



MDOC Accomplishments

Mississippi is internationally recognized for reforms it has made to its corrections system in the last 10 years. All facets of the system have been ACA accredited since 2008. The Mississippi Department of Corrections has hosted visitors from such countries as South Korea and Australia, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and states including Virginia, Indiana, and New York.

- Offenders in the Community Work Centers and Joint County-State Work programs contributed approximately \$30,000,000 in free labor to local, county, state and nonprofit charitable organizations throughout the state during fiscal 2014.
- The recidivism rate is 32.98% over a three-year period.
- Educational programs offered to inmates in fiscal 2014 resulted in 4,018 inmates successfully completing the following: General Education Development (GED) – 457, Vocational Trades – 1,016 and Alcohol & Drug – 2,545.
- The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) known as house arrest resulted in an estimated total cost avoidance of \$69,768,381 during fiscal 2000-2013. MDOC's involvement in the program ended effective July 1, 2014, under House Bill 585.
- Since its inception in 2004 under Section 47-7-4 of state law, the Conditional Medical Release Program has resulted in an estimated total cost avoidance of at least \$11 million through the release of about 120 terminally ill or bedridden inmates.
- MDOC has saved \$35,521,925.90 as of June 2014 as a result of the Division of Medicaid paying for services provided to Medicaid eligible inmates. MDOC reimburses Medicaid the state match portion of the provider statement.
- MDOC implemented a self-insured workers compensation program on Jan. 1, 2005 that has saved more than \$3,400,000 since its inception.
- Since 2000, MDOC has provided services to victims through the Division of Victim Services (DVS). The services include prior notification of inmate release; updates on inmate status; escort to parole board hearings; advocacy; victim/offender dialogue; and assistance with protective orders, offender harassment, and law enforcement matters. Victims must be registered to receive these and other services. DVS has 7,272 victims registered to date.
- MDOC also assists victims/survivors through MS SAVIN, the Mississippi Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification program. This service, also available for law enforcement and others such as those registered with DVS, provides real time information on state inmates and offenders housed in participating county jails. At the end of fiscal 2014, 81 counties were involved with SAVIN. The program has 41,748 registrations. SAVIN also launched the Vine Mobile app for offender search and registration.
- In 2008, the American Correctional Association (ACA) presented its highest honor for commitment to excellence – the EAGLE AWARD – to the Mississippi Department of Corrections for its work to have all programs within its jurisdiction accredited. Mississippi's prison system became the 14th in the nation to achieve such an accomplishment.