



TIER SYSTEM OVERVIEW

TIER I Program-

- voluntary/involuntary placement and management of offenders in short-term segregated housing (disciplinary, protective custody, transient housing, pending investigation or pending classification- either back to general population or to TIER II)
- Total capacity (1092 beds)
- Offenders time not to exceed 30 days.

TIER II Program-

- Long-term administrative segregation that houses offenders
270 days =3(90 day phases)
- Offenders must complete the Offenders Under Transition Program (O.U.T)
- Total capacity (1378 beds)

TIER III Program-

- Incentive based long term segregation program based on an increased level of privileges for demonstrated appropriate offender behavior and program compliance.
- Total Capacity (192 beds)
 - GDCP-Hi-Max

TIER-Phase III Plus +

- An additional Phase for offenders who have completed Phase III of the O.U.T TIER program
- Assists with housing stratification for offenders who cannot return to general population because they pose a serious threat to the safety and security of the institutional operations
- Offenders in this Phase will be reviewed every 90 days to determine assignment status

TIER SITES

TIER sites are housed at 8 GDC facilities. The following are the sites designated to house TIER PROGRAM: Georgia SP; Telfair SP; Ware SP; Smith SP; Valdosta SP; Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Prison; Hancock SP; and Hays SP.

OFFENDERS UNDER TRANSITION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Offenders Under Transition (OUT) is a Cognitive-Behavioral program utilized in TIER facilities. It is designed to enhance an offenders' motivation to change problem behaviors, criminal thinking, and provide pro-social skills. O.U.T is a 200-hour program curriculum structured into three modules tailored to meet the specific needs of the Georgia Department of Corrections. The OUT program is 40 weeks that begins after the offender is in the 5th week of assignment in TIER II. The program has 3 phases that each offender has to transition through. Offenders assigned to TIER II have to complete the OUT program prior to them being considered for release from TIER II. The phases are a minimum of 90 days. The phases are:

- **Phase 1: Self-Discovery- In-Cell programming**
 - Approximately 40 hours of intervention
 - Designed to increase the offender's level of motivation and commitment to successfully completing the Tier program
- **Phase 2: Choices & Changes- In-cell & modular Units**
 - Approximately 80 hours of intervention
 - Designed to help the offender identify faulty beliefs and thinking
 - Include 25 hours of Substance Abuse programming
- **Phase 3: Turning Point-In-cell & program chairs**
 - Approximately 80 hours of intervention
 - Designed to assist offenders in identifying and practicing new behaviors
 - Prepare offenders for reintegration into the community or general population

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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