

# GDC Faith and Character-Based Initiative

***I want to get involved!***

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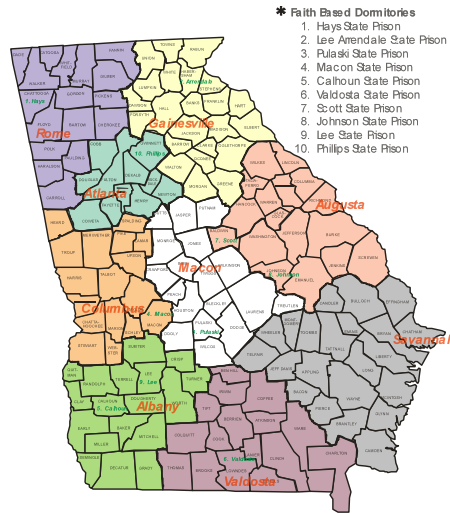
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## ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORT ZONES



Advisory Boards are established to recommend and support to correctional activities (GDC, Parole, DJJ)  
Organized into nine (9) support zones i.e., Rome Advisory Board Support Zone

## What is a Faith and Character-Based Dormitory?

A Faith and Character-based dormitory is a designated unit within a prison where community partners, in conjunction with prison staff, work to affect spiritual and social change in the offender. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the offender's resolve to change through participation in the Faith and Character-based curriculum and to provide an atmosphere for that change to occur. The ultimate goal is to reduce recidivism through a transformation of the offender and provide the opportunity to re-enter society and become a productive citizen.

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## Faith and Character-Based Initiative

*“In Partnership with the Community”*



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## What is the mission of the Faith and Character-Based Initiative?

To reduce recidivism through utilization of faith-based partnerships that will support the offender's successful transition from custody into the community.



Pulaski State Prison Women's

## What are some components of the Faith and Character-Based Initiative?

- Character Building
- Values
- Anger Management
- Cognitive Skills
- Communication Skills
- Family/Relationships
- Victim Awareness
- Worship
- Faith and Character Building
- Prayer and Spiritual Development
- Parenting
- Financial Management
- Career development
- Life Skills

*Offender intervention has been proven to reduce recidivism (What Works Model)*

## What is Faith-Based Partnership?

It is an initiative by the Georgia Department of Corrections to broaden the role of religious groups in the rehabilitation of offenders. Faith-Based partnerships provide specific studies, worship, prayer, mentoring, and other support to the offender while incarcerated and during his or her transition back into the community.

## Why Provide Volunteer and Community Programming?

- Volunteer and community resources have an inherent connection to the offender.
- Community involvement sends a message to the offender that the community has a vested interest in their success.

## Types of Volunteers:

- Mentors
- Educators
- Counselors
- Tutors
- Musicians
- Ministries
- Librarians

## Assistance Needed For:

- Housing
- Employment
- Transportation
- Materials and supplies
- Clothing
- Child Care

## Faith and Character-Based Dorms



The Georgia Department of Corrections began operating six Faith and Character Based Dormitories in July, 2004. These dormitories are designed to provide an "environment for change" through the promotion of personal responsibility, integrity, accountability, and the building of one's faith. The dorms are open to all offenders, regardless of their faith (or a lack of) who demonstrate the desire to confront the habits and behaviors of their past.



Kareemah Hanifa, a Muslim from Atlanta, says she has felt no pressure in the mostly Christian environment of her faith-based dormitory. She likes the peace and quiet it provides.



Angela DeSimone compares herself to the Tasmanian Devil, the cartoon character who cuts a path of destruction as he spins out of control.

"I think this program is going to do wonders for me," said DeSimone, I can see the change in me already in terms of not wanting to get in trouble. I want to do the right thing for once in my life."