

QUICK FACTS

The **INSTITUTIONS DIVISION** consists of:

- Three (3) prisons
- Eleven (11) County/Regional Facilities
- Five (5) Private Prisons

While incarcerated, offenders are offered treatment, education, and vocational programs that will assist them in becoming a productive member of their community once released.

MDOC's three public institutions have all received the American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation. On May 10, 2003, the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) the states oldest institution (opened 1901) was awarded accreditation by (ACA). MSP's Accreditation culminated nearly three years of effort by MDOC to receive this prestigious recognition by ACA. The other institutions who received ACA accreditation are the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility at Pearl, and South Mississippi Correctional Institution, Leakesville. Over 2,400 employees work in the Institutions Division. All of the facilities under the Institutions Division have received ACA Accreditation.

CMCF III received an American Correctional Association Reaccreditation Certificate. CMCF became the first state correctional facility to receive reaccreditation in January 2004.

CMCF began working with the AMACHI (Big Brothers and Big Sisters) organization on a special program which targets the children of incarcerated female offenders, a high risk group.

CMCF Fire Department, through the certification of its Fire Chief and inmate firefighters, established a mutual aid agreement with local governmental facilities (State Hospital, Law Enforcement Academy, and State Fire Academy) to provide fire protection

The Fatherhood Initiative Program was extended at CMCF which targets male offenders teaching them the principles of good fatherhood.

Through FY 2004, the inmates at CMCF repaired and rebuilt 909 computers for use in various classrooms.

The Faith Based Initiative program began in September, 2004 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Currently, 35 inmates participate in the program and are working toward a one year certificate/diploma. This program is operated in conjunction with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

MDOC had the following offenders complete ABE/GED/Literacy, Regimented Inmate Discipline (RID), and Vocational Education:

- ABE/GED/Literacy 505
- Regimented Inmate Discipline 139
- Vocational Education 209

The **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION** consists of:

- Three (3) field services regions
- 17 Community Work Centers
- 4 Restitution Centers
- Probation
- Parole
- Interstate Compact
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Earned Release

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Community Corrections Division is responsible for protecting public safety through the supervision of probationers and parolees in the community. In addition, Community Corrections is responsible for all residents in the restitution centers and inmates in the community work centers, in the intensive supervision program and on earned release supervision.

The Harrison County Community Work Center (CWC), Jackson County CWC, and Pike County CWC were accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA).

Community Corrections Division regions and areas were reorganized in keeping with Judicial Districts.

Caseloads were reviewed statewide and Personnel Identification Numbers (PINs) reassigned to improve supervision coverage in high caseload areas.

The depreciating fleet of vehicles was partially upgraded, thus improving the level of intensive community supervision and providing increased public safety.

Implementation of the new Caseload Explorer computer program became an important tool for field staff increasing their ability to take reports and capture real time data to track offenders statewide. Earned Release Supervision (ERS) residence plans are now entered into Caseload Explorer reducing the use of fax machines and long-distance telephone calls.

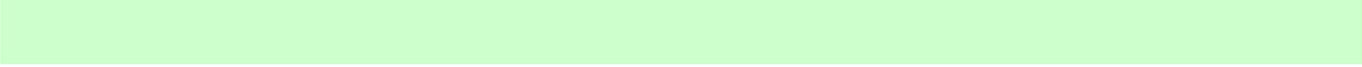
The CWCs now have access to Offendertrak computer program allowing them to enter Extraordinary Occurrences into the system.

The Pre-Trial Diversion Program in Hinds County has helped to divert 32 offenders from entering the MDOC system.

MDOC staff worked with Judges to implement new Drug Courts in Judicial Districts 8 and 12 which brings the total number of adult felony Drug Courts to 11.

The federally funded Re-Entry Program has thirty (30) participants and has formulated the Mississippi Collaborative Interagency Re-Entry Team (MCIRT) to aid in reducing recidivism and enhance public safety for the metro tri-county area.

The AMACHI (Big Brothers and Big Sisters) and the Veteran's Association programs were introduced as resources for Community Corrections staff.



The **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIVISION** consists of:

- Budgeting
- Human Resources
- Policy, Planning, Research & Evaluation
- Management Information Systems
- Fiscal Comptroller
- Procurement, Property, & Warehousing

The Mississippi Department of Corrections is appropriated funds each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) by the Mississippi Legislature. The annual appropriation includes funds for salaries, travel, contractual services, commodities, and local confinement, regional facilities and private prisons for housing of state inmates.