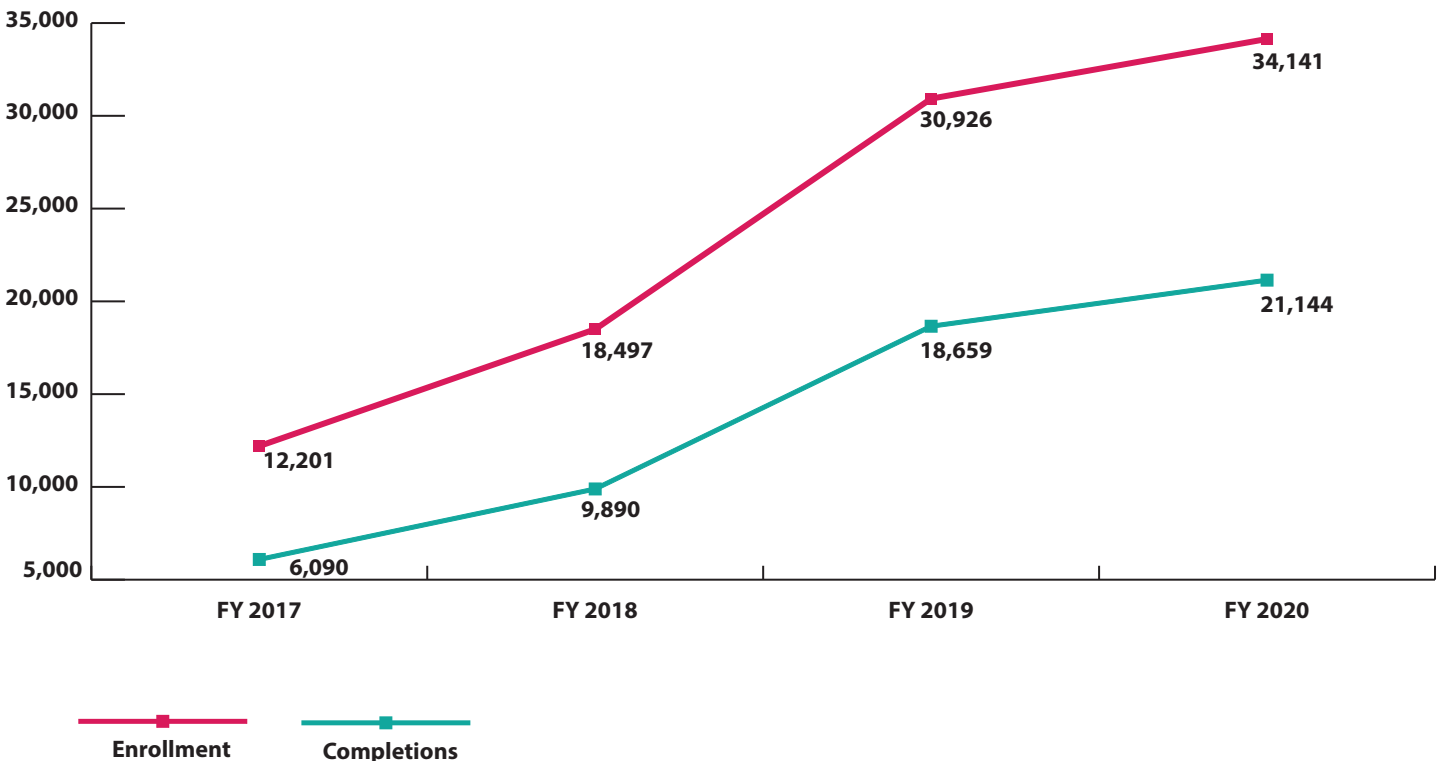
# 317% GROWTH

in **SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS** since FY 2017

# 187% INCREASE

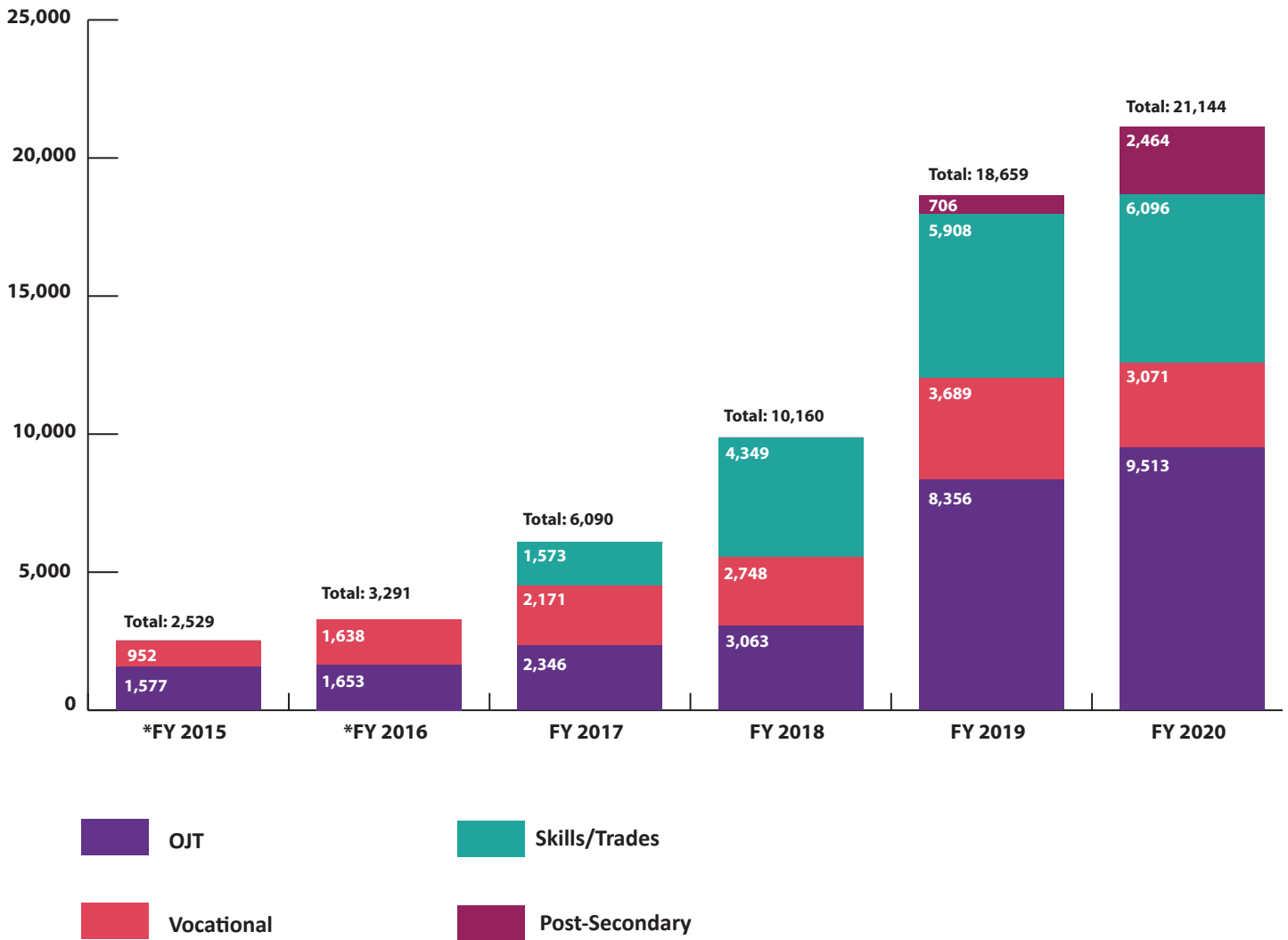
in **AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENTS** over the last two years

CTHE Enrollments and Completions



# CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

## CTHE Completion Breakdowns



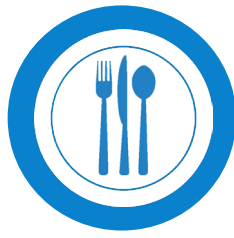
\*In FY 2015 and 2016, Skills/Trades were included in the Vocational category.

# IMPACT SERVICES REPORT

## PROGRAM COMPLETIONS



**Safety  
and Health**  
4,096



**Food  
Service**  
3,483



**Maintenance  
and Custodial**  
3,068



**Horticulture  
and Landscape**  
1,493



**Construction**  
683



**Welding**  
634



**Manufacturing**  
593



**CDL/Forklift**  
484



**Carpentry  
and Arts**  
353

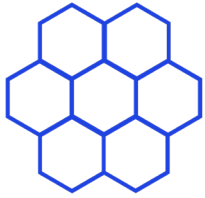


**Animal  
Care**  
286

# 63% INCREASE IN PROGRAMS OFFERED

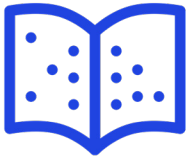
From FY 2018 to FY 2020, the number of programs offered has increased from 202 to 326. New programs are implemented based on employment projection and inmate interest.

# CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND HIGHER EDUCATION



**BEEKEEPING**

GDC partners with the University of Georgia and the UGA Honeybee Lab Manager to offer Beekeeper Certification to offenders at nine facilities. Through this collaboration, Autry State Prison Beekeeping won first place at the Georgia State Honey Show for the best tasting honey in the state, and 11 offenders at Autry SP graduated as Certified Beekeepers. In January 2020, UGA donated two hives and approximately 3,000 honeybees to Lee State Prison to help kick off the Master Beekeeping Prison Protecting Pollinators program at that facility.



**BRAILLE PROGRAM**

In October 2019, Emanuel Women's Facility (WF) hosted a Braille Open House and graduation ceremony, recognizing the first nine female offenders in Georgia to complete the Library of Congress Braille Transcribers Certification course. Through the partnerships with the Georgia Institute of Technology at Emmanuel WF and the Georgia Department of Education at Central SP, 82 Braille certifications were earned during FY 20. Through these educational programs, offenders produce braille books for students with visual impairments in K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions.



**MOBILE LABS**

The fully self-contained 28 and 53-foot pull-behind trailers serve as classroom and lab space for facilities throughout the state. These mobile classrooms have been implemented through partnerships with technical colleges and local workforce development agencies to increase the opportunity for more offenders to participate in CTHE programming and serve as efficient and effective use of human and physical resources. This year, Wiregrass Technical College offered Mobile Low-Voltage Electrician and Culinary Food Truck Certification programs. Athens and Atlanta Technical Colleges provided Mobile Welding Labs where offenders earned nationally recognized certifications from the American Welding Society.



**DOG RESCUE PROGRAMS**

GDC partners with multiple canine rescue/foster organizations across the state to implement 13 dog programs within facilities. First Lady Marty Kemp helped celebrate these great programs by serving as the keynote speaker for the 28<sup>th</sup> group of the Rescued Dog Program at Colwell Probation Detention Center graduation during FY 2020. This program pairs shelter dogs with detainees who train the dogs in preparation for adoption. During this Fiscal Year, 221 inmates completed dog-related educational programs such as veterinary helper and dog grooming. The Second Chance Greyhound program began at Pulaski State Prison this year, where 54 former track racing dogs attended training. Each dog in the Greyhound program was adopted, and there is already a waiting list for future canine graduates.



## POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

For releases from 2011 to 2016, the recidivism rate for offenders who completed post-secondary courses was ZERO. For those who enrolled but did not complete, the recidivism rate was 35%. Recidivism is calculated based on a three-year reconviction rate.



In FY 2019, GDC partnered with Ashland University to expand post-secondary opportunities through the Second Chance Pell funding at 15 program facilities. More than 2,000 college classes have been completed through this program in the last two years. Ashland will host their first graduation ceremony in FY 2021.



Beginning in 2015, Brewton-Parker offered college classes at two GDC facilities. As an awardee of the expanded Second Chance Pell grant, they will begin offering a Bachelor of Business Administration this fiscal year.



Since July 2016, 48 students at Lee Arrendale State Prison have enrolled in classes to earn an Associate of Arts in Positive Human Development and Social Change and/or a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Currently, 28 incarcerated women have earned an Associates degree with an average GPA of 3.9, and 21 are enrolled in the Bachelors program.



Georgia State University (GSU) offers an Associates Degree in General Studies at two state prisons. Currently, 33 students are enrolled, with a combined average GPA at Walker SP and Phillips SP of 3.5. GSU will expand programming this year through Second Chance Pell funding.



The non-profit, Common Good Atlanta, through a partnership with Bard College, provides college classes to 30 incarcerated students at two GDC facilities and 15 recently released students in the Atlanta area.



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