GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS | SUBSTANCE & MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



Residential Substance Abuse Treatment

OVERVIEW

- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) programs have been in existence for more than 10 years
- Created to help offenders return to society as law abiding, self-supporting, pro-social citizens thereby reducing recidivism

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- A nine-month, highly structured RSAT program that targets high risk, high needs offenders nearing release, probationers sentenced by the courts, parole revocators and other court or GDC-referred offenders who have a need for intensive substance abuse programming
- Offenders within the program have a history of substance abuse which was the causative factor to their correctional supervision
- Offenders are involved in an intensive, highly structured residential therapeutic treatment community which is comprised of peer groups and counselors. The community is responsible for helping offenders work together under the authority and supervision of staff.
- Program incorporates process and psychoeducational groups, individual counseling, work details, and vocational education
- Participants balance work with intensive individual and group counseling sessions within the program
- · Offenders are subject to random drug screening

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Requires a court-order
- Offenders may have an assessed need as identified by the Next Generation Assessment (NGA) or placement by professional override
- Minimum of 18-24 months on Tentative Parole Month (TPM), Parole Eligibility Date (PED) or probation supervision
- Unsuccessful completion of Aftercare/Day Reporting Center (DRC)/RSAT
- Short-term incarceration graduated sanctions
- Rearrest/Reoffend associated with substance abuse after completion of above programs

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- Bleckley PSATC Cochran
 - 200 female probationers
- Coastal State Prison Savannah
 - 316 male inmates
 - CAT 2 offenders (inmates sentenced two years or less)
- Johnson State Prison Program A Wrightsville

- 192 male inmates
- Johnson State Prison Program B Wrightsville
 - 192 male inmates
- Paulding PSATC Dallas
 - 200 male probationers
- Pulaski State Prison Hawkinsville
 - 96 female inmates
- Valdosta State Prison Valdosta
 - 100 male inmates (parole revocations)

Probation Substance Abuse Treatment

OVERVIEW

• The Probation Substance Abuse Treatment Center (PSATC) is a nine-month RSAT program for probationers

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Requires a court-order
- Requires an assesment by NGA or professional override

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- Bainbridge PSATC Bainbridge
 - 384 male probationers
- Coastal State Prison Savannah
 - 150 male probationers
- Lee Arrendale PSATC Alto
 - 198 female probationers
- Northwest PSATC at Walker State Prison Rock Springs
 - 200 male probationers
- Turner RSAT Sycamore
 - 200 male probationers



Integrated Treatment Facility

OVERVIEW

- On July 1, 2012, GDC opened two Integrated Treatment Facilities (ITF)
- One female facility located in Zebulon
- One male facility located in Baxley
- Created to treat offenders who have a history of both substance abuse and mental health disorders
- GDC is the first corrections system in the nation to implement integrated treatment for female offenders who suffer from both mental health disorders and substance abuse

Types of Disorders

Co-Occuring - (Dual Diagnosis) the occurrence of a substance abuse problem with a psychiatric disorder.

Psychiatric - a mood disorder such as depression or bipolar disorder.

Substance use - is abuse and dependence on alcohol, amphetamines, caffeine, inhalants, nicotine, prescription medications (such as sedatives), opioids (morphine, heroin), marijuana, cocaine, hallucinogens, and/or phencyclidine (known as PCP).

Substance-induced - include intoxication, withdrawal and various mental states (dementia, psychosis, anxiety, mood disorder) in which the substance induces when used.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- A nine month, highly structured program that actively combines interventions intended to address both mental health and substance abuse issues in persons with co-occurring disorders with the intention of treating both disorders, related problems and the whole person more effectively
- Provides an intensive, highly structured residential therapeutic treatment community
- Participants balance work with intensive individual and group counseling sessions within the program
- Offenders are subject to random drug screening

Service Elements of Program

- · Screening, assessment to include risk-need responsivity
- · Individualized treatment
- · On-going monitoring of mental health symptoms
- · Illness Management

- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment programs
- · Trauma-focused treatment
- Psychoeducational, therapy and cognitive restructuring groups
- Motivational Enhancement Therapy
- Relapse Prevention
- Medicated Assisted Therapies
- Psychopharmacologic Interventions and Illness Management
- · Problem-solving skills
- Dual recovery mutual self-help recovery
- Reentry plan to include a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- · Requires a court-order
- Requires an assessment by NGA of professional override
- · Current mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Current prescription of psychotropic medication(s)
- History of mental health and substance abuse treatment within six months of intake/referral
- Unsuccessful Completion at DRCs; Accountability Courts (Mental Health and/or Drug Courts); RSAT programs and Aftercare Services

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- West Central ITF Zebulon
 - 138 female probationers
- Appling ITF Baxley
 - 200 male probationers