



Chaplaincy Services falls under the Inmate Services Division, which is responsible for overseeing the operations of Academic Education, Chaplaincy, Health Services, Risk Reduction Services, Substance Abuse, Transitional/Reentry Services and Vocational Education. Chaplaincy Services oversees pastoral care for inmates and staff as well as oversees individuals who volunteer to assist the state's offenders and formerly incarcerated persons inside and outside correctional facilities statewide.

Chaplaincy & Volunteer Services

Chaplains - 55 Total	Worship Services		Monthly Participation Reported	
29 Full-time	Service	Count*	Attendance*	% of all
10 Part-time - (2 partner funded)	Protestant	573	37,209	75.31%
16 Volunteer	Catholic	87	1,053	2.13%
	Jewish	17	103	0.21%
	Islamic	160	8,753	17.72%
	Other	185	2,228	4.63%
	Total	1,022	49,406	-

*Please Note that attendance is cumulative

CHAPLAINCY

Provide and facilitate access to pastoral care for inmates and staff as appropriate in order to promote and establish a community of peace, hope, safety and mutual respect and ensure offenders First Amendment religious rights.

Services

- Coordinate and provide worship services for a multi-religious and culturally diverse group
- Provide pastoral counseling to inmates and staff
- Provide crisis intervention counseling
- Facilitate religious instruction among various faith groups
- Coordinate and facilitate behavioral change groups
- Provide consultation and training regarding religious needs of inmates
- Staff recruits, trains and coordinates our vast number of community volunteers
- Assist inmates in their reentry effort by matching the inmate with the community service providers
- Provide support to correctional staff and their family members

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (NOBTS)

- Established 1995 at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola Extension Center
- Provides inmates the opportunity to obtain a Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) degree in Christian Ministry
- NOBTS programming provides:
 - Peaceful communities
 - Reduction of violence
 - Ministry
 - Assistance in reentry preparation
 - Reduction in recidivism

Phillips Extension Center

- Established at Phillips State Prison in 2006
- Part of the North Georgia Hub of NOBTS
- 29 students (first class) began classes March 3, 2008
- Dec. 2009, the first Associates degree in Christian Ministry was awarded
- Dec. 2010, the first class of 25 students were awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees in Christian Ministry
- Aug. 2011, the second class of 29 students began
- Graduates of the program have been assigned to 22 prisons throughout the GDC system to assist and participate in Faith and Character Based opportunities within the inmate population

NOBTS Program Requirements

- Provide proof of High School diploma, GED or college courses
- Minimum of 5 years left to serve upon completion of the program
- Must not have any Disciplinary Reports for 12 months
- Voluntary offender participation
- Staff recommendation

Program Structure

- Offered in 4-year cycles to 30 offenders per class
- 8 core competencies:
 - Biblical Exposition
 - Christian Heritage
 - Servant Leadership
 - Interpersonal Relationships
 - Spiritual and Character Formation
 - Disciple Making
 - Worship Leadership



- Life Skill
- Classes:
 - Marriage and Family Counseling
 - Introduction to Preaching
 - Church History
 - Evangelism
- To maintain accreditation, classes must be taught and graded at a college level
- Failure to maintain a C average will result in academic probation and eventual expulsion from the program

Program Requirements

- Coursework provided through Leavell College
- 126 hours of academic study are necessary for the B.A. in Christian Ministry
- 8 semesters/2 per year
- Offender attend classes and/or study for 8 hours a day
- 5 classes per day are offered
- Graduations held every other year
- **Tutor program** available for advanced students
 - Tutors assist offenders with academic support and assist instructors with grading

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

- Trained and retained over 9,200 volunteers
- Volunteers assist offenders and formerly incarcerated persons inside and outside correctional facilities statewide
- Volunteers are considered non-salaried employees and must be approved to enter their assigned facilities

TYPES OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Institutional Volunteers
- Mentors
- Educators
- Counselors
- Tutors
- Musicians
- Librarians
- Ministerial Leaders

Focused Areas of Address

- Spiritual Development
- Character Building
- Values
- Parenting
- Worship

- Family and Relationship Building
- Life Skills
- AA/NA
- Communication Skills
- Anger Management
- Financial Planning
- Career Development

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Contact Facility Volunteer Coordinator at intended facility
- Complete Volunteer application
- All applicants must consent to a criminal history background check through Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)/ National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
- Applicant to complete the mandatory Pre-Service Orientation(PSO)/Volunteer Certification Training which consists of the following subjects:
 - Overview of Corrections
 - Overview of Reentry Services
 - PREA reporting requirement
 - Games offenders play
 - Role of volunteer, rules of volunteer, code of ethics and standard operation procedures (SOP)
 - Sexual/Unlawful harassment
 - Sexual misconduct
 - Emergency procedures
 - Infectious diseases
 - Key and tool control and Right to Know
 - Volunteer forms
- Applicant will then receive a Volunteer ID and Locator card and must coordinate their assignment and service agreement with the Facility Volunteer Coordinator

Renewal Process

- Volunteer ID cards, GCIC review and the Commissioner's letter on sexual harassment are signed and renewed annually

