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Probation Operations Receives National Award

The Division of Probation Operations received the 2012 President's Award from the American Probation and Parole Association during the organization's annual training conference August 13 in Indianapolis.

The award recognizes innovative and exemplary community corrections programs which serve to advance the knowledge, effectiveness, stewardship and integrity of the criminal justice system.

Georgia's Probation Division received the award for its innovative "Re-engineering Probation Supervision - Georgia's Exceptional Model 10-Step Framework." The Framework, implemented in 2009, has decisively redefined and redesigned felony probation supervision within Georgia.

"I am very proud of our Division of Probation Operations," said Commissioner Brian Owens. "They worked extremely hard on making the 10-Step Framework for Probation Operations a reality. Receiving the President's Award from APPA validates the Division's groundbreaking work in Probation."

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*-Stan Cooper
Director of Probation
Operations*

The 10-Step Framework was developed out of a concept to plan, implement and sustain the exceptional statewide felony probation operations in the nation. It leverages "best practices"—including strategies, methods, interventions, partnerships and technology both internally and externally. A total of 10 steps were developed shaping the overall Mission and Vision of Probation Operations. These steps were implemented and vetted by Process Action Teams with the end state vision being significantly enhanced public safety and a continuing practice of sound public stewardship.

The Framework includes sorting offenders by risk, in order to focus the Division's finite and limited resources on the higher risk offender popula-

tion. It utilizes technologies to improve probation supervision effectiveness and efficiency and establishes a swift, certain and proportionate sentencing model that incorporates accountability and specialty courts.

"The 10-Step Framework has changed how we manage offenders," said Director of Probation Operations Stan Cooper. "Our team worked very hard to implement the program. I am extremely proud of all of the Probation Officers in Georgia for their work in implementing our new model. It is truly gratifying for APPA to recognize our staff's efforts."

Please visit our YouTube page for a video on Probation through the decades:

youtube.com/user/qacorrections



L to R: Director Stan Cooper, Deputy Director Mark Morris, PO Joey Ward, PO John Carroll, Chief PO Kimberly Persley, FOM Marcia McIntyre and Deputy Director Mike Kraft



American Probation and Parole Association President Scott Taylor (left) presents GDC Director of Probation Operations Stan Cooper with the President's Award.

GDC Attends National RSAT Conference

Contributed by Chandra Fussell, Program Manager of Substance Abuse Services and Risk Reduction Services

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in conjunction with partners at Advocates for Human Potential (AHP), AdCare and Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) sponsored the first annual Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Conference in Chicago, July 20-21. The theme of the conference was *Empowering Practitioners to Improve Client Outcomes: Employing What Works to Improve RSAT Delivery*.



Chandra S. Fussell, Substance Abuse Program Manager, attends the National RSAT Conference in Chicago.

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Chandra S. Fussell, M.A., Program Manager of Substance Abuse Services and Risk Reduction Services, represented the Department. Crystal Crews

from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) also attended the event. The CJCC is the state administrative agency for federal RSAT funds. The conference was well attended with representatives from 50 states and three territories across the country including Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and

Hawaii. The conference offered an opportunity for RSAT officials and practitioners to meet and discuss various evidence-based models for aftercare, co-occurring disorders and many other issues identified in RSAT programs over the last year.

"There was much discussion about the future of RSAT programming which included where they should be headed, the best ways to get there, and the types of assistance offered by BJA's consortium of training and technical assistance," said Program Manager Fussell.

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For more information, please visit the RSAT Training and Technical Assistance website at: <http://www.rsat-tta.com>.

This site provides interactive information and an opportunity to share information with other professionals. It also allows you to receive Continuing Educational Units and the latest evidence-based curricula in RSAT, Trauma and Co-Occurring Disorders.

Children's Center at Walker Faith & Character Based Prison Opens

Contributed by Lisa Haughey, Reentry Coordinator

Walker Faith and Character Based (FCB) Prison is definitely leading the way in being Georgia's first. Walker was the first FCB prison in the state and now it will be the first male prison to house a Children's Center. On June 21, the Children's Center Open House was held to celebrate this accomplishment. Board of Corrections Member Dr. Henrie Treadwell was the guest speaker at the open house.

A Children's Center program allows the men to spend one-on-one time with their children; ages 0-12. Each volunteer participant goes through a screening process to see if they are appropriate for the program. If selected, the offender will then be enrolled in a parenting class. Once they have completed half of the classes, then their children will come to visit them once a month in the Children's Center.

lege sponsored successful a book drive for this program. The employees rallied together and collected more than 2,148 children's books that would be donated to the Walker's Children Center.

The contributions from the Tift Campus employees will benefit the children as well as the inmates. The children will have an opportunity to bond with their parent whether it is through learning to read or hearing their dad read to them.

While the men will have full responsibility for the care of the child during the designated time slot, they will be under supervision. Activities will include reading, making lunch together, feedings, diaper changing and all other activities associated with childcare. The program will last for six months.

Five men started classes on August 29.



Walker program inmates pose with Reentry Coordinator Lisa Haughey (left), Board Member Dr. Henrie Treadwell, Deputy Warden of C&T Jeanie Kasper, and Reentry Director A.J. Sabree



Mural painted by inmates at Children's Center to provide a happy environment.

2012 Georgia Probation Association Summer Conference

The Georgia Probation Association held its 55th Annual Summer Training Conference August 22-24 on Jekyll Island.

More than 250 attendees received Basic Probation/Parole Officer and distracted driving training.

John Heinen, Inspector for the Georgia Bureau of

Investigation, delivered a keynote address on generational leadership. Other guest speakers included Board of Corrections Members Tommy Rouse, Rose Williams and Wayne Dasher. Speakers from the Department included Commissioner Brian Owens, Assistant Commissioner Timothy C. Ward as well as other Executive

Management staff.

On August 24th, an awards ceremony was held to honor deserving staff. Commissioner Owens presented Commissioner's Coins to staff for their contributions and involvement in the 10-Step Framework Initiative. Commissioner Owens received a surprise during

the Summer Conference when he was awarded the 23rd Annual Lee Broome Memorial Award for Excellence. The award is presented for excellence related to outstanding performance, meaningful quality improvements to the Probation Division and involvement in community programs.



Commissioner Brian Owens is presented the Lee Broome Memorial Award. Asst. Commissioner Timothy Ward, CPO Mike Sutton, Dir. of Probation Operations Stan Cooper, Commissioner Brian Owens, Dir. of Facilities Operations Randy Tillman, GPA President Scott Mullis and Office of Investigations & Compliance Director Ricky Myrick.



Chief Probation Officer Mike Sutton presented IPS Officer Angel Perrine the GPA Child/Spouse Scholarship on behalf of her daughter, Kristen, who was this year's recipient.

Award Recipients

Lee Broome Memorial Award
Commissioner Brian Owens

GPA Child/Spouse Scholarship
IPS Officer Kristen Perrine

Joe Williams GPA Scholarship
Hearing Officer Kathryn Bass

GPA Impact
PO Tommie F. Terrell

Commissioner's Coins 10-Step Framework

Stan Cooper, Director of PO
Jay Sanders, Special Assistant
Cliff Hartley, Field Services Manager
Peggy Elliott, Retired CPO
Kathryn Bass, Hearing Officer
Mark Morris, Deputy Director
William Driver, FOM
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Terra Cochran, Southwestern JC
Deonna Johnston, Towaliga JC

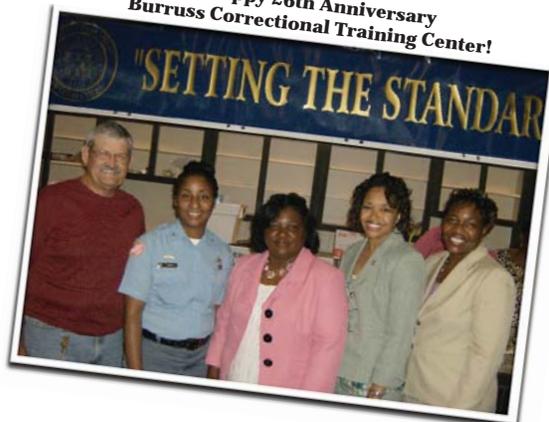
GDC Feature Photos of the Month

ASMP Donates School Supplies!



Special thanks to the staff at Augusta State Medical Prison. The personnel at the prison raised more than \$1,000 to purchase school supplies for the students at Blythe Elementary School. Warden Dennis Brown presented the school supplies to the students and staff yesterday.

Happy 26th Anniversary Burruss Correctional Training Center!



Personnel took part in a birthday luncheon on Aug. 23. Retired CO Hardy Dumas (left), Multifunctional Officer Jerri Johnson, Deputy Warden of Security Bethrix Smith, Warden Angela Williams and Deputy Warden of Care & Treatment Patrice Hightower.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 6
Board of Corrections
Meeting

Tuesday, September 11
Thomasville DRC
Commencement Ceremony

Tuesday, September 13
Board of Public Safety
Meeting

Monday, September 17
GDC Roll-up "Day in
Central Office"

September 18 - 19
In-Service Training at
SOS at Tift College

Tuesday, September 18
Columbus DRC
Commencement Ceremony

Tuesday, September 25
Athens DRC
Commencement Ceremony

Wednesday, September 26
Law Enforcement
"Military Recruitment Day"
at SOS at Tift College

Friday, September 28
Annual GDC Fire Arms
Competition at
GD&CP Training Center

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Rescued Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On August 29, Colwell Probation Detention Center and Tri-State Pet Rescue, Inc. celebrated its newly implemented *Rescued* program. The ceremony consisted of both a graduation and a ribbon cutting.

The *Rescued* program is a joint effort between the Colwell Probation Detention Center and the Tri-State Pet Rescue, Inc. to rescue dogs who would otherwise be euthanized, while provid-

ing a positive impact on the detainees.

The first graduating class from the *Rescued* program consisted of five detainees. These detainees learned skills in dog training and grooming. The program offers the detainees a specialized skill set they can use when they are released.

"This is a great program and I foresee the Department expanding this

program to additional facilities in the state. I am proud of all the efforts made to make this program a success," stated Commissioner Brian Owens.

The dogs were well trained and eager to show off their tricks to the crowd. Following graduation, the dogs are ready to be welcomed into loving homes.

Detainee and trainer Casey Crowe shared a poem at the end

of the ceremony which summarized how he felt about being involved in the *Rescued* program.

The things I teach you will help you fit in and hold up the standard of man's best friend. The things you teach, you'll never see but for this a better person I'll be.



Commissioner Owens and Superintendent Diane Hassett cut the *Rescued* ribbon.



Detainees play with Bentley and Dolly.



Cooper shows off his tricks to the crowd by fetching his ball.



Dolly with trainer.



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