



FACT SHEET

PROGRAM PRISON OVERVIEW

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PROGRAM PRISON HISTORY

- Georgia Legislative HB1176 passed during the 2012 legislative session, which was a foundation for the implementation of several service strategies to include the Program Prison re-entry program
- Program Prison was instituted in January 2013 as part of the effort to provide a more aggressive treatment approach for the growing prison population in Georgia through the use of a Specialized Re-Entry Program (SRP)
- Riverbend Correctional Facility in Milledgeville, GA has been identified as the facility to host program
- Up to 80% of the population is enrolled in program and over 860 offenders meet the criteria for the program

MISSION

- Provide programming to medium security offenders with multiple needs who are within 36 months of release from custody
- Specialized re-entry focuses on programs to optimize offender speed through the system

PURPOSE

- Specialized re-entry program developed to address multiple re-entry issues facing offenders who are being released from custody. These issues hinder successful transition back into society. Re-entry issues include:
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Family ties
 - Stigma of being an ex-felon
- Offender enrolled in multiple programs, including Cognitive Behavioral and Substance Abuse programs, to increase their contact with pro-social interventions
- Release offenders with maximum Performance Incentive Credits (PIC) earned.
 - PIC maximum credit earned is 12 months
- Reduce jail backlog

SPECIALIZED RE-ENTRY CRITERIA

- Next Generation Assessment/Bridge Assessment Case Plan/Texas Christian University Drug Screen (TCUDS) must be reviewed for accuracy and documented
- PIC eligible offenders with multiple needs get priority placement in SRP
- Multiple needs consist of two or more assessed programming needs to include; cognitive, substance abuse, education and vocational
- Completion of Motivation for Change (M4C) prior to referral
- Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) performed; offender must be able to read at an 8th grade level
- Positive disciplinary record; no disciplinary reports for the past six months.
- GED or High School diploma
- Need to be within 36 months of earliest release
- Medical/Physical/Mental Health capabilities

PROGRAM COURSES

- Thinking for a Change (T4C)
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- Matrix Program Early Recovery Skills (ERS)
- Matrix Relapse Prevention (RP)
- Literacy Remedial Reading (LRR)
- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- GED
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Business and Customer Service
- Sex Offender Psycho-Educational Program (SOPP)
- Re-Entry Skills Building
- Motivation for Change (M4C)

SCHEDULE

- Up to three classes per day depending on assessment treatment plan
- Substance Abuse classes occur over a 4 to 32 week period of intervention
- Cognitive Behavioral groups occur over a 3 to 4 month period