



FACT SHEET

FEMALE OFFENDERS

2020

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AHMED HOLT ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FACILITIES DIVISION

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.

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, unhealthy relationships or substance abuse:
 - Approximately 50 percent were physically abused
 - Approximately 45 percent have history of sexual abuse
 - 75 percent had drugs involved in convictions

Female Facilities

Bleckley Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Facility, Cochran

- Opened in August 2004 as a Probation Detention Center
- 238-bed center
- Remissioned to an RSAT in 2015; program is operated by Spectrum

Mental Health Program

- Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

Academic Education

- Consists of Adult Basic Education (ABE), Literacy (LRR), and GED

Lee Arrendale State Prison, Alto

Diagnostic Facility

- Opened in 1951 and renovated in 1999
- Special mission facility with a capacity of 1,824
- 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 Residential Substance Abuse

Treatment Program (PRSAT)

- Nine month, four-phase program
- Program utilized by the judicial court system

Arrendale Transitional Center

- 112-bed center located on property
- Offenders, who are approximately 15 months of release, work within the community to obtain employment, transportation, and safe, affordable housing, once released

Strategic Intervention Program (SIP)

- Collaborative program between the Department of Corrections and Parole
- Provides evidence-based programming to non-violent offenders with less than five years to serve

Mental Health (MH) Program

- Houses MH Level III and IV in a specialized living unit

Academic Education

- Consists of Adult Basic Education (ABE) and GED
 - GED testing is conducted on a monthly basis
- In 2016, GDC and Life University implemented a pathway to college education:
 - Offenders will receive an associate degree in Positive Human Development and Social Change
- Foothills Charter School
 - Offers a High School diploma to offenders aged 18-21

Career Technical and Higher Education

- Woodworking, small engine repair, auto body repair and paint, auto mechanics, cosmetology, canine rescue, equine rescue, bee keeping, and welding
- Facility operates a 600-acre farm with a full-scale swine and cattle operation
- General clerk, law and library aides, computer technology, customer service, food service, laundry services, grounds keeper, and custodial maintenance

Fire Station No. 1

- Nation's only all-female firefighting team
- Consists of 12 firefighters
- Firefighters receive state of Georgia certification
- Responds to an average of 100 calls per year
- Serves Banks, Habersham and White counties and has an automatic aid contract with the City of Baldwin

Contract Details

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



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Pulaski State Prison, Hawkinsville

- Opened in 1994 and renovated in 1998
- Medium security facility with a capacity of 1,211
- Host facility for Bleckley Probation Detention Center

Mental Health Program

- Houses Mental Health Level II and III offenders

Academic Education

- Consists of ABE, LRR, and GED

Substance Abuse Programs

- AA/NA, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT), M4C, Celebrate Recovery (assists offenders remain sober), Matrix Early Recovery Skills, and Matrix Relapse Prevention

Career Technical and Higher Education

- General clerk, law and library aides, cosmetology, culinary arts, design and media specialist, computer technology, customer service, food service, horticulture, laundry services, grounds keeper, custodial maintenance, vehicle maintenance, plumbing, garment worker and equine rescue program, baker, cook apprentice, kitchen helper, maintenance repairer (building), offender helper, Painter, recreation aide, supervisor aide, warehouse

Contract Details

- Provides details to the cities of Cochran and Eastman

Emanuel Women's Facility, Swainsboro

- Opened in 1996 and renovated in 2011
- Medium security facility with a population capacity of 415
- Host facility for Emanuel Probation Detention Center
- First female facility in the state to teach inmates Braille, which began July 1, 2018

Mental Health Programs

- Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

Academic Education

- Consists of ABE, LRR and GED

Career Technical and Higher Education

- Cosmetology, custodial maintenance, grounds maintenance, laundry, small appliance repair, building maintenance and repair, general clerk, food preparation, baker, cook apprentice, car detail and kitchen helper

Whitworth Women's Facility, Hartwell

- Remissioned in 2013
- Medium security facility with a capacity of 442

Mental Health Programs

- Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

Academic Education

- Consists of ABE and GED

Career Technical and Higher Education

- Career clerk, warehouse/inventory control, warehouse/store clerk, food prep, custodial maintenance, building maintenance, general office clerk, commercial painting, cook apprentice, cosmetology, and laundry
- Secondary education opportunities include Ashland University, Common Good Atlanta, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2019)

Contract Details

- Provides 13 details to the cities of Bowersville/Canon, Elberton, Hartwell, Lavonia, Royston, Toccoa (2); and the counties of Elbert (2), and Hart (2); and to Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Transportation, Roving 1 and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) details: Roving detail works in various government building; and DNR detail works at various state parks in area





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West Central Treatment Facility, Zebulon

- Opened in 2012
- Medium security facility with a capacity of 193
- Remissioned from a pre-release center to an integrated treatment facility in July 2012

Integrated Treatment Program

- Houses 138 female offenders with co-occurring disorders also houses 46 female probation offender to work the contract details.
- Nine-month, four phase substance abuse 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 repective community

Academic Education

- Consists of GED

Career Technical and Higher Education

- Maintenance, food preparation, laundry services, grounds keeping and customer service are pending

Contract Details

- Provides 4 details assigned to State Offices South at Tift College, Offender Administration and Care & Custody

Women's Probation Detention Center, Claxton

Diagnostic Facility

- Opened in 1992
- All detainees entering the center arrive by the county Sheriff's Department and are evaluated by medical, mental health and counseling staff to determine placement

Mental Health Programs

- Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders

Academic Education

- Consists of ABE and GED

Contract Details

- Provides 10 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 Grits Mill & provides corn meal products for all GDC facilities; and Food service details provide meals for Smith Transitional Center residents and the Evans County Jail

Helms Facility, Atlanta

Medical Facility

- Opened in 1990
- Medium security facility with a capacity of 59
- Remissioned from a Transitional Center to a medical facility in May 2011

Academic Education

- Consists of LRR, ABE, and GED

Metro Transitional Center, Atlanta

Work Release Facility

- Opened in 1982; Renovated in 1989
- Capacity of 234 offenders
- Houses Short-Term Work Release, Permanent Maintenance, M.O.R.E. & Sex Offenders

Contract Details

- Provides details to Helms Facility, North Region Office, Georgia State Patrol & Atlanta Dept. of Corrections

Academic Education

- Consists of LRR, ABE, GED, & Post-Secondary Education

Career Technical and Higher Education

- Career Clerk, Food Prep, Custodial Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Landscaping

Mental Health Programs

- Houses Mental Health Level II Offenders