



### 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.

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# FEMALE DIAGNOSTICS AND CLASSIFICATION

Within the correctional system, the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) has four female state prisons, one medical facility, which houses pregnant offenders, two treatment facilities, and one probation detention center. The female offender population is Georgia's fastest-growing population. The Diagnostic facility is located at Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto, Georgia.

## DIAGNOSTICS



### OVERVIEW

- Identifies all pertinent needs of an offender entering the prison system to meet those needs to prevent the offender from returning to prison
- Conducted at Lee Arrendale State Prison (LASP)

### HISTORY

- LASP transitioned from a male to female facility in 2005, and remissioned as the female diagnostic facility in 2011.

## OFFENDERS



### POPULATION

- Diagnostic offenders arrive from the county jail
- All diagnostic inmates receive security classifications through the Next Generation Assessment (NGA) while in county jails awaiting assignment to GDC. Security classifications are close, medium, and minimum
- Diagnostic offenders receive one visitation on weekends and holidays if they have been at LASP for 60 days
- Diagnostic visitation is conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on holidays and quarterly, alternating Saturday and Sundays
- Diagnostic offenders usually transfer prior to being eligible for visitation, if bed space is available
- Upon transfer to their new facilities, Diagnostic inmates become permanent inmates, remaining at the new facility until they are released or administratively transferred due to medical issues, behavioral issues, or program needs

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## SECURITY LEVELS

### CLOSE SECURITY

Have staffing and physical security measures which are designed for the offenders listed below:

- Are escape risks
- Have assault histories
- Are considered dangerous and may have detainees for other serious crimes on file
- May never work on an outside detail
- Require supervision at all times by a correctional officer



### MEDIUM SECURITY

Have staffing and physical security measures which are designed for the offenders listed below:

- Have no major adjustment problems
- May work outside of the prison but must remain under supervision

### MINIMUM SECURITY

Have staffing and physical security measures which are designed for the offenders listed below:

- Tend to abide by prison regulations
- Present a minimal risk of escape
- Have been judged to be a minimal threat to the community
- May work outside the fence under minimal supervision

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## PROCESS

Offenders without disciplinary, medical or mental health issues usually complete the process in approximately 7-14 working days. Staffing includes a diagnostic director, correctional officers, doctors, nurses, counselors, mental health counselors, teachers, psychologists, psychiatrists and clerical support staff. All offenders are screened for security threat potential, medical condition, mental health status, educational level and treatment programs needed or ordered by the court for the inmate to complete.

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### DAY 1

#### MEDICAL SCREEN

- Delouse
- Shower
- Locks received
- Hair accessories received
- Issue clothing and ID card
- Inventory property and medication

#### MEDICAL SCREEN

- PPD test, blood work, and vital signs, medical review

#### MENTAL HEALTH SCREEN/PREA ASSESSMENT

#### HOUSING/BED ASSIGNMENT

### DAY 2

#### DENTAL

- Exams

#### ORIENTATION

- Completion of orientation and parole forms
- Orientation videos: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), AIDS, Right to Know
- Performance Incentive Credits (PIC)
- Diagnostic handbooks distributed
- Diagnostic testing is scheduled

### DAYS 3-4

#### PRE-PAROLE INTERVIEWS

#### PPD READING

#### MEDICAL EXAM

### DAYS 5-6

#### DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

- Culture Fair (IQ)
- Academics: WRAT 4-Reading, Spelling and Math

### DAYS 12-15

#### FINAL INTERVIEWS (10-15 PER DAY)

- Interviews cannot be scheduled or conducted without test completion and medical clearance of offender
- Interviews assure that all areas of offenders process are complete and to recommend custody level
- Case planning is completed