



Female Offenders and Facilities

The Facilities Division is responsible for the direct supervision of all offenders sentenced to the Georgia Department of Corrections. There are four female state prisons: one medical facility, which houses pregnant offenders, two treatment facilities, and one Probation Detention Center.

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.

Timothy C. Ward, Commissioner
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INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



FACTS

- Children of female offenders are seven times more likely to become incarcerated than those of the non-incarcerated females
- Female offenders report leaving behind one to 10 children in the care of others during incarceration
- Pathways to crime include a long history of sexual and/or physical abuse, trauma, unhealthy relationships or substance use:
 - Approximately 50% were physically abused
 - Approximately 45% have a history of sexual abuse
 - 75% had drugs involved in convictions

BLECKLEY RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY

The facility opened in August 2004 as a Probation Detention Center. In 2015, it was remissioned to a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility with 208 beds.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Literacy/Remedial Reading (LRR)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

WOMEN'S PROBATION DETENTION CENTER

The facility opened in 1992. All detainees entering the center arrive by the county Sheriff's Office and are evaluated by medical, mental health, and counseling staff to determine placement. The facility has a 237 bed capacity.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Literacy Remedial Reading

CONTRACT DETAILS

- Provides ten details to the cities of Claxton, Richmond Hill, Vidalia, Pembroke, Glennville; and the counties of Tattnall, Evans, and Bryan
- Special details include: Joe Kennedy Farms detail operates the Grist Mill & provides cornmeal products for all GDC facilities; and food service details provide meals for Smith Transitional Center residents and the Evans County Jail

LEE ARRENDALE STATE PRISON

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

DIAGNOSTIC FACILITY

- Opened in 1951 and renovated in 1999
- Special mission facility with a capacity of 1,854
- All female offenders must be processed through the facility when entering the state system
- Offenders are evaluated by medical, mental health and receive academic testing to determine placement

PROBATION RSAT

Probation RSAT is a nine month four-phase program that houses 198 probationers and is utilized by the judicial court system.

STRATEGIC INTERVENTION PROGRAM

This collaborative program between the Department of Corrections and Parole provides evidence-based programming to nonviolent offenders with less than five years to serve.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Provides services to Mental Health Level II offenders, and houses MH Level III and IV offenders in a specialized living unit.

CAREER, TECHNICAL & HIGHER EDUCATION

- Animal caretaker
- Animal health care
- Auto body repair
- Auto detail
- Auto mechanics
- Career guidance technician
- Carpenter
- Computer tech & customer service
- Cosmetology
- Custodial maintenance
- Electrician's helper
- Food preparation
- General clerk
- Kitchen helper
- Laundry worker
- Life University
- Small engine repair
- Supervisor aide
- Upward Bound
- Veterinary helper
- Welder, arc, & gas
- Woodworking

FIRE STATION NO. 1

Fire Station Number 1 is the nation's only all-female firefighting team consisting of 12 firefighters who receive state of Georgia certification. The Fire team responds to an average of 100 calls per year in Banks, Habersham and White counties and has an automatic aid contract with the City of Baldwin.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- Adult Basic Education
- General equivalency diploma
- Literacy Remedial Reading
- Foothills Education Charter High School: Offers a High School diploma to offenders aged 18-21

LEE ARRENDALE TRANSITIONAL CENTER

Lee Arrendale Transitional Center Is a 140-bed center located on the property of LASP. Eligible offenders, who are approximately 15 months of release, work within the community to obtain employment, transportation, and safe, affordable housing once released.

CONTRACT DETAILS

Provides three contract details to Habersham County (2), and the City of Demorest (1)



EMANUEL WOMEN'S FACILITY

The facility opened in 1996 and was renovated in 2011. It is a medium-security facility with a population capacity of 415 and is the host facility for the Emanuel Probation Detention Center. It is the first female facility in the state to teach inmates Braille, which began July 1, 2018.

MENTAL HEALTH

Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Literacy/Remedial Reading (LRR)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

CAREER, TECHNICAL, & HIGHER EDUCATION

- Cosmetology
- Custodial, building & grounds maintenance
- Laundry
- Small appliance repair
- General clerk
- Food preparation
- Baker
- Cook apprentice
- Car detail
- Kitchen helper
- Braille Transcriber Program

HELMS FACILITY

The facility opened in 1990 as a Transitional Center, and was remissioned in May 2011. It is a medium security facility with a capacity of 81 offenders.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Literacy/Remedial Reading (LRR)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

PULASKI STATE PRISON

The facility opened in 1994, and was renovated in 1998. It is a medium-security facility with a capacity of 1,225, and is a host facility for Bleckley Probation Detention Center.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Provides services to Mental Health Level II offenders, and houses MH Level III offenders in a specialized living unit.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Literacy/Remedial Reading (LRR),
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

- AA/NA
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- Motivation for Change
- Celebrate Recovery
- Matrix Early Recovery Skills & Relapse Prevention

CAREER, TECHNICAL, & HIGHER EDUCATION

- Ashland University
- Animal health care
- Building maintenance
- Computer technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary arts
- Custodial maintenance
- Design & media production
- Food preparation
- General clerk
- Graphics arts
- Grounds keeper
- Horticulture
- Industrial maintenance
- Laundry worker
- Georgia Correctional Industries
- Painter
- Plumbing
- Recreation aide
- Set (Film) technician
- Upward Bound
- Veterinary helper
- Warehouse (store clerk)

CONTRACT DETAILS

Provides three contract details to the cities of Cochran and Eastman.

WEST CENTRAL INTEGRATED TREATMENT FACILITY

The facility opened in 2012 and was remissioned from a pre-release center to an Integrated Treatment Facility (ITF) in July 2012. It is a medium-security facility with a capacity of 194.

INTEGRATED TREATMENT PROGRAM

- Houses 138 female offenders with co-occurring disorders, and also houses 46 female probation offender to work on contract details.
- Nine-month, four-phase substance use recovery and mental health stabilization program provided by Spectrum Health Services
- Before release, the offender and field probation officer will develop an aftercare program within the offender's community

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

CAREER, TECHNICAL, & HIGHER EDUCATION

- Maintenance
- Food preparation
- Laundry worker
- Grounds keeping

CONTRACT DETAILS

Provides four details assigned to State Offices South at Tift College, Offender Administration, and Care & Custody

WHITWORTH WOMEN'S FACILITY

The facility opened in 1991, and was remissioned in 2013. It is a medium security facility with a capacity of 442 offenders.

MENTAL HEALTH

Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

CAREER, TECHNICAL, & HIGHER EDUCATIONAL

- Ashland University
- Auto detail
- Building maintenance
- Career guidance technician
- Common Good Atlanta
- Cosmetology
- Custodial maintenance
- General clerk
- Grounds keeper
- Laundry worker
- Library worker
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Painter
- Recreation aide
- Supervisor aide
- Warehousing

CONTRACT DETAILS

- Hart County Roving
- Hart County Road I & II
- City of Bowersville/Canon
- City of Hartwell
- City of Toccoa I & II
- City of Elberton
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Natural Resources

METRO TRANSITIONAL CENTER

This work release facility opened in 1982, and was renovated in 1989. The facility houses approximately 234 short-term work release, permanent maintenance, Max-out Reentry (M.O.R.E.) Program & sex offenders.

MENTAL HEALTH

Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Literacy/Remedial Reading (LRR)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)

CONTRACT DETAILS

Provides four details to

- Helms Facility
- North Region Office
- Georgia State Patrol
- Atlanta Dept. of Corrections

CAREER, TECHNICAL, & HIGHER EDUCATION

- Career clerk
- Food prep
- Custodial maintenance
- Building maintenance
- Landscaping
- Commercial Drivers License Program
- Forklift
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Certificate
- ServSafe