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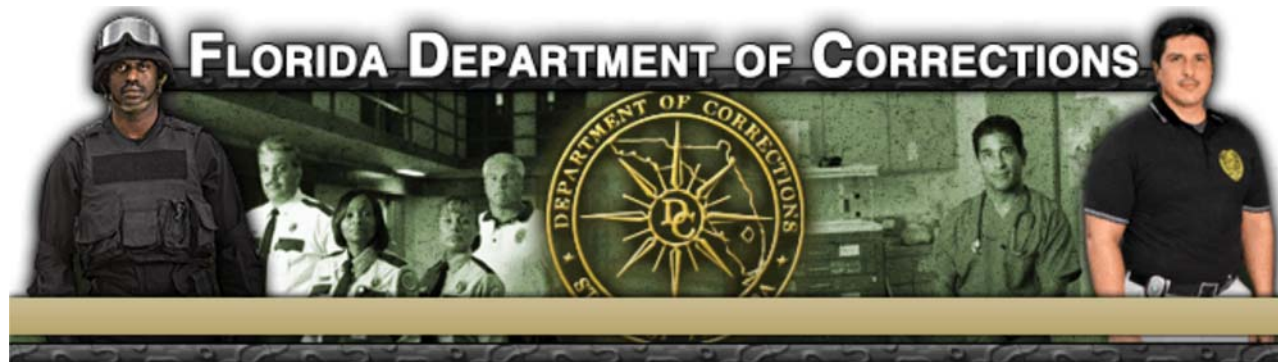
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## Agency Overview

### *Agency Overview*

The Florida Department of Corrections is the state's largest agency, employing more than 26,000 full time employees to oversee about 102,000 inmates and 150,000 offenders on community supervision in FY1011. The third largest state prison system in the country, the Department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Department's FY1011 operating budget is \$2.4 billion.

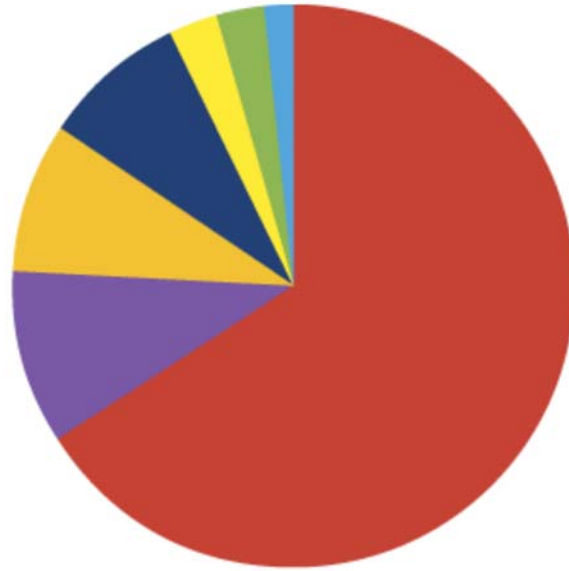
**Mission:** To protect the public safety, to ensure the safety of Department Personnel, and to provide proper care and supervision of all offenders under our jurisdiction while assisting, as appropriate, their re-entry into society.

**Vision:** To utilize effective and innovative correctional strategies that make Florida's Department of Corrections the best in the world the best in the world.

### *Facts and Figures*

- Three of every four Department of Corrections (DC) employees is a Correctional Officer or a Correctional Probation Officer.
- On June 30, 2011, the DC had a total of 26,458 employees, including 19,709 or 74.5% certified officers in institutions or probation/parole offices. Of the 17,475 certified employees in institutions, 12,090 (69.2%) are correctional officers, 4,326 (24.8%) are sergeants, 485 (2.8%) are lieutenants, and 291 (1.7%) are captains.
- Health Care staff (professional, managerial, and support) represent 8.5% of DC employees, while programs for inmates and offenders, and chaplaincy staff total only 1.7% of DC employees.
- Agency support staff total 12.7% of all DC staff, including 10.1% institutional support and 2.6% community corrections support staff. Institution and community corrections support includes management, professional, and clerical support in areas such as inmate grievances, probation/parole data entry, inmate classification, food service, and maintenance and construction.
- Less than 3% of staff provide management and administrative support in the Department's Central Office and regional service centers, including Personnel functions, staff development, research, purchasing, budget, finance and accounting, information technology, and upper management.
- The average DC employee is almost 42 years of age and has been with the agency for more than nine years. More than 94% of DC employees are in the state's Career Service pay plan, 5.9% are Selected Exempt Service (SES), and less than 0.1% are Senior Management Service.

**Figure 1.1** DC Staff by Work Areas



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## Secretary Kenneth S. Tucker

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### *Secretary's Message*



**Fiscal Year 2010-11 (FY1011) was a year full of changes and transitions, but also one where we continued to move forward in our public safety mission, and in streamlining our Department.**

We instituted 12-hour work weeks for the first time in a pilot program at Jefferson CI, which was well-received by staff and saves taxpayers money. On the healthcare front, we initiated a ban on smoking for all inmates, which will save millions in healthcare costs long-term. We also opened a Cancer Center at Reception and Medical Center that not only saves money on outside hospital visits, but enhances public safety with fewer inmates being transported outside prison grounds. We continued to consolidate and streamline our prisons through the closures of Brevard and Hendry Correctional Institutions in June 2011, and Tallahassee Road Prison in April 2011.

Our Community Corrections staff continued to step up their efforts to remove guns, weapons and drugs from the streets through their partnerships with local law enforcement on sweeps of offenders' homes. There is no way to calculate how many crimes were averted as a result of these "Planned Compliance Initiatives," but the increasing participation

by law enforcement in these programs is a good indication that they're working.

In an effort to communicate our message more quickly and concisely, this year we began using social media including **Facebook** and **Twitter**. Our Facebook page is "Florida Department of Corrections" and you can join us on Twitter @FL\_Corrections. These efforts have been successful in reaching a larger audience, and in informing the general public about our accomplishments and programs.

Perhaps most significantly this year, we lost one of our own in the line of duty. Holmes CI Colonel Greg Malloy was killed during an exchange of gunfire with a suspected killer that he and his canine team were pursuing, along with local law enforcement. He was a remarkable individual and I encourage you to learn more about him in the "In Memoriam" section of this annual report.

I invite you to turn the page for more details about the Department, its members and programs. If you are looking for additional statistics about our agency, please go to our website [www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/stats/toc.html](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/stats/toc.html) for complete tables and graphs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. S. Tucker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Kenneth S. Tucker, Secretary

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## Agency Overview

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### *Budget Summary (FY 2010-2011)*

#### ***Local Funds***

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##### **Collections:**

Cost of Supervision Fees	\$19,551,461
Restitution, Fines and Court Costs	\$50,837,738
Subsistence, and other Court-Ordered Payments	\$17,740,470

##### **Inmate Banking:**

Deposits	\$117,117,016
Disbursements	\$118,746,515

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$12,559,747**

##### **Other Activity:**

Revenue from Canteen Operations	\$31,162,387
Inmate Telephone Commissions	\$5,205,804

##### **Fixed Capital Outlay Funds:**

Construction*	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$68,303,278

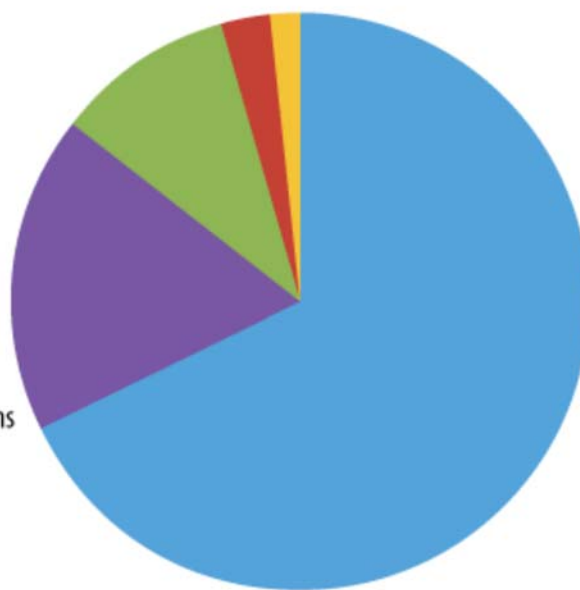
**Total Fixed Capital Outlay Funds** **\$68,303,278**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$2,390,341,789**

\*Excludes projects funded with bond proceeds.

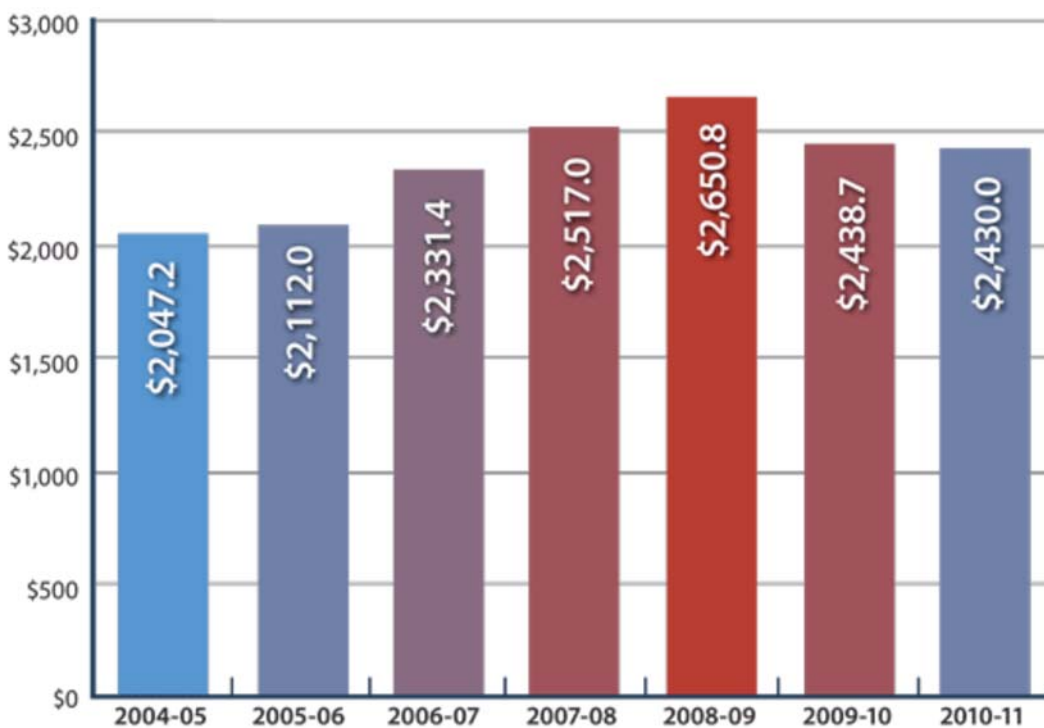
### Operating Funds

**Figure 1.2** Expenditures by Budget Entity



**TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS = \$2,322,038,511**

### Appropriation History (Billions)



**Summary of Average Inmate Costs (FY 2010-2011)**

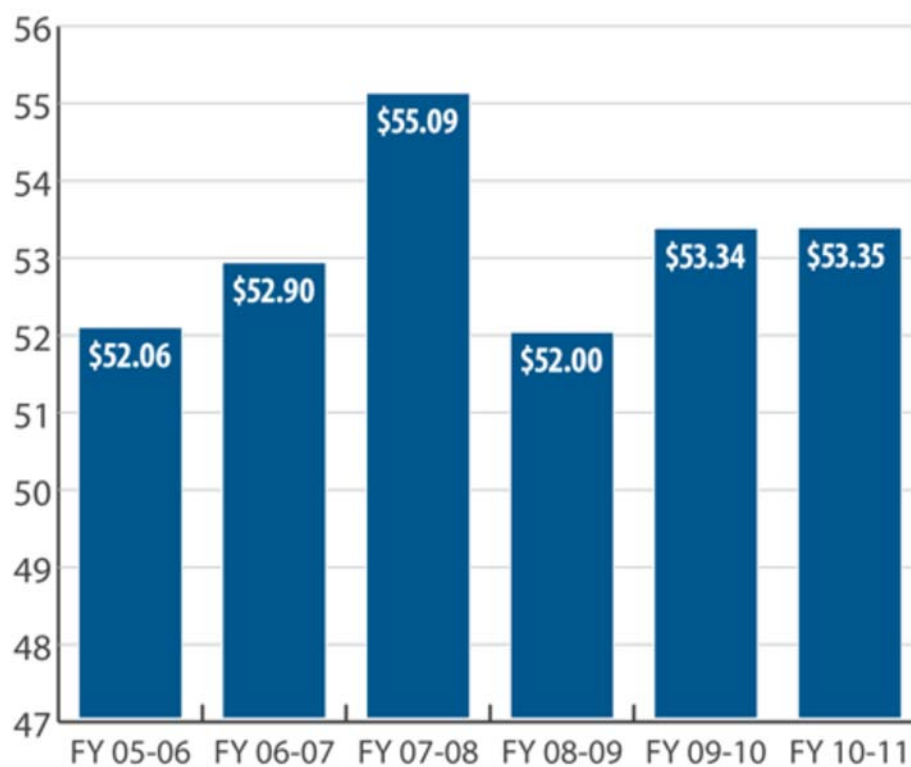
Type of Facility	Average Population	Total Per Diem	Security Operations	Health Services	Education Services



Total All Facilities (excluding private)*	92,719	\$53.35	\$40.42	\$12.04	\$0.89
Adult Male Custody	51,428	\$42.36	\$35.62	\$5.97	\$0.77
Male Youthful Offender Custody	2,569	\$63.12	\$53.21	\$5.89	\$4.02
Reception Centers	8,591	\$96.90	\$52.71	\$43.66	\$0.53
Adult and Youthful Female Custody	5,084	\$69.74	\$46.07	\$22.09	\$1.58
Specialty Institutions	21,217	\$61.28	\$46.07	\$14.33	\$0.88
Work Release Centers	2,044	\$31.86	\$30.25	\$0.85	\$0.76
Contracted Facility	1,786	\$29.90	\$29.48	\$0.38	\$0.04
Private Institutions	9,308	\$46.73	\$46.82	(\$0.09)	\$-

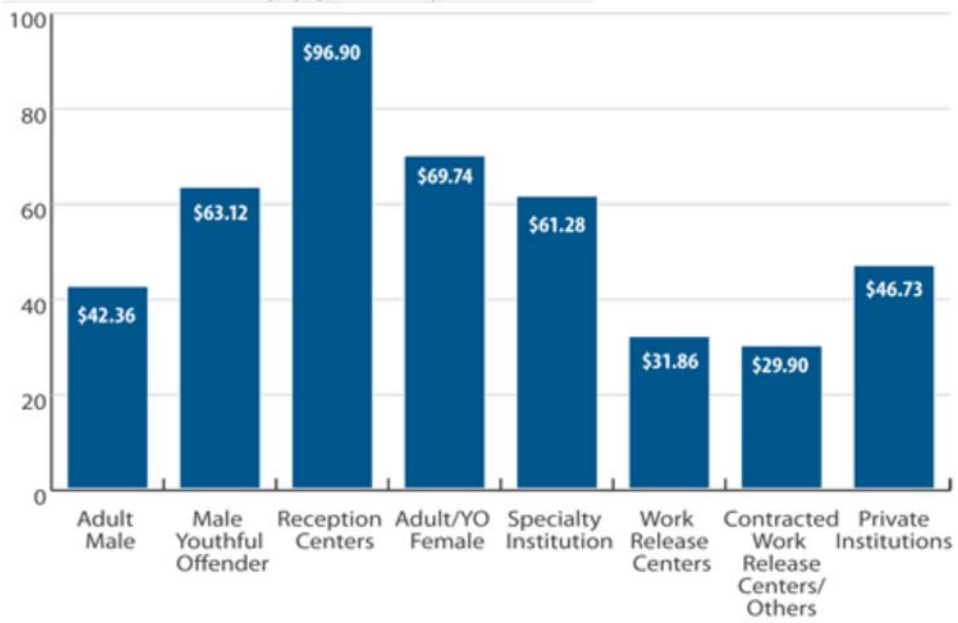
\*Note: Per diem figures do not include indirect and administrative cost of \$0.75 for private institutions and \$3.40 for state facilities (security operations \$1.01, health services \$0.39, education \$0.24, and department administration \$1.76).

**FIGURE 1.3** Total Inmate Cost Per Day Over Five Years



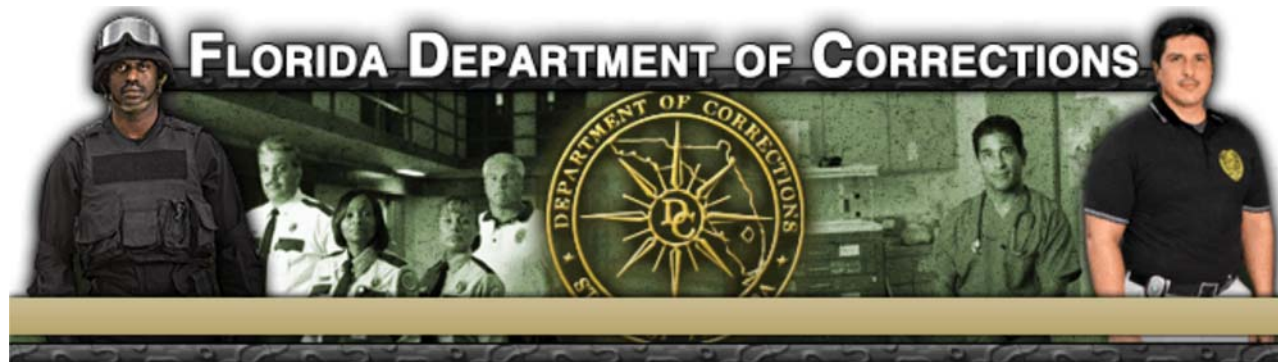
(For All Department Facilities Excluding Private Prisons)

**FIGURE 1.4** *Inmate Cost Per Day by Type of Facility*




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## Prisons

### Overview



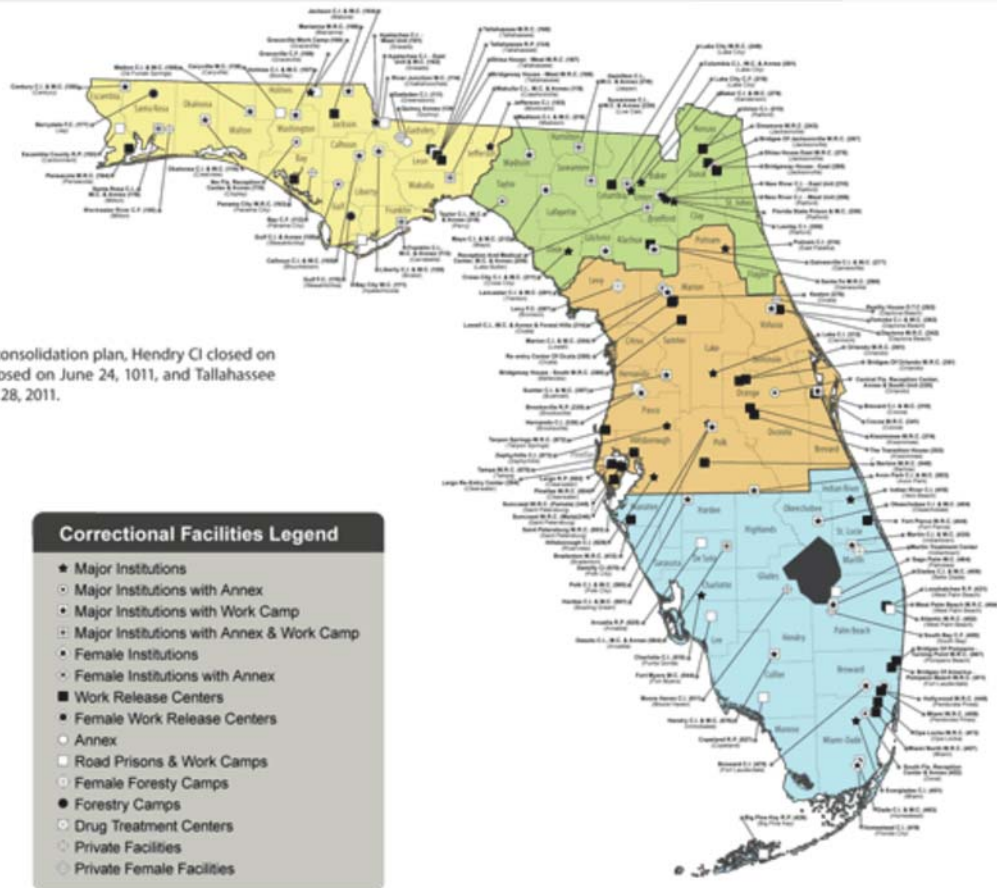
**The Florida Department of Corrections houses more than 102,000 inmates in its 61 state prisons (including seven privately run facilities). Inmates in Florida may be housed in prisons, annexes, work camps, work release centers or road prisons. Each facility serves a different function and inmates must be specific custody levels to be placed in particular facilities.**

Upon entry to prison, inmates are sent to a prison reception center. Inmates usually spend four to six weeks in the reception process before being sent to a more permanent facility. During reception, an inmate's custody level is determined, health care and programming needs are assessed, and inmates learn the rules and regulations of prison life. They are then sent to a major institution or prison.

Major institutions or prisons are similar to small towns in that they have their own academic and vocational schools, places of worship, medical services, maintenance facilities, parks (for visiting family) and often their own water supplies. All mentally and physically able inmates are assigned jobs at major institutions, and inmates are responsible for all the cooking, laundry, cleaning, farming and lawn maintenance at these facilities.

An inmate nearing his or her release date, who is "community custody" and disciplinary-report free, may have the opportunity to be placed in a work release center (WRC). Inmates at WRC's work during the day in their communities and earn a salary, but return to the center at night and any other time they are not working. They are still considered incarcerated. If they fail to follow the rules, they are returned to prison until their release. Part of the money they earn goes to room and board and victim restitution, and they may keep the rest to help them get established upon release.

### MAP OF REGIONS & CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



NOTE: As part of the DC's consolidation plan, Hendry CI closed on June 10, 2011, Brevard CI closed on June 24, 1011, and Tallahassee Road Prison closed on April 28, 2011.

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## Prisons

### Facilities

**On June 30, 2011, Florida housed 102,319 inmates in 140 facilities throughout the state from Pensacola to Key West.**

Florida's oldest prison still in use today is Union Correctional Institution in Raiford, Florida. It was built in 1913. Because of prison overcrowding in the late 1980s, a number of prisons were built in the early 1990s using inmate labor. About 84% of Florida inmates are assigned a work or program activity while incarcerated, and inmates are responsible for all the cooking, cleaning, landscaping, laundry and sewing at their facilities.

Inmates are also assigned to community work squads where they complete tasks for state and local agencies and non-profit organizations. This Fiscal Year, inmate work squads worked 4.2 million hours in our communities, saving Florida taxpayers more than \$53 million in labor.

**Summary of Florida State Correctional Facilities**

Facility Summary	Total	Male	Female	Population on June 30, 2010	Percentage of Population
Correctional Institutions*	61	\$55.00	\$6.00	\$85,957.00	84.00%
Work Camps, Boot Camps, Stand Alone Work/Forestry Camps, Treatment Center	41	\$39.00	\$2.00	\$11,744.00	11.50%
Work Release Centers	34	\$26.00	\$8.00	\$4,236.00	4.10%
Road Prisons	4	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$317.00	0.30%
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>\$124.00</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	<b>\$102,254.00</b>	<b>99.90%</b>
<b>Contract Jail Beds</b>				<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>0.10%</b>
<b>Population Total</b>				<b>\$102,319.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Institutions with separate units and hospitals are counted as one institution. These institutions are Apalachee East and West units; CFRC Main, East and South units; Columbia CI and Annex; Florida State Prison Main and West unit; Gulf CI and Annex; Hamilton CI and Annex; Liberty CI and Quincy Annex; Lowell CI and Annex; NWFRC and Annex; RMC Main and West unit; Santa Rosa CI and Annex; South Florida Reception Center (SFRC) and SFRC South; Suwannee CI and Annex; Taylor CI and Annex; and Wakulla CI and Annex. The total includes seven private correctional facilities.

### Did You Know?

In FY1011, DC's community work squad inmates worked 4.2 million hours in our communities, saving Florida taxpayers more than \$53 million.

*For more information, see our Annual Agency Statistics Facilities page at [www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/facil.html](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/facil.html)*

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## Prisons

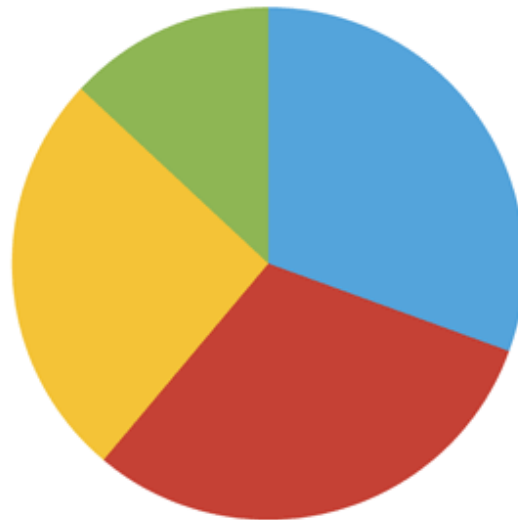
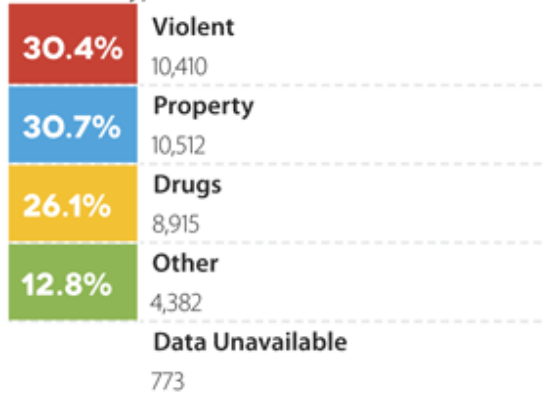
### *Inmate Admissions*

The Florida Department of Corrections receives more than 34,000 inmates each year. This year, the top three crime categories for admissions were for drug offenses (26.1%), followed by burglary (16.9%) and theft/forgery/fraud (14.9%). To see more admissions statistics, including inmate admissions by county, visit our website at <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/stats>.

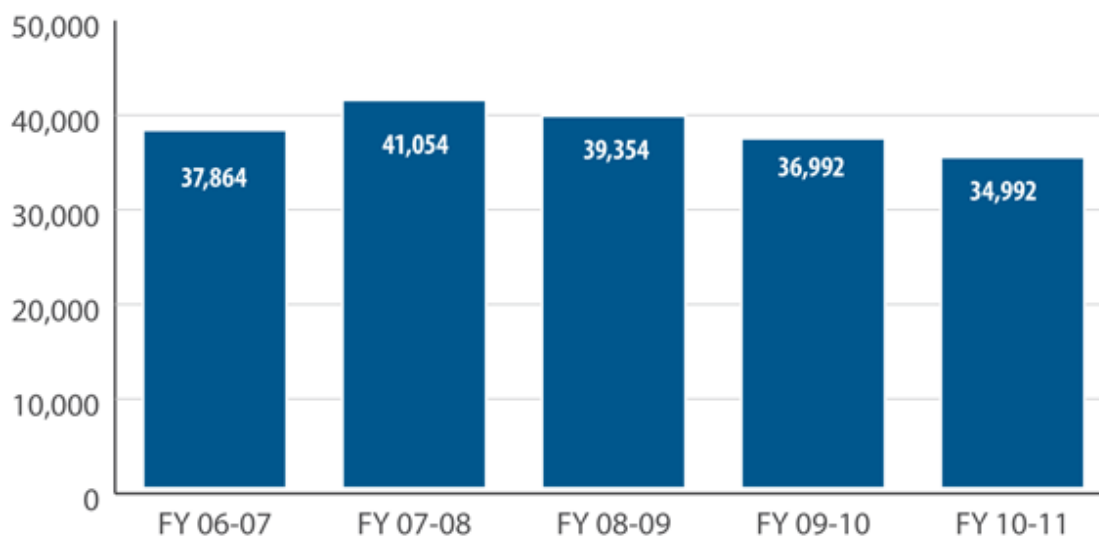
<b>General Characteristics of Admissions</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2010-11</b>	
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>34,992</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	30,936	88.4%
Female	4,056	11.6%
<b>Race</b>		
White	18,347	52.4%
Black	15,324	43.8%
Other	1,321	3.8%
<b>Age at Admission</b>		
17 & Under	398	1.1%
18-24	9,201	26.3%
25-34	11,727	33.5%
35-49	10,214	29.2%
50-59	2,872	8.2%
60+	580	1.7%
<b>Prior DC Prison Commitments</b>		
0	19,396	56.7%
1	7,291	21.0%
2	3,291	9.6%
3	1,806	5.3%
4+	2,540	7.4%
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The number of inmates admitted to Florida prisons dropped 5% from FY0910 to FY1011.

**FIGURE 1.5** *Types of Offense*



**FIGURE 1.6** *Admissions Over Five Years*



Types of Offense for Inmate Admissions				
Type of Offense	Number	Percent	Average Sentence Length in Years*	Average Age at Admission
Murder, Manslaughter	1,065	3.1%	26.2	32.3
Sexual offenses	1,721	5.0%	12.9	38.3
Robbery	2,625	7.7%	8.2	27.6
Violent Personal offenses	4,667	13.6%	4.4	33.8
Burglary	5,790	16.9%	4.6	30.2
Theft/Forgery/Fraud	5,093	14.9%	2.5	35.7
Drug offenses	8,915	26.1%	3.2	34.9
Weapons	1,451	4.2%	3.7	31.4
Other	2,892	8.5%	2.8	37.2



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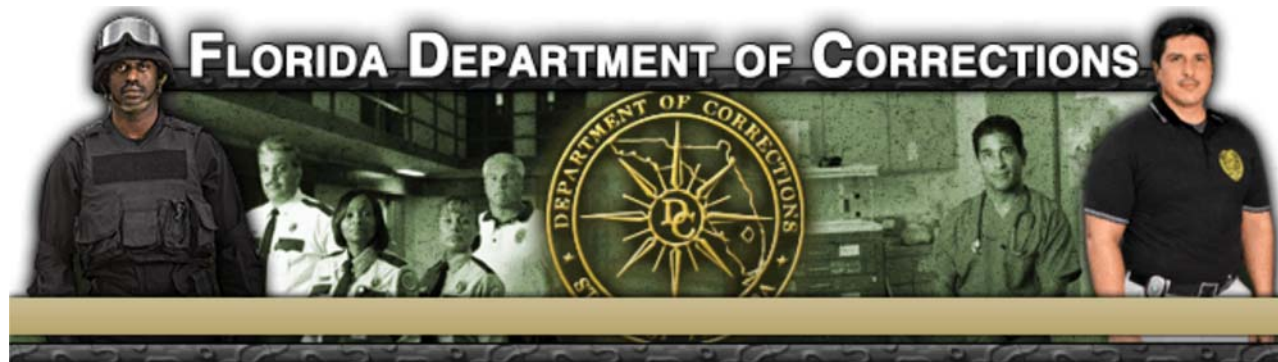
*Sentence length of 50 years or longer are coded as 50 years for calculation of averages
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### ***Did You Know?***

More than a quarter (26.1%) of all FY1011 prison admissions were for drug offenses.

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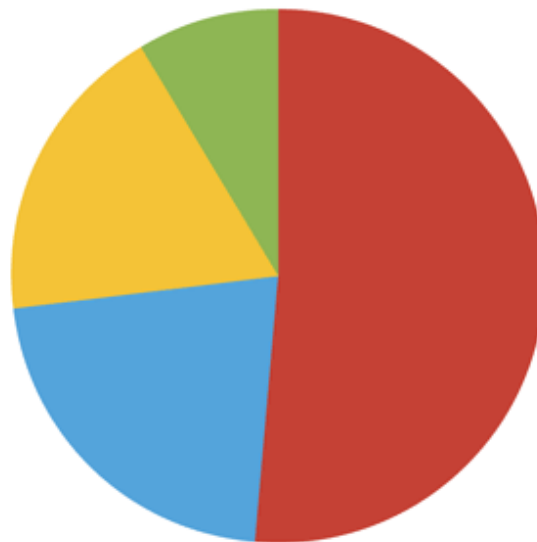
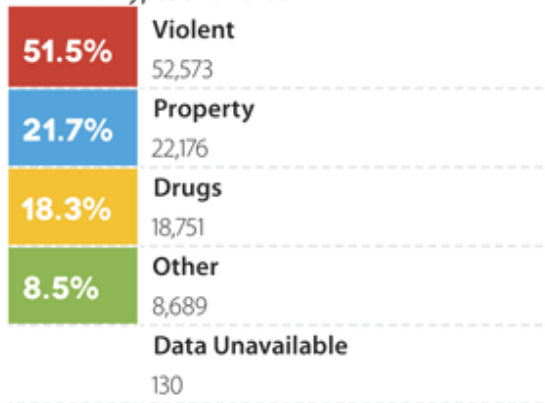
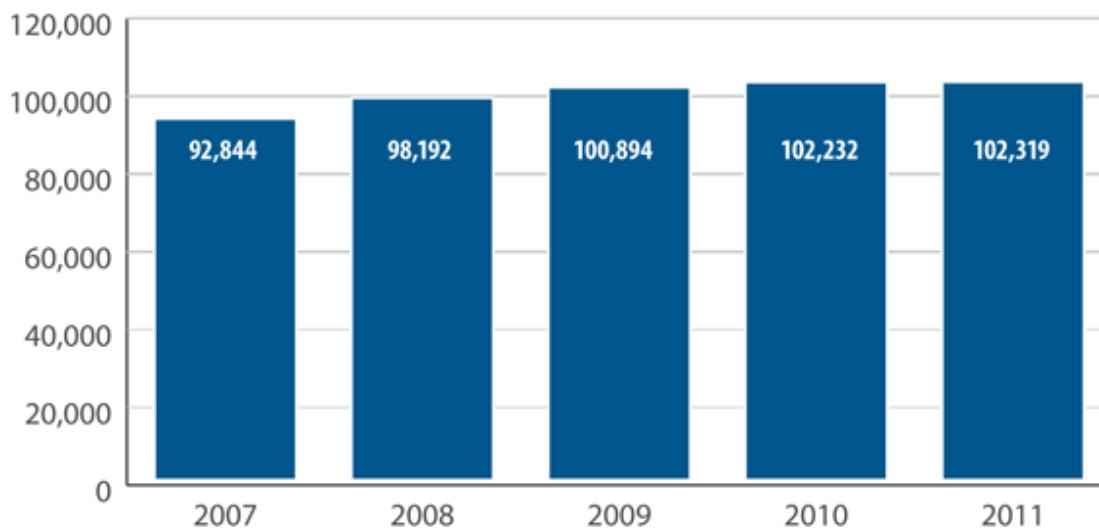
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## Prisons

### *Inmate Population*

<b>General Characteristics of Population</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2010-11</b>	
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>102,319</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	95,139	93.0%
Female	7,180	7.0%
<b>Race</b>		
White	48,390	47.3%
Black	49,686	48.6%
Other	4,243	4.1%
<b>Age at Admission</b>		
17 & Under	276	0.3%
18-24	15,878	15.5%
25-34	32,057	31.3%
35-49	36,616	35.8%
50-59	13,179	12.9%
60+	4,313	4.2%
<b>Prior DC Prison Commitments</b>		
0	56,335	55.1%
1	20,835	20.4%
2	10,677	10.4%
3	6,149	6.0%
4+	8,301	8.1%
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**FIGURE 1.7** *Types of Offense***FIGURE 1.8** *Inmate Population Over Five Years (as of June 30th of each year)****Did You Know?***

More than two-thirds (67.1%) of the inmates in prison on June 30, 2011 were between the ages of 25 and 49, and 8.1% of those in prison on that day had been in a Florida prison four or more times before.



## Prisons

### *Inmate Releases*

Offenders who committed offenses on or after October 1, 1995 are required to serve a minimum of 85% of their court-imposed sentences. Offenders released in June 2011 served an average of 86.2% of their sentences.

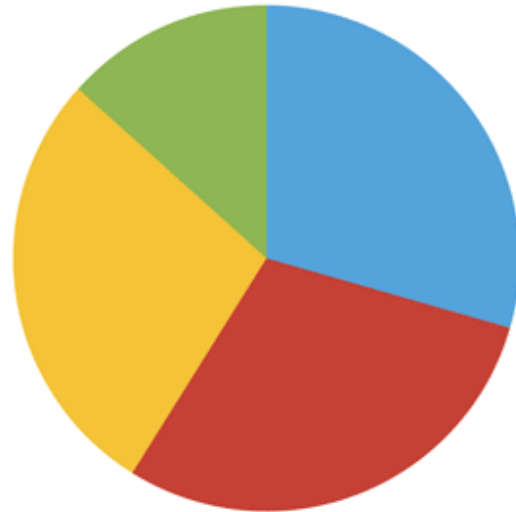
Most inmates were released back to Hillsborough County (2,642 or 7.4%), Broward County (2,465 or 6.9%) or Miami-Dade County (2,212 or 6.2%). For a complete list of releases, visit our website at [http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/stats/ir\\_county.html](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1011/stats/ir_county.html).

<b>General Characteristics of Releases</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>	
<b>Total Releases</b>	<b>35,549</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	31,558	88.8%
Female	3,991	11.2%
<b>Race</b>		
White	17,610	49.5%
Black	16,546	46.5%
Other	1,393	3.9%
<b>Age at Release</b>		
17 & Under	76	0.2%
18-24	6,437	18.1%
25-34	12,193	34.3%
35-49	12,198	34.3%
50-59	3,782	10.6%
60+	863	2.4%
<b>Prior DC Prison Commitments</b>		
0	19,595	55.1%
1	7,276	20.5%
2	3,731	10.5%
3	2,046	5.8%
4+	2,893	8.1%

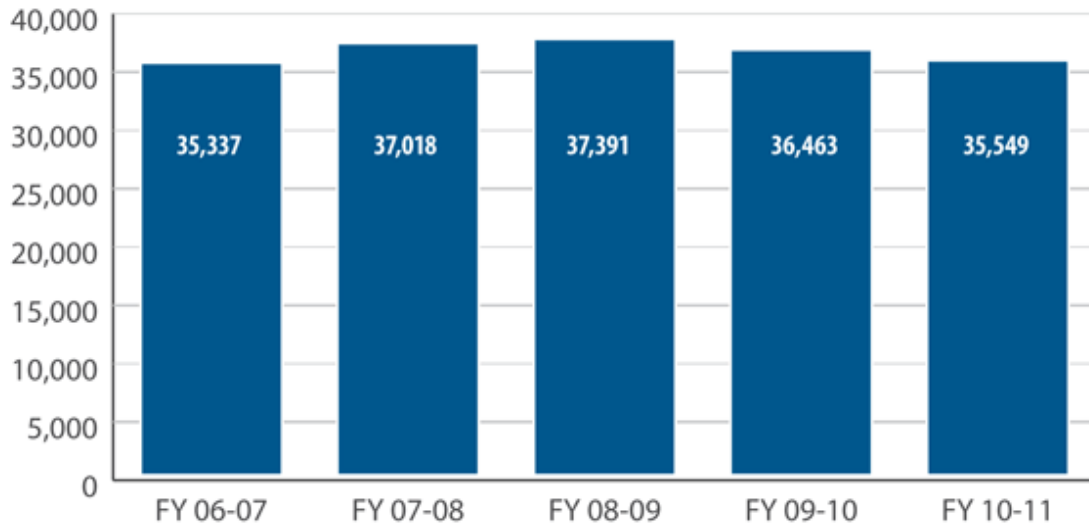
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**FIGURE 1.9** *Types of Offense*

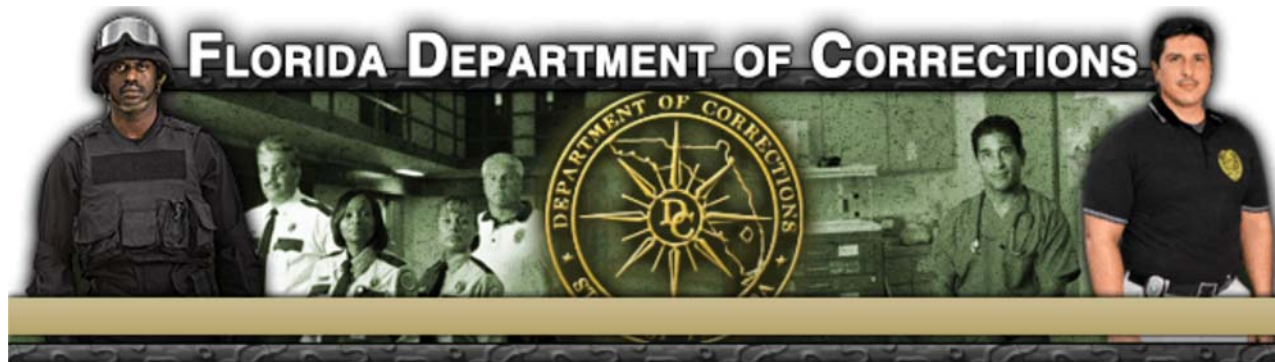
<b>29.3%</b>	<b>Violent</b> 10,418
<b>29.7%</b>	<b>Property</b> 10,562
<b>27.8%</b>	<b>Drugs</b> 9,869
<b>13.2%</b>	<b>Other</b> 4,699
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**FIGURE 1.10** *Releases Over Five Years*



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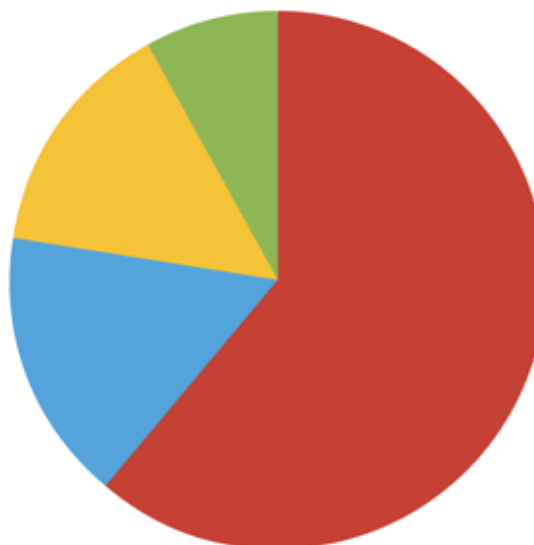
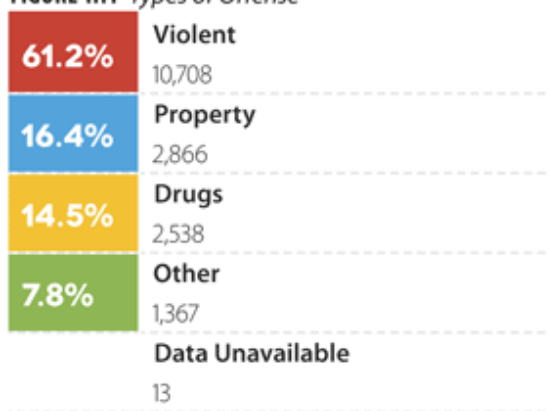
### Elderly Inmates

Elderly (50 or older) Population		
Category	Population on June 30, 2011	
<b>Elderly Population</b>	<b>17,492</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	16,510	94.4%
Female	982	5.6%
<b>Race</b>		
White	9,502	54.3%
Black	7,414	42.4%
Other	576	3.3%
<b>Current Age</b>		
50-55	9,633	55.1%
56-60	4,189	23.9%
61-65	1,763	10.1%
66-70	1,261	7.2%
71-75	418	2.4%
76+	228	1.3%
<b>Prior Supervision Commitments</b>		
0	8,287	47.4%
1	2,878	16.5%
2	1,852	10.6%
3	1,466	8.4%
4+	2,992	17.1%
Section 944.8041, Florida Statutes states: "For the purpose of providing information to the Legislature on elderly offenders within the correctional system, the department and the Correctional Medical Authority shall each submit an annual report on the status and treatment of elderly offenders in the state-administered and private state correctional systems and the department's geriatric facilities and dorms."		

#### Type of Offense Chart

Type of Offense	Number	Percent
Murder, Manslaughter	3,598	20.6%
Sexual offenses	3,631	20.0%
Robbery	1,597	9.1%
Violent Personal offenses	1,646	9.4%
Burglary	1,933	11.1%
Theft/Forgery/Fraud	1,264	7.2%
Drug offenses	2,538	14.5%
Weapons	377	2.2%
Other	895	5.1%
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May not add to 100% due to rounding.		

**FIGURE 1.11** *Types of Offense*

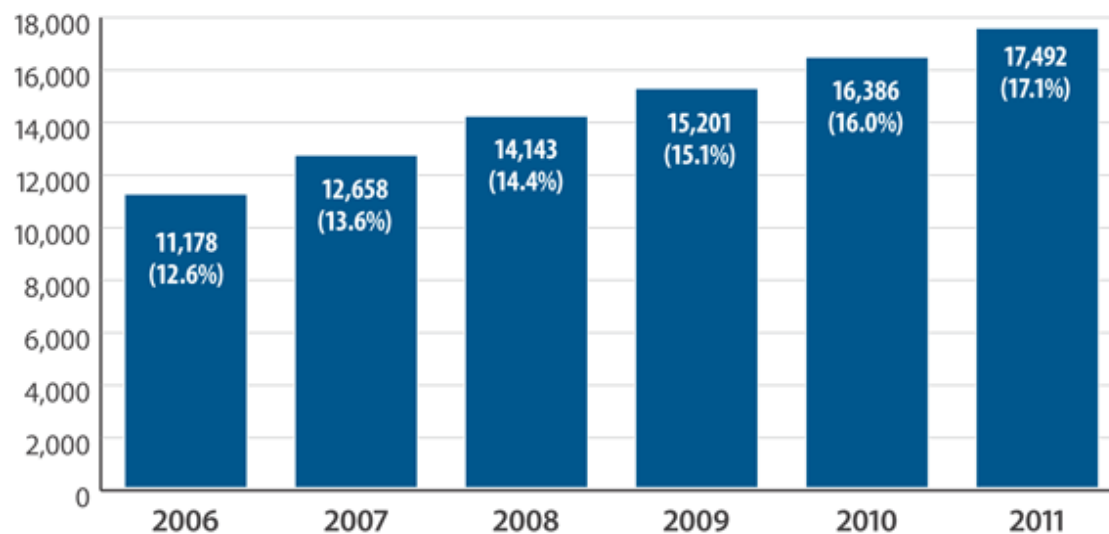


***Did You Know?***

On June 30, 2011, there were 17,492 elderly inmates in prison, which represented 17.1% of the total population.

***Background and Statistics - Elderly Offenders***

- Elderly inmates are defined by Florida Statute 944.02 as "prisoners age 50 or older in a state correctional institution or facility operated by the Department of Corrections."
- The number of elderly inmates in the state prison system has increased steadily from 11,178 in FY0506 to 17,492 in FY1011, and this particular population is expected to continue to increase over the next decade.
- The majority of elderly inmates in prison on June 30, 2011 were serving time for sex offenses (20.8%), murder/manslaughter (20.6%) or drug offenses (14.5%).

**FIGURE 1.12** *Inmates Age 50 or Older on June 30, 2011 (Percent of Total Population)*

### ***Elderly Offenders and Health Care***

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- Older inmates generally have poorer health due to lack of health care prior to incarceration and personal habits such as smoking and drug abuse. (As of October 1, 2011, tobacco use by inmates has been banned in Florida prisons.)
- In FY1011, 48.5% of the inmates who had multiple admissions to hospitals were elderly.
- In FY1011, elderly inmates accounted for 38.4% of all episodes of care and 44.9% of all hospital days although they only represented 17.1% of the total prison population.

The Department employs a number of strategies to provide health care to elderly inmates. The continued growth in this population, combined with the state's budget shortfalls, has created challenges and opportunities for policy makers and department leadership. Moving forward, the Department and policy makers may need to find even more creative ways to deliver medically necessary, cost effective health care services to this target population.

### ***As of June 30, 2011:***

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- There were 17,492 elderly inmates in prison, which represented 17.1% of the total population.
- 94.4% of the elderly inmates in prison were male; 5.6% were female.
- 47.4% of the elderly inmates in prison had no prior prison commitments.
- During FY1011, there were 3,452 elderly inmate admissions. The majority were admitted for drug offenses (26.4%), followed by property crimes (17.2%), and violent offenses (13.7%). The oldest male inmate admitted was 85; the oldest female admitted was 87.

The Department does not house inmates based solely on age. Elderly inmates are housed in most of the Department's major institutions consistent with their custody level and medical status. However, there are certain facilities whose purpose is to house or care for elderly inmates.

- By Department policy, all inmates (including those age 50 and older) who have limitations in the performance of Activities of Daily Living are assessed and diagnosed by a physician, provided with a service plan that is designed to meet their medical and mental health needs, and housed consistent with their custody level and medical status.
- Inmates who are blind, deaf, require a walker or a wheelchair, or who have more specialized housing and/or service needs are assigned only to institutions designated for such custody and care.

### ***Which Prisons House Elderly Inmates?***

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Currently, the facilities listed below serve relatively large populations of elderly inmates. Housing these inmates separate from the general population reduces the potential for predatory and abusive behavior by younger, more aggressive inmates and promotes efficient use of medical resources. (Note: In accordance with the provisions of SB 2000, the Department issued a number of Requests for Proposals for comprehensive health services in September 2011. If DC awards a contract or contracts as a result of the RFPs, the vendor(s) may continue providing specialized services for elderly inmates at these facilities, or utilize other facilities to provide these services.)

- Reception and Medical Center has a 100-bed licensed hospital on-site in Lake Butler, Florida, and also cares for chronically ill, elderly inmates in different dorms on campus.
- The South Unit of the Central Florida Reception Center is specifically designated for elderly as well as palliative care inmates.
- Zephyrhills Correctional Institution has two dorms specifically designed for elderly inmates as well as inmates with complex medical needs.
- Lowell Correctional Institution has a dorm specifically designated for female inmates with complex medical needs.
- River Junction Work Camp is a work camp for elderly inmates who are in good health (no major medical issues), able to work, and are at a minimum/medium custody level.
- In December 2010, the Department opened the renovated F-Dorm at South Florida Reception Center to help address some of the medical needs of the growing elderly population. This dorm features 84 beds designated for palliative and long-term care. The facility also provides step down care for inmates who can be discharged from hospitals but are not ready for an infirmary level of care at an institution.

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### Youthful Offenders

Youthful Offender Population - June 30, 2011				
Current Location	Department Designated Youthful Offenders	Youthful Offenders with emotional/physical vulnerability (F.S. 958.11(6))	Court Ordered Youthful Offenders	Total Population
CFRC-MAIN	61	0.00%	\$32.00	\$93.00
HERNANDO CI	80	0.00%	\$20.00	\$100.00
INDIAN RIVER CI	263	100.00%	\$181.00	\$445.00
LAKE CITY CF	423	0.00%	\$458.00	\$881.00
LANCASTER CI	310	0.00%	\$306.00	\$616.00
LANCASTER W.C.	185	0.00%	\$95.00	\$280.00
LOWELL ANNEX	13	0.00%	\$5.00	\$18.00
LOWELL CI	101	0.00%	\$30.00	\$131.00
NWFRFC ANNEX.	14	0.00%	\$4.00	\$18.00
R.M.C.- MAIN UNIT	72	0.00%	37	109
S.F.R.C.	15	0.00%	5	20
SUMTER B.T.U.	13	0.00%	17	30
WORK RELEASE CENTER	76	0.00%	52	128
ALL OTHER FACILITIES	14	0.00%	7	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>2,890</b>

Section 958.04, F.S., authorizes the court to sentence as a youthful offender any person:

Who is at least 18 years of age or who has been transferred for prosecution to the criminal division of the circuit court pursuant to chapter 985;

Who is found guilty of or who has tendered, and the court has accepted, a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to a crime that is, under the laws of this state, a felony if the offender is younger than 21 years of age at the time sentence is imposed;

Who has not previously been classified as a youthful offender under the provisions of this act; and

Who has not been found guilty of a capital or life felony.

Section 958.11(4), F.S., authorizes the Department to classify as a youthful offender any person:

Who is at least 18 years of age or who has been transferred for prosecution to the criminal division of the circuit court pursuant to chapter 985;

Who has not previously been classified as a youthful offender under the provisions of this act;

Who has not been found guilty of a capital or life felony;

Whose age does not exceed 24 years; and

Whose total length of sentence does not exceed 10 years.

In addition to the above, Section 958.11(6), F.S., authorizes the Department to assign inmates 19 or younger (except capital or life felons) to youthful offender facilities if the Department determines that the inmate's mental or physical vulnerability would substantially or materially jeopardize his or her safety in a non-youthful offender facility.

The youngest inmate in the prison system on June 30, 2011 was 14 years old. He is serving time for robbery with a gun or deadly weapon.

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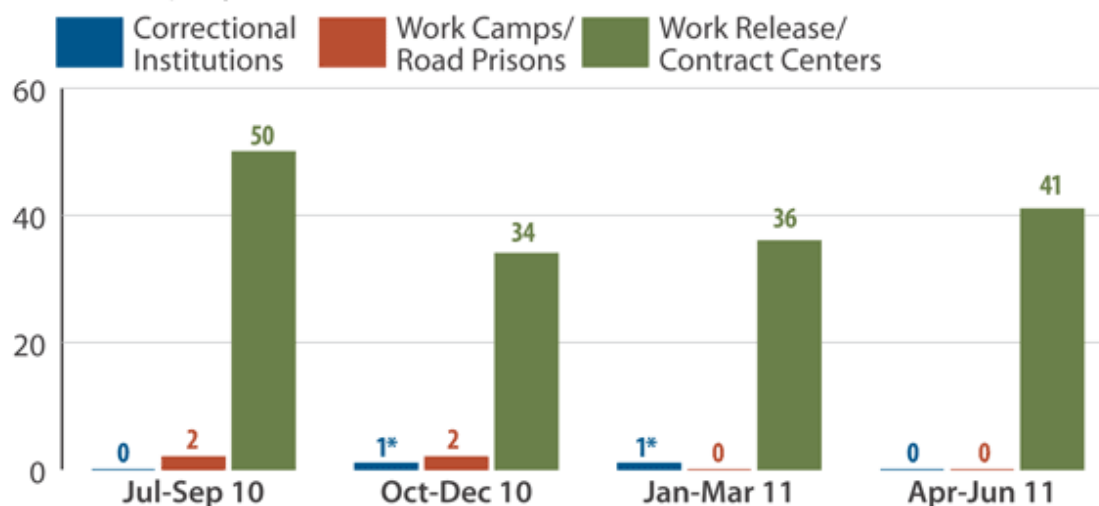
### Escapes



The Florida Department of Corrections houses more than 102,000 inmates and has not had an escape from the secure perimeter of one of its prisons since 2006. Our low escape rate can be attributed to a number of factors, including razor wire barriers and improved technology for perimeter fences; security hardened facility construction improvements; better training and supervision of officers and improved contraband control. If an escape does occur, we refine our system to eliminate the problem that contributed to the escape.

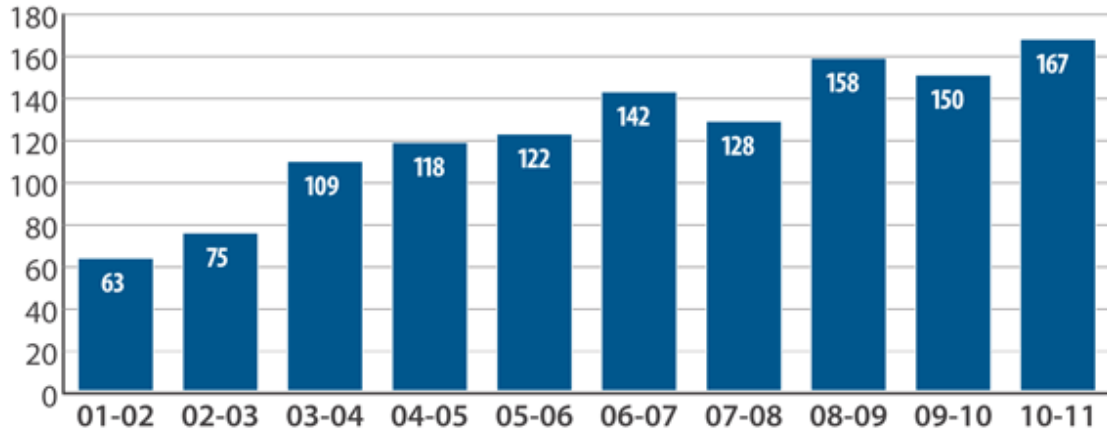
In the following charts, the majority of the escapes listed were of inmates either in a work release facility (96.4%) or a work camp or road prison. Work release inmates are still in the Department's custody, but they are near the end of their sentences, minimum custody and are working in our communities daily, returning back to the work release centers after work. If they return late without a verifiable reason, they are considered escapees and will be returned to prison to complete their sentences, or may be charged with escape, depending on the circumstances. The majority of those listed as escapes in the charts are from work release centers.

FIGURE 1.13 Escapes by Quarter in FY1011



\*The two inmates who escaped from major institutions were actually on outside-the-fence work squads when they escaped, not inside the perimeter of a prison. Both were recaptured quickly.

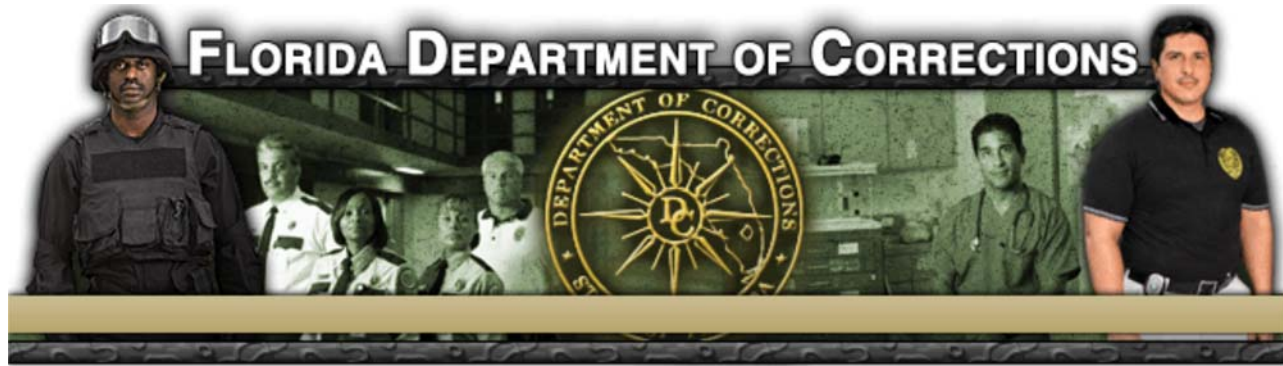
**FIGURE 1.14** Escapes From Correctional Facilities Over Ten Years\*



\*A majority are walk-aways from Work Release Centers.

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### *Death Row*

#### *Death Row Facts and Figures*

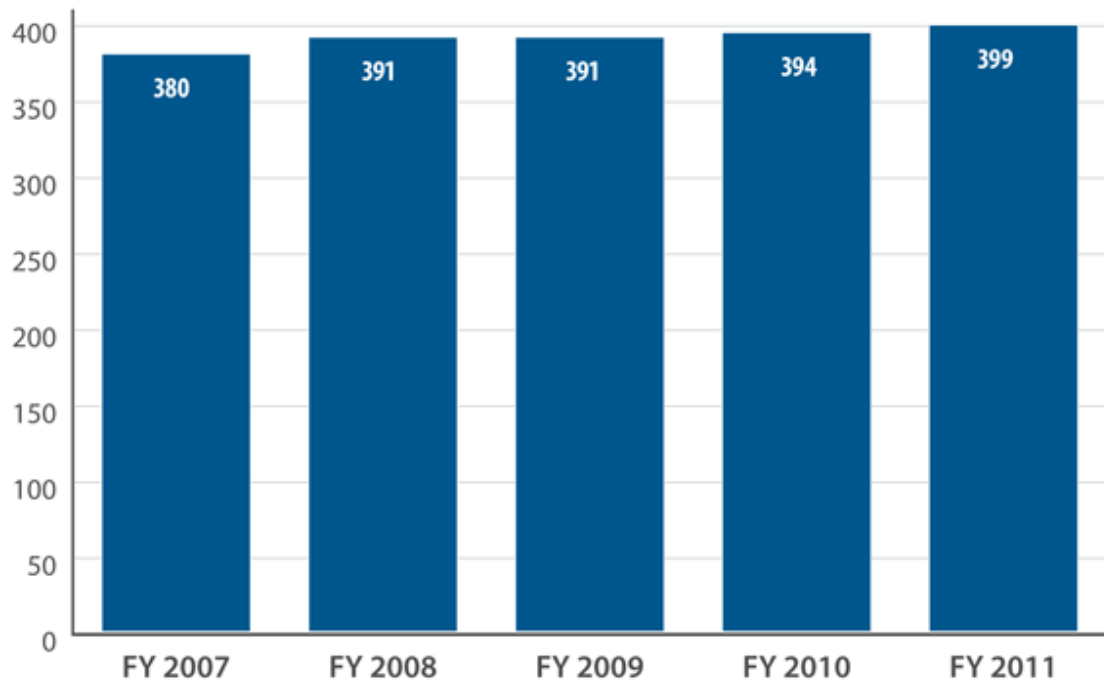
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- On June 30, 2011, there were 399 inmates on Florida's death row.
  - No death row inmates were executed in FY1011.
- Florida administers execution by electric chair or lethal injection. Lethal injection became an option for death row inmates in FY9900.
- A death row cell is 6 x 9 x 9.5 feet high.
- Death row inmates can be distinguished from other inmates by their orange T-shirts.
- The state of Florida was given the authority to execute inmates by the 1923 Legislature.
- The U.S. Supreme Court declared capital punishment unconstitutional in 1972 in *Furman vs. Georgia*. In 1976 the *Furman* decision was overturned, upholding the constitutionality of the death penalty, which was resumed in Florida in 1979 with the execution of John Spenklink.
- Male inmates under sentence of death are housed at Union Correctional Institution (CI) or Florida State Prison. Female death row inmates reside at Lowell CI.

#### *Statistics on Executed inmates in Florida\**

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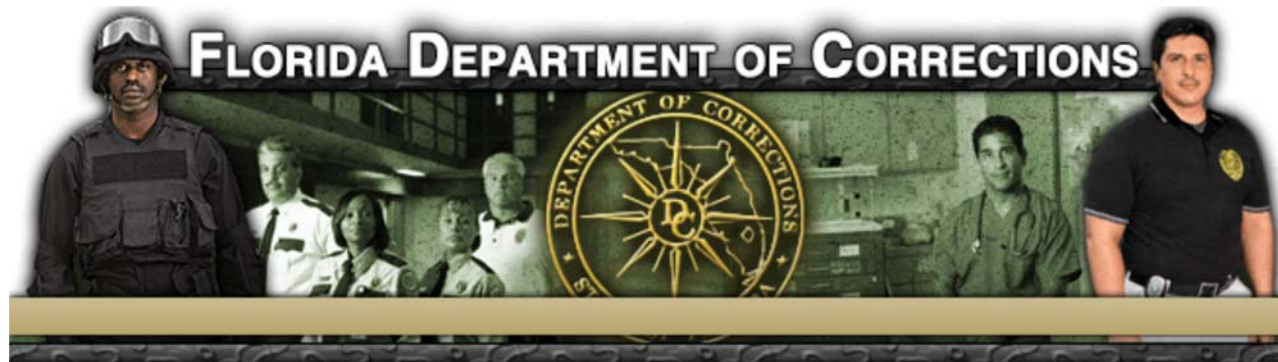
- \*Refers to inmates executed after the death penalty was reinstated in Florida, beginning with John Spenklink's execution in May 1979.
- 12.7 years is the average length of stay on Death Row prior to execution.
- 14.3 years is the average number of years between offense and execution.
- 43.0 years is the average age at time of execution.
- 28.7 years is the average age at offense for executed inmates.

**FIGURE 1.15** *Death Row Populations on June 30 Over Five Years*

<b>Executions each year since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976</b>					
1979	1	1992	2	2003	3
1980-82	0	1993	3	2004	2
1983	1	1994	1	2005	1
1984	8	1995	3	2006	4
1985	3	1996	2	2007	0
1986	3	1997	1	2008	2
1987	1	1998	4	2009	2
1988	2	1999	1	2010	1
1989	2	2000	6	2011 (as of 6/30/11)	0
1990	4	2001	1		
1991	2	2002	3		
<b>Total = 69</b>					

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## Re-Entry

### Overview

#### *Inmate Re-Entry and the "Portal of Entry" Concept*

Re-Entry is a process intended to assist inmates being released from prison and offenders under community supervision to become law abiding citizens. The goal is to reduce recidivism, which will result in safer communities, fewer crimes and fewer victims. The Department's "Portal of Entry" concept is built on a continuum of care framework. Within this framework, pre and post release re-entry programs and services are available for the inmates nearing release and continued upon release in the community. Effective use of Re-Entry focused interventions will reduce the likelihood of an inmate's return to prison by targeting areas, proven by research, to reduce recidivism.

#### *Inmate Re-Entry and the "Portal of Entry" Concept*

The Portal of Entry is a designated release site for offenders who are sentenced to local jail, state or federal prison and returning to a specific county upon release. The Department currently has Portals of Entry in Duval, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Palm Beach County. At designated Portal sites, services include, but are not limited to:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ■ On-Site Felony Registration       | ■ Community Corrections Contact           |
| ■ Case Management                   | ■ Transition Planning                     |
| ■ Food/Meal Vouchers                | ■ Clothing Closet                         |
| ■ Legal Aid                         | ■ Job Placement/Employment                |
| ■ Health Care                       | ■ Substance Abuse/Mental Health Aftercare |
| ■ Housing                           | ■ Mentoring                               |
| ■ Vocation & Academic Counseling    | ■ Debt Management                         |
| ■ Civil Rights Restoration Guidance | ■ Life Skills Training                    |
| ■ Medical/Disability Assistance     |   |

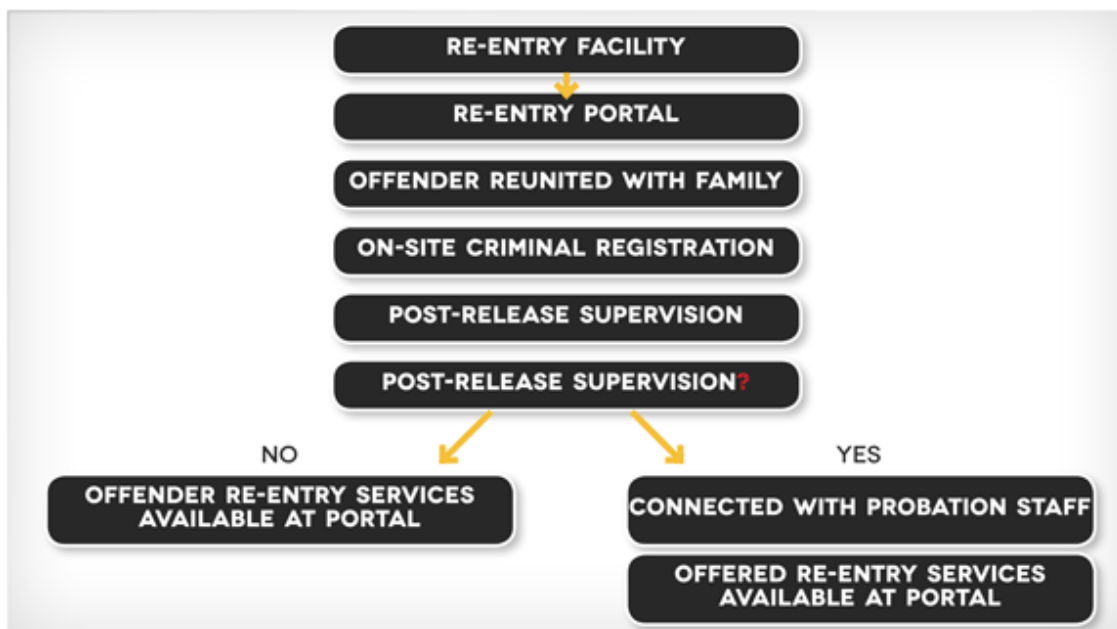
Continuous communication, coordination and cooperation between local jails, state and federal prison classification/Re-Entry personnel must be fostered and maintained in order to serve this population. This working relationship will ensure that we close the gaps that create barriers to successful offender Re-Entry.



## Benefits of the Portal

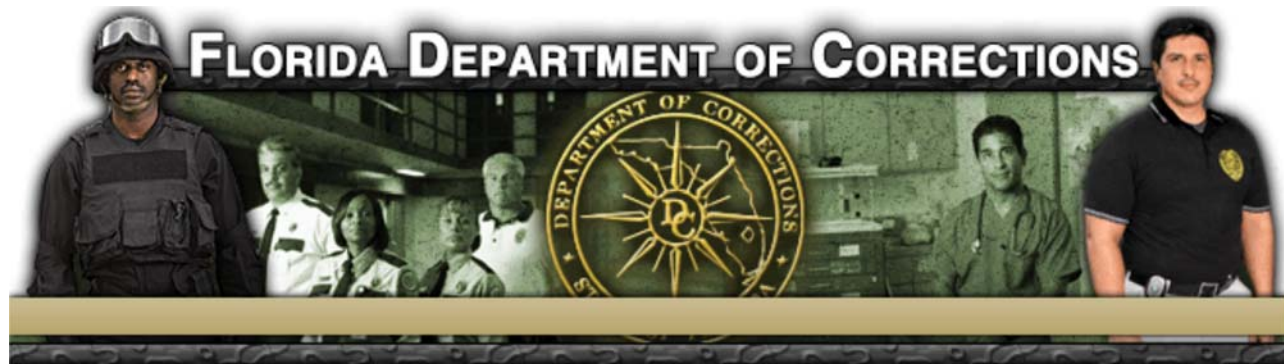
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- Provides a Criminal Registration Site.
- Allows for immediate connection to Community Corrections.
- Allows for the law enforcement and the community to easily identify those inmates returning from prison and those offenders residing in the community under court-ordered supervision.
- Creates a pre- and post-release continuum for DC and the community.
- Serves as a "Single Point of Entry" for released inmates and offenders to access community-based Re-Entry resources.
- Allows for DC staff to transport offenders to one central location.
- Allows family members to meet newly released inmates at the site and sign up for additional services.



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## Re-Entry

### *Re-Entry Facilities*

- Re-Entry Facilities are located in areas that receive a large number of inmate releases.
- Local communities are partnering with the Department by establishing a Single Point of Re-Entry to assist inmates in successfully returning to that community.

#### **Demilly Correctional Institution became the first Re-Entry Facility in March 2009**

Demilly Correctional Institution in Polk County became the Department's first re-entry facility with an emphasis on programs and treatment for inmates nearing release. These re-entry programs and services will prepare inmates for successful transition back into society.

#### **Baker Correctional Institution was dedicated in August 2009**

Baker Correctional Institution in Baker County was the second re-entry facility. Baker Correctional Institution offers re-entry services to inmates being released to Duval County and surrounding counties. It is the site of the Second Chance Demonstration Grant project funded by the Second Chance Grant funds. Inmates will receive comprehensive programs and services to assist their transition from prison to the community.

#### **Polk Correctional Institution In October 2010**

Polk Correctional Institution was designated a re-entry facility. It houses inmates nearing release who will be returning to Hillsborough, Polk, and Pinellas Counties. This facility offers comprehensive programs and services to assist inmates that transition from prison to the community.

#### **Sago Palm Re-Entry Facility In October 2010**

Sago Palm was designated a re-entry facility. Sago Palm houses inmates nearing release who will be returning to Palm Beach County. This facility will offer comprehensive programs and services to assist inmates to transition from prison to the community. Earlier this year, the Department partnered with Palm Beach County to seek 2010 Second Chance Grant funding to enhance the re-entry efforts in their community. Through this collaboration, Palm Beach County was successful in receiving a grant award in the amount of \$750,000 to provide pre- and post release re-entry services for the inmates at Sago Palm Re-Entry Facility.

### *Other Re-Entry Initiatives*

**The Faith- and Character-Based Correctional Initiative** offers inmates an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and classes focused on personal growth and character development. The Faith- and Character-Based Plus program encourages inmates to choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior by

focusing on spiritual and character development, life skills, community service, and preparing inmates for living as law-abiding citizens. Key components of the program include a strong positive peer culture, a curriculum that addresses risk factors and a mentoring relationship with a positive role model volunteer from the community.

**Thinking for a Change (T4C)** is an integrated, cognitive behavior change program for individuals involved with the criminal justice system that includes cognitive restructuring, social skills development, and development of problem solving skills. This program was created by the National Institute of Corrections. Two-dozen participants received the T4C "Train the Trainer" training as of June 30, 2011, including 14 DC Staff, seven Contracted Staff, and three Non- DC staff, and many more classes are gearing up.

## ***Re-Entry Initiatives in FY1011***

### **"Computers for Kids" program helps inmates learn a trade; benefits kids and the environment by renovating old computers**

Inmates at two Florida Department of Corrections prisons will be refurbishing donated computers to be given to non profit organizations that serve children, including schools, religious organizations and community programs. The "Computers for Kids" program is the Department's latest re-entry program, designed to provide meaningful job training to inmates to better prepare them for employment upon release. This aligns with Governor Scott's 7-7-7 plan and his vision. The child-centered organizations must have a 501(c)3 status to receive a refurbished, fullyfunctioning computer.

The children get a free computer that may have otherwise ended up in a landfill, while inmates learn a useful trade that will provide them employment opportunities upon release.

The Florida Department of Corrections has partnered with the Corrections Foundation to implement the program at Sumter Correctional Institution in Bushnell and Cross City Correctional Institution in Dixie County. Inmates will be trained by vocational instructors.

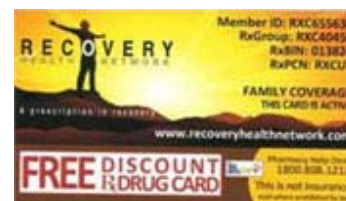
The computers that will be accepted for donation must meet certain standards – Pentium 4 with a minimum 512 MB of memory; Macs – Performa, Centris, Power Mac, or G3 and up, servers with dual-core Xeon processors with a minimum 2 GB of memory and a CD/DVD drive. Laser printers will also be accepted. Peripherals in working condition will also be accepted: color monitors, keyboards, mice, power and monitor cables, and CD/DVD drives, network cards, Pentium motherboards, RAM SIMMS, 120+ GB hard drives.

Anyone interested in making or receiving donations may contact the Corrections Foundation at 850-717-3712. The Corrections Foundation will be responsible for reviewing and awarding computers to organizations that request them.

Currently, Florida inmates do not have access to computers, unless as part of a vocational program, nor do they have internet access. A similar program was run by the Department from 1999-2006, during which 7,000 computers were distributed to child-centered organizations.

### **Prescription Discount Drug Cards to be Provided for Releases**

In June 2011, the Florida Department of Corrections partnered with Recovery Health Network to offer a new prescription discount drug card for newly released inmates and for offenders on community supervision. The Recovery Health Network Medication Card provides offenders with discounted prescription drug benefits to help with the burden of skyrocketing prescription drug costs promoting the continuity of care for inmates being released.



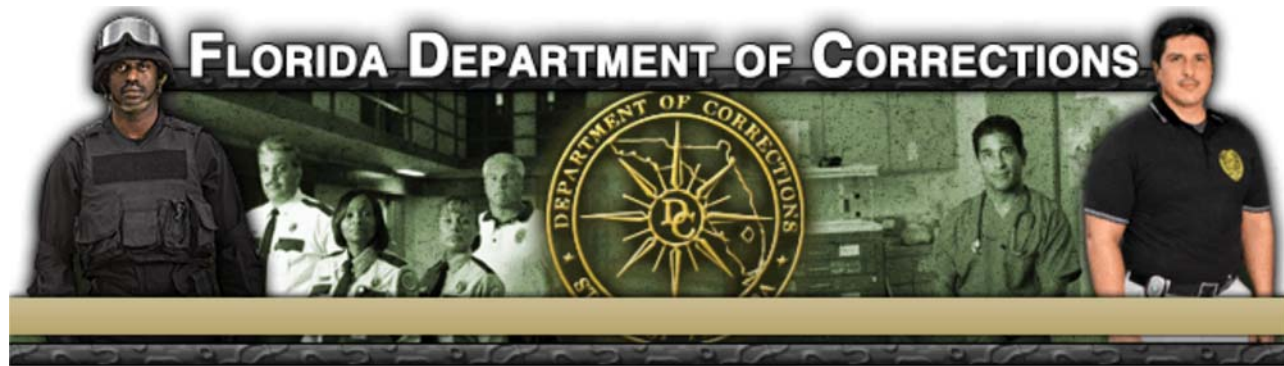
One of the Department's Re-Entry goals is to match inmates and offenders with needed resources, and putting these prescription cards in the hands of offenders on community supervision and inmates when they are released has helped keep them on their medications as they reintegrate into their communities. Through this partnership, the Department is minimizing the possibility of interrupted services.

Recovery Health Network RX Drug Cards offer up to 75% discounts on prescription medications, laboratory tests and imaging services. Cards have been sent to prisons and community corrections offices statewide. Anyone can receive a free card by visiting [www.recoveryhealthnetwork.com](http://www.recoveryhealthnetwork.com). The Recovery Health Network prescription savings card allows prescription medication users to save money and is recognized by over 54,000 pharmacies

nationwide. This program is available to everyone, never expires, has unlimited uses, and works for all physicianprescribed medications.

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## Re-Entry

### *Prison Dog Programs*

The Department's prison dog obedience programs continue to expand, bringing together dogs from shelters and humane societies with inmates who train them and make them more adoptable. The inmates, in turn, use their dog grooming and training skills to help them find jobs in the animal services field upon release. More than 300 shelter dogs have been trained and given a second chance at life by being adopted into "forever" homes through our prison dog programs. Here are some of our current programs.



### **ADAPT**

ADAPT stands for Adoptable Dogs After Prisoner Training. This is an eight week program at New River Correctional Institution's O-Unit where the dogs are being trained by inmates in basic obedience such as sit, stay, come and walk along side you without pulling on their leash. The dogs are crate trained and housebroken. They have all their shots, spayed or neutered and are microchipped. The cost for the Adoption is \$100.00. For questions and adoptions please contact the Humane Society of NorthEast Florida at (386) 325-1587 or by email at [hsnefl@gmail.com](mailto:hsnefl@gmail.com).

## **BARK**

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BARK stands for Beacon Among Rescue Canines (BARK). This program, located at Martin CI, focuses on inmates training dogs to help disabled veterans. BARK training is provided by staff from Dogs 4 Disabled Veterans. The program began on December 6, 2010.

## **DAWGS**

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DAWGS stands for Developing Adoptable Dogs with Good Sociability. Dogs for the program come from the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society in Port St. Joe and the program is a joint effort with Gulf Forestry Camp. All of the dogs selected for this program go through an intense eight-week training session and live with their trainers, handlers and caretakers in a dormitory-style work camp. The dogs have had extensive temperament tests and get along well with other dogs and people. They are available for adoption immediately and will be able to go to their forever homes with you after graduation. The dogs are all crate trained, house trained, and basic obedience trained. They can be expected to sit, stay, recall, down, heel, and respond to "no" and "leave it". The dogs are also well trained on a leash.

They begin Good Citizen Training the last two weeks of the program. They are up-to-date on all vaccines as well as spayed/neutered and heartworm negative. Dogs requiring heartworm treatment receive treatment before or during their program and have completed treatment prior to graduation. DAWGS has been awarded two grants from the Jesse Ball duPont Foundation, in 2010 and 2011, for the outstanding results achieved with both inmates and dogs. The dogs participating in DAWGS are trained for eight weeks by state inmates at Gulf Forestry Camp under the direction of Gulf Correctional Institution in Wewahatchka, Florida. These inmates were themselves trained by a professional dog trainer, in the hopes that they may find gainful employment in animal services when released from prison. The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society provides frequent training classes, advice and volunteer trainers to support the DAWGS program. Outings are also arranged for select dogs to socialize in the Gulf County community. For more information about the DAWGS in Prison program, please go to the website: <http://www.dawgsinprison.com>.

## **HART**

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This first-of-its-kind dog training program at Wakulla CI is called Heartworm Assistance Rehabilitation Training (HART), and its purpose is to provide a place for heartworm positive dogs to complete their recovery following the heartworm shot regimen, which is administered offsite. The dogs are taken through bonding and stationary obedience exercises during the recovery period, which is a few weeks after they get to Wakulla CI. After the recovery period, the dogs transition to moderate obedience training, and then to full active obedience classes and socialization exercises. At the conclusion, the dogs are heartworm free, healthy, well-trained and available for adoption through the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center. The heartworm treatment is administered by a volunteer veterinarian and the medication is paid for by the Animal Service Foundation and Merial Limited.

## **PAWS ON PAROLE**

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Paws on Parole is a partnership program between the Florida Department of Corrections' Gainesville Correctional Institution Work Camp and Alachua County Animal Services. The program is designed to increase adoptability of selected dogs at the Alachua County Animal Shelter. During the eight-week training period, professional dog trainers volunteer their time to teach inmates how to train dogs in socialization techniques and basic obedience. The inmates learn to train the dogs to the standards of the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizens Program. At the end of their training, the dogs take a test consisting of 10 skills needed by well-mannered dogs such as: accepting a friendly stranger, sitting politely for petting, walking through a crowd, etc. Paws on Parole also includes an Aftercare Network, which is a group that will work with adopting families and their dogs to help integrate the training the dogs received. Each dog has received all of their shots, is receiving heartworm prevention, is microchipped, crate trained and has been spayed or neutered. Adoption costs are only \$45. For more information about the AKC Canine Good Citizen certification and a copy of the brochure, click [www.akc.org/pdfs/cgc/GK9GC1.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/cgc/GK9GC1.pdf). For more information about Paws on Parole adoption and the Aftercare Network contact Hilary Hynes, Public Education Program Coordinator, Alachua County Animal Services at (352) 264-6881 or click the Paws on Parole link at <http://www.alachuapets.com>.

## **PRISON PALS AND PUPS**

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Prison Pals and Pups was initiated by the West Volusia Kennel Club at Tomoka CI and joined by Halifax Humane Society. Ten dogs spend seven weeks training with the inmates to learn basic obedience, heel, sit, down, and come commands. They also do basic Rally and Agility training. The goal is to place healthy, spayed/neutered dogs in forever homes, as well as to give inmates skills that they list on their resumes. All dogs are given the AKC Good Citizen Test and upon passing the trainers are presented with an AKC certificate noting that they have passed. Upon being adopted, the new owner is offered a free seven-week training course by the West Volusia Kennel Club in order for the owner to become familiar with what the dog has been taught. For further information about the program or adopting a dog contact Allyn Weigel, 386-734-7923 or Halifax Humane Society at <http://www.halifaxhumanesociety.org>.

## **PRISON PUP PROGRAMS**

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Sago Palm Work Camp and South Florida Reception Center, in conjunction with New Horizons Service Dogs Inc., each have an inmate program to train service dogs to assist persons with disabilities. Currently eight dogs are in training at the prison. Training lasts for 18 months and when complete, dogs are able to assist owners in standing, turning on light switches, opening and closing doors, retrieving dropped items and more. The Prison Pup Program is an inmate vocational program where inmates can earn vocational certificates in dog grooming and training while simultaneously preparing dogs to assist persons with disabilities. The program is part of the Department's Re-Entry initiative, which is focused on preparing inmates for successful re-entry into society upon release from prison.

## **UTOPIA**

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UTOPIA stands for Undergoing Training & Obedience in Prison to Increase Adoptability. UTOPIA dogs spend eight weeks at Taylor Correctional Institution being trained by an inmate and can sit, stay, come and walk by your side without pulling on the leash. They are crate trained and housebroken. They have all their shots, are microchipped, and have been spayed or neutered. Adoption only costs \$150 – a bargain since you won't have to pay for dog training! To adopt a UTOPIA graduate, contact the Leon Community Animal Service Center's Lisa Glunt at (850) 891-2950 or go here to find out more <http://www.talgov.com/animals/utopia.cfm>.

## **WOOF**

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WOOF stands for Women Offering Obedience and Friendship. WOOF dogs spend eight weeks at Lowell Correctional Institution Work Camp being trained by an inmate and can sit, stay, come and walk by your side without pulling on the leash. They are crate trained and housebroken. They have all their shots, are microchipped and have been spayed or neutered. Adoption only costs \$75 – a bargain since you won't have to pay for dog training. All WOOF dogs are tested for Canine Good Citizen. The inmates receive certificates in dog CPR, training and grooming. Beginning November 21, 2011 the WOOF program will welcome 2 young dogs to be trained as service dogs to assist persons with disabilities along with the 6 new dogs for obedience training. The service dogs will be trained to assist their owners in standing, turning on light switches, opening and closing doors, retrieving dropped items and more. To adopt a WOOF graduate, contact the Marion County Humane Society at <http://humanesocietyofmarioncounty.com/>.

## Re-Entry

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### Education

#### TABE Results

(Most Recent Tests of Adult Basic Education [TABE] Scores as of June 30, 2011)

Grade Level	Male	Female	Total	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 - 5	35,615	1,925	37,540	38.9%	38.9%
6	9,730	719	10,449	10.8%	49.7%
7	6,440	487	6,927	7.2%	56.9%
8	6,284	555	6,839	7.1%	64.0%
9	9,115	858	9,973	10.3%	74.3%
10	4,124	381	4,505	4.7%	79.0%
11	6,842	749	7,591	7.9%	86.9%
12	11,345	1,347	12,692	13.1%	100.0%
<b>Data Unavailable</b>	5,644	159	5,803		
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,139</b>	<b>7,180</b>	<b>102,319</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Median</b>	6.8	8.4	7.0		

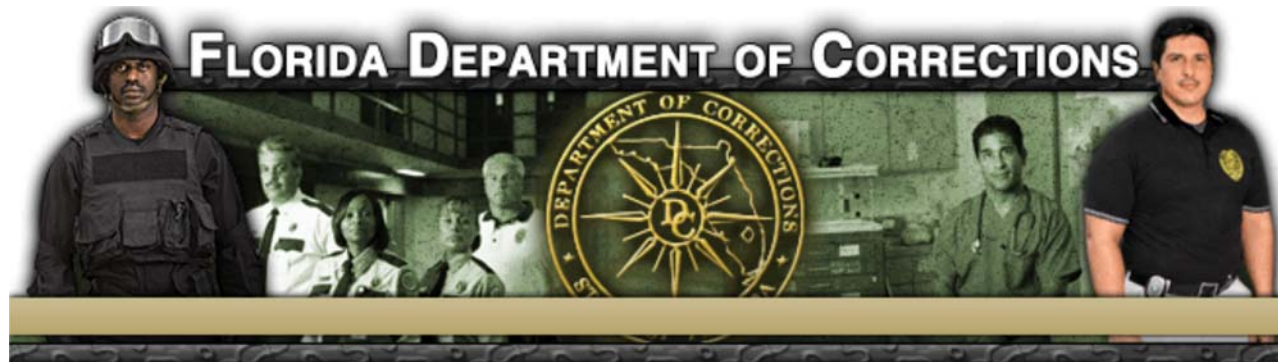
### Median Grade Level Achieved by Inmates Tested Was 7.0

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Periodically, inmates are tested to determine their educational grade level in the form of a school grade level. The table on the right shows the grade levels for the most recent TABE scores of the inmate prison population on June 30, 2011. Inmates with unavailable data were not included in the analysis.

- Of all scores analyzed, the median test score (half the scores were above and half were below this score) was 7.0, compared with 6.3 for inmates who were admitted to prison in FY 2010-11.
- The bottom table groups the grade levels of the June 30, 2011 prison population into three different categories: basic literacy, functional literacy, or GED Prep. Again, inmates with unavailable data were not included in the analysis.
- Six of every ten inmates who were tested on June 30, 2011 (64.0%) had not achieved GED Prep literacy skills (scored less than the ninth grade level).
- Only 36.0% had GED Prep Literacy skills (ninth-grade literacy skills or better).





## Re-Entry

### *GED/Vocational Certificates*

#### **Number of State Inmates Earning GED's and Vocational Certificates Rises**

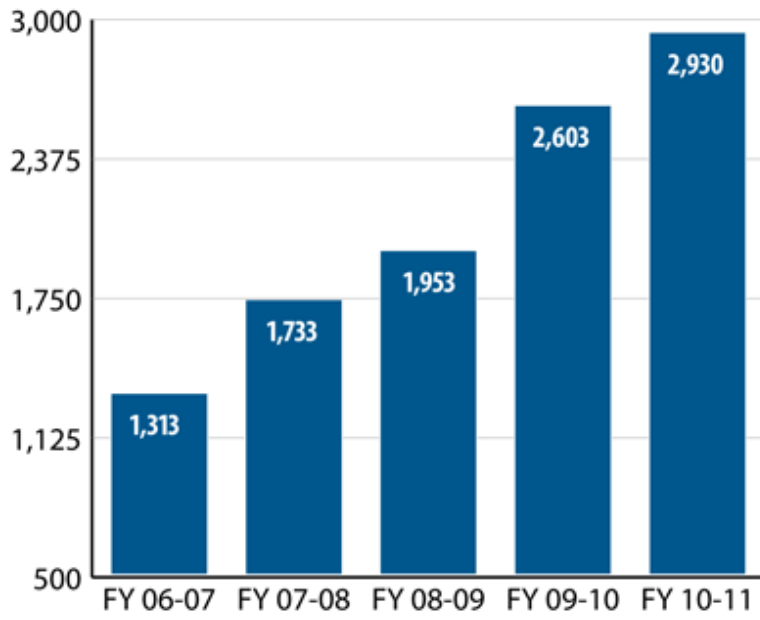


The number of Florida state inmates earning General Educational Development (GED) certificates has risen for the fifth year in a row, increasing from 1,313 in FY0607 to 2,930 GED certificates earned in FY1011, a 123% increase over five years. That increase only reflects the number of inmates who passed all five parts of the test: reading, language and writing (including an essay), math, social studies and science. Many more inmates passed sections of it and will be retaking those sections to complete their GEDs in the coming year.

There has also been a 20% increase in the number of vocational certificates earned by inmates in the last fiscal year, from 1,850 in FY0910 to 2,217 certificates earned in FY1011.

Studies have shown that inmates who have a GED when released from prison recidivate at a rate 7.9% less than inmates overall. Studies also show that those with vocational certificates are 17% less likely to return to prison than those without certificates. Inmates participating in vocational programs are also more likely to stay out of trouble while in prison. Of the inmates in prison on June 30, 2011, those with a vocational certificate were 35% less likely to have received a disciplinary report in FY1011 than inmates without a vocational certificate.

**FIGURE 1.16** *GED certificates by inmates*



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## Re-Entry

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### *TABE, GED and Education Results*

#### ***Results of Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) For Correctional Education (CE) Students, FY1011***

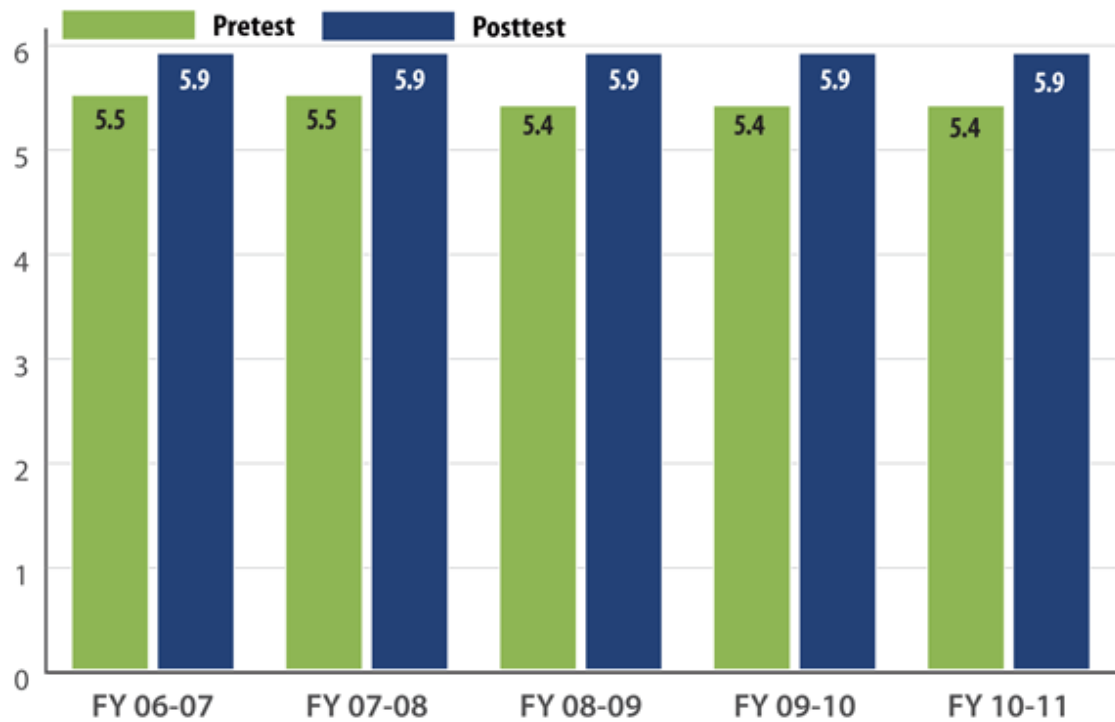
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**Purpose:** As per Section 944.801, (3), (f), F.S., this sheet summarizes the average change in literacy levels of CE Students during FY 2010-2011 (July 2010 – June 2011).

**Methodology:** TABE tests administered to students during FY 2010-2011 were scored using TestMate and the Advanced Module of the TestMate System (test scoring and reporting system). Inmate names and DC numbers were used to track those who had both pretest and posttest scores during this period. This summary includes all inmate students who during this period had at least one matched set of scores (pretest and posttest scores) in at least one subject area. A total of 5,005 students had matched scores for all three of the subject areas (Total Battery) of Reading, Language, and Total Mathematics. The total sets of matched scores for each subject area were: (a) 5,750 for Reading, (b) 5,859 for Language, and (c) 6,383 for Total Mathematics.

**Results:** Average gains were made in each subject in terms of normal curve equivalents (NCE), scale scores, and grade equivalents (GE), respectively. To be included, students had to have both a pretest and posttest. Gain was made in all three subject areas and for the total battery. For an average of three months of instruction, the overall (total battery) gain was four points for the NCE scores and on the average there was a 13-point increase in scale scores. This translates into five months gain (.5) in GE scores.

**FIGURE 1.17 TABE Results Pre-test and Post-test**



**Correctional Education Participation and Certificates Awarded in FY 2010-11**

**FY 2010-11 GED and Vocational Certificates Awarded**

Types of Award Locations	Diplomas and Certificates Awarded			
	GED	Vocational	Specter	Total
Department of Corrections-Operated Programs / All Facilities	2,727	2,217	0	4,944
Local Education Agencies (LEA) and Contract Providers	203	0	543	746
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>5,690</b>

LEA-Operated are federally funded programs operated by local education agencies such as universities, state/community colleges, vocational-technical centers and county school districts. Note that students must have been enrolled in applicable course(s) and/or earned certificates between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Also note that the above counts do not include diplomas and certificates awarded to inmates housed at private correctional institutions.

**Inmate Participation in Vocational Education Programs in FY 2010-11**

Courses and Course Providers	Number of Inmates	Number of Courses
Vocational Education Courses / Department of Corrections	5,034	5,431
Specter Grant-Funded Courses / Post-secondary educational institutions	721	802

Specter grant programs are federally funded and conducted by accredited post-secondary educational institutions such as vocational-technical centers state/community colleges and universities. To participate, inmates must be 35 years of age or younger and must have a high school diploma or GED. Note: the above counts do not include program participation at private correctional institutions.

**Inmate Participation in Adult Basic Education and GED Programs in FY 2010-11**

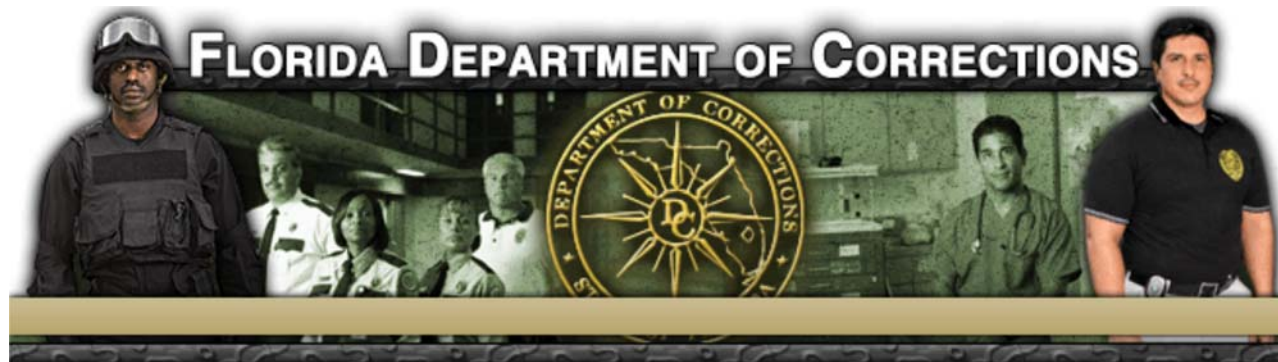
Program Provider	Total Students Enrolled	Students Administered Pre- and Post-Tests			
		Total	Completed Functional Level	Remained Within Functional Level	Separated Before Completing Functional Level

Adult Basic Education and GED Programs / Department of Corrections	13,000	7,738	7,127	197	414
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Students are divided into 6 educational functional levels according to their performance on the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) that is administered on admission to the program. The 6 levels: beginning literacy (grades 1-1.9), beginning basic education (gr 2-3.9), intermediate basic education low (gr 4-5.9), intermediate basic education high (gr 6-8.9), adult secondary education low (gr 9-10.9) and adult secondary education high (gr 11-12.9). Students are then retested at regular intervals, usually quarterly. If a student's skills have improved sufficiently to advance 1 or more educational functional levels, it constitutes an "advance." Note: the above counts do not include program participation at private correctional institutions.

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## Re-Entry

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### *Substance Abuse Treatment in the Community*

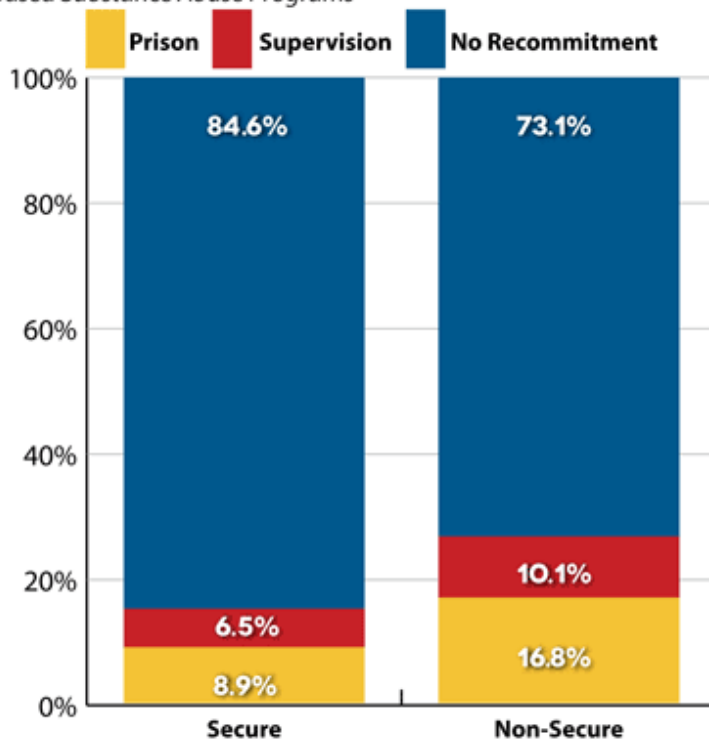
Offenders on supervision often participate in substance abuse treatment programs in one of the following forms.

**Outpatient** - Provides substance abuse treatment for offenders who maintain residence and employment in the community. Services are provided on a variety of intensity levels including individual, group or family sessions along with drug education classes.

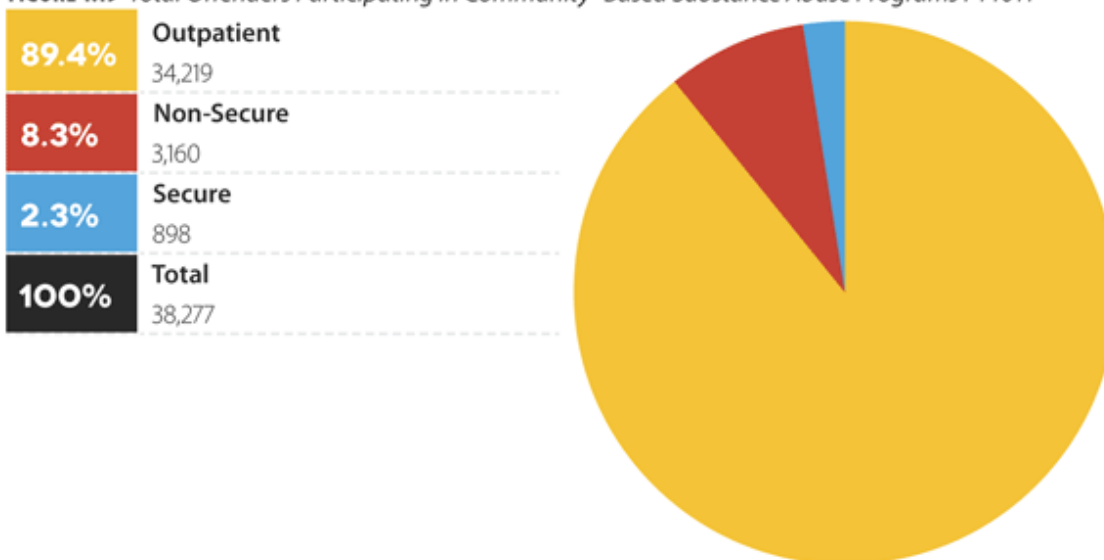
**Non-Secure** - Non-secure substance abuse treatment is a six-month program consisting of a two-month intensive treatment component followed by a four-month employment/re-entry component.

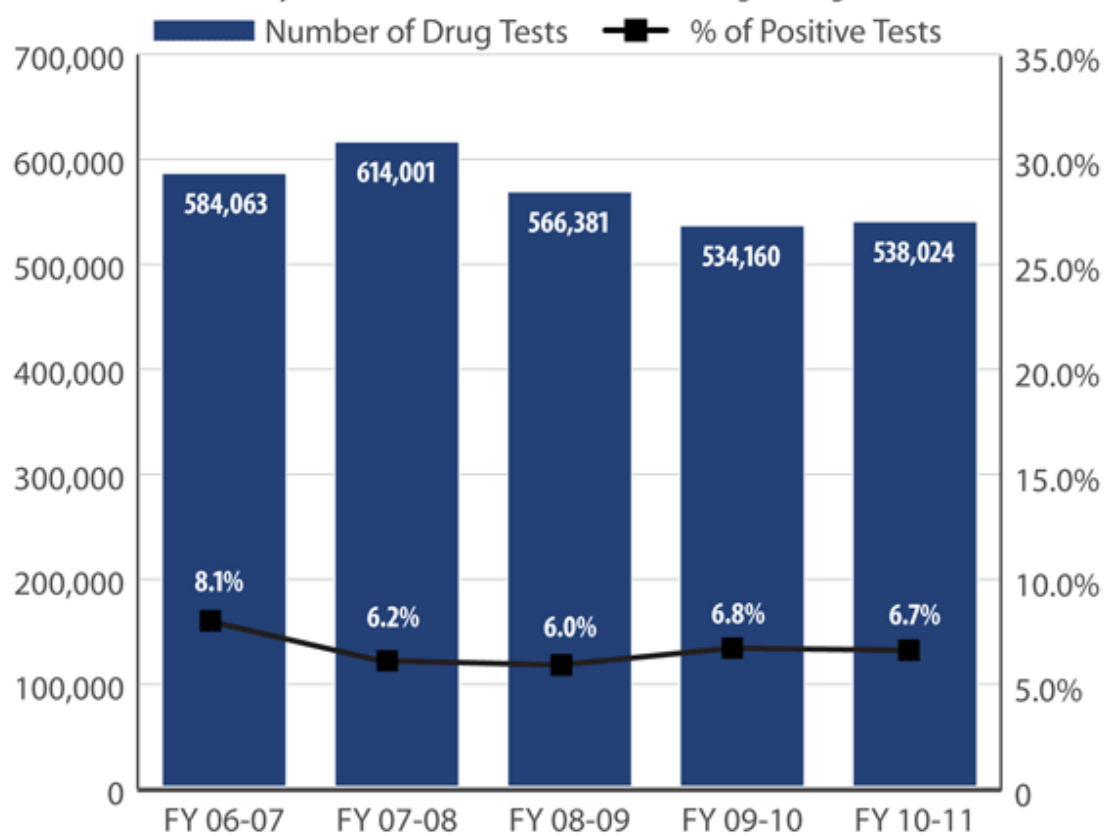
**Secure** - This long-term treatment program involves a structured, live-in, non-hospital environment focusing upon all aspects of substance abuse rehabilitation including vocational and educational programs. This therapeutic community consists of up to twelve months of intensive treatment and up to six months of an employment and re-entry component.

**FIGURE 1.18** *Recommitment Rates Two Years After Program Entrance (in FY0809) for Successful Completions for Residential Community-Based Substance Abuse Programs*



**FIGURE 1.19** *Total Offenders Participating in Community-Based Substance Abuse Programs FY1011*

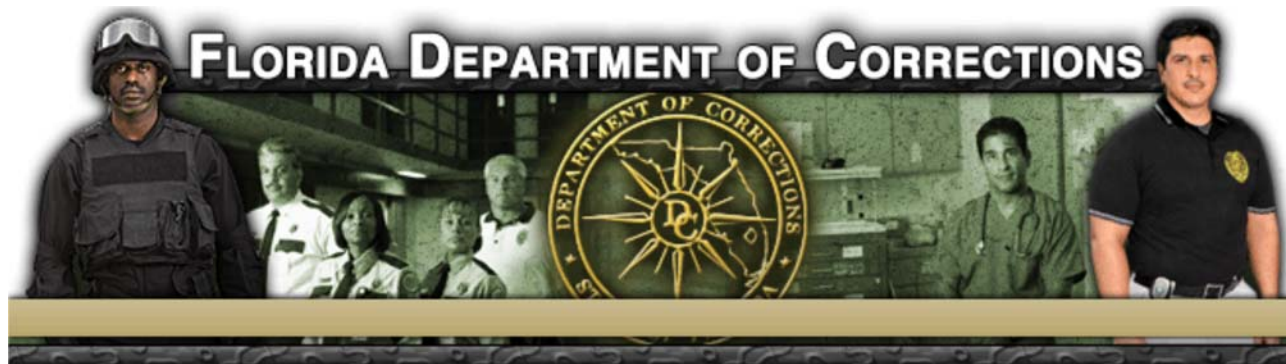


**FIGURE 1.20** Community Corrections Statewide Offender Drug Testing Over Five Years

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## Drug-Testing Inmates in Prison

**FIGURE 1.21** Total Inmates Participating in Institutional- Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs FY1011

<b>24.4%</b>	<b>Programming Center</b> 1,492
<b>54.9%</b>	<b>Modality 1</b> 3,363
<b>20.7%</b>	<b>Modality 2</b> 1,265
<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b> 6,120



**Modality 1** - A four (4) to six (6) month substance abuse intensive outpatient (within the prison setting) program provided to inmates at designated institutions throughout the state. Treatment occurs for half a day, at least four days per week and inmates participate in a minimum of twelve (12) hours of counselor supervised activities. These activities include group and individual counseling. The inmates spend the remainder of their days performing institutional work assignments.

**Modality 2** - A nine (9) to twelve (12) month residential Therapeutic Community (TC) program housed within the institution or at a designated community based facility. The program is divided into four phases. Inmates are housed together in the same dormitory, apart from non-program inmates. Services are provided in a positive, supportive environment wherein participants share similar problems of chemical abuse and patterns of criminal thinking. They live and work together to change their lives while residing in the therapeutic community. The TC model emphasizes structure, responsibility, credibility, accountability, discipline, consistency and limit setting with consequences.

**Program Centers** - The Department of Corrections Substance Abuse Transitional/Re-Entry Program is a 16-24 month program model designed to assist inmates nearing release in making a successful transition from the correctional institution to the community. Inmates who successfully complete the initial intensive programming component (9-12 months) are eligible to participate in the work release component.

### Drug-Testing

Probation Officers routinely conduct urinalysis drug testing on offenders under their supervision.

Inmates in prison are also tested for drugs on a random basis and "for cause."

## ***How the Department combats the introduction of drugs (and cell phones) into prisons***

Inmates can be tested for drugs on a random or "for cause" basis. To help combat the introduction of drugs / cell phones into our prisons, the Inspector General's Contraband Interdiction Unit conducts unannounced sweeps of prisons and parking lots with their canines. In FY1011, this Unit conducted operations at state prisons which resulted in 2,781 individuals (staff, inmates & visitors) being scanned with the ION Mobility Spectrometry instrument that detects traces of illegal drugs. During Contraband Interdiction operations and associated investigations conducted by the Contraband Interdiction Unit, 95 individuals were arrested or criminally charged (three employees, 59 visitors and 33 inmates) for contraband. The operations yielded 5,138.2 grams of cannabis, 302.9 grams of cocaine, 283.1 grams of synthetic THC, 273 cell phones, 31 firearms (in vehicles), 205 homemade knives and 200 gallons of alcoholic beverages.

<b>Random Drug Tests in Accordance with (F.S. 944.473(1))for FY0910</b>						
<b>Type of Test*</b>	<b>Valid Tests</b>	<b>Negative Tests</b>	<b>Positive Tests</b>	<b>Positive Rates</b>		
Random	72,554	71,225	1,329	1.8%		
For Cause	4,860	3,918	942	19.4%		
<b>Drug Test Positive</b>						
<b>Type of Test*</b>	<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>Cannabis</b>	<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>Opiates</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total*</b>
Random	3	1,228	32	33	69	1,365
For Cause	38	868	30	8	34	978

\*Inmates can test positive for more than one drug on a test.



*Pictured from left to right  
K-9 Corky checks out an inmate's personal belongings for contraband  
Razor, one of our cell-phone sniffing dogs, practices with his handler, Correctional Officer Inspector Mike Roberts.  
Award winner IG Inspector Cora Romer and her dog Annie placed first an international competition  
Award winner IG Inspector Chris Mears and his dog Harley placed second among 120 competitors.*





## Community Corrections

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### Overview

The primary mission of Community Corrections staff is to protect the public by monitoring whether offenders on probation or community supervision are complying with their court-ordered conditions of supervision, and reporting non-compliance to the court or releasing authority when it occurs.

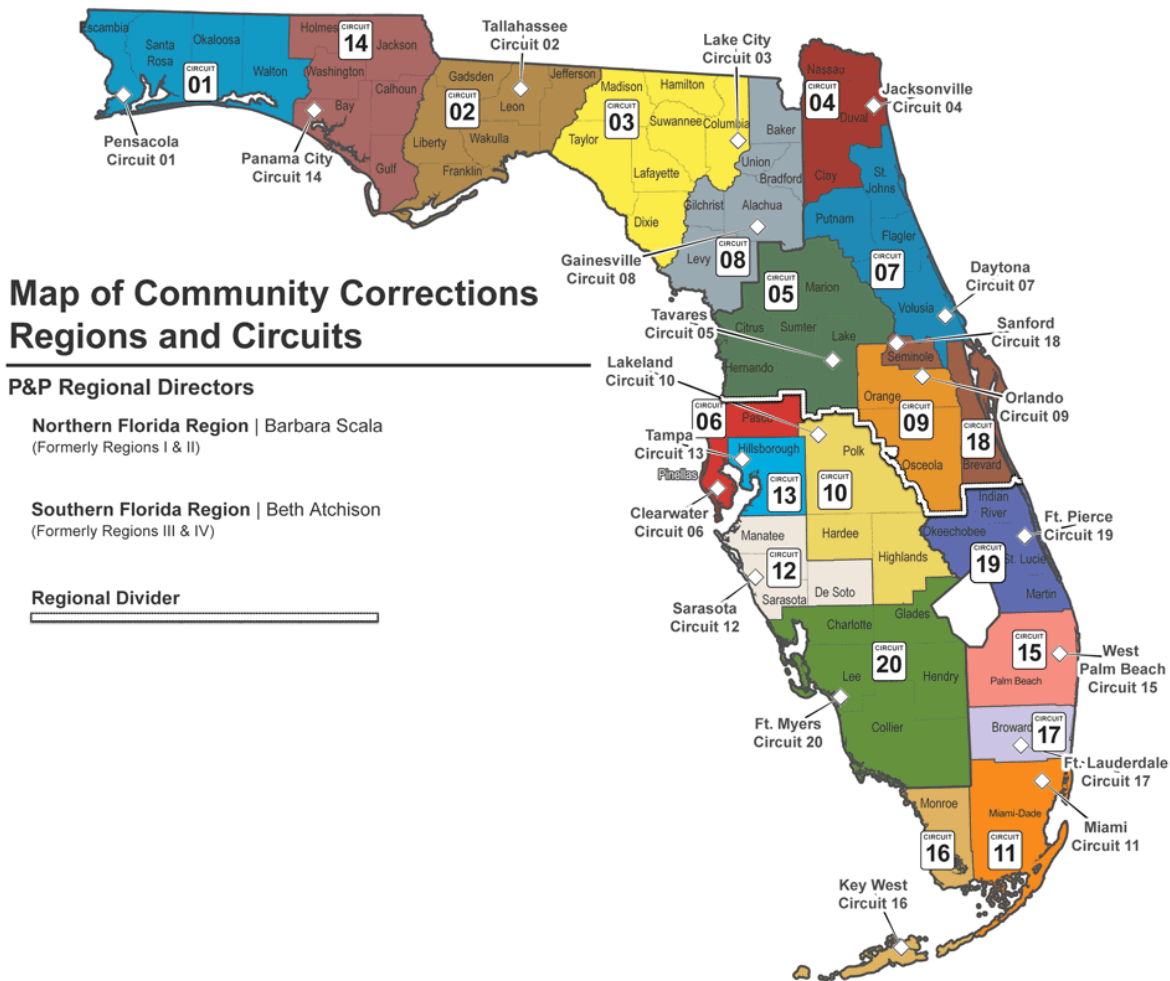
Probation officers do this by making contact with offenders and their significant others and family. Probation officers meet with offenders at the office, at their place of employment and in the community through routine field visits, searches and unannounced visits to their homes. Probation officers make referrals to services and resources available in the community to assist the offender in becoming a law abiding, tax paying citizen which ultimately reduces further victimization and recidivism.

### Community Corrections Facts & Figures for FY1011

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- There were 150,178 offenders being supervised by probation officers on June 30, 2011.
- \$47,993,169 was collected from offenders on supervision for victim restitution, court costs, and fines in FY1011.
- Offenders on supervision completed 1,607,974 hours of community service in FY1011.
- 92,258 offenders were admitted to supervision
- 94,171 offenders were released from supervision
- 40,316 successfully completed supervision
- 14,278 were revoked due to a new arrest
- 22,874 were revoked due to a technical violation
- 13,638 were terminated due to court/commission action
- The current successful completion rate as of July 2011 is 53.3%
- Average cost per day to supervise an offender on community supervision (without electronic monitoring): \$5.15 or \$1,879.75 per year.

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### *Did You Know?*

It costs an average of \$5.15 to supervise an offender who is not on electronic monitoring.

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## Community Corrections

### Offender Admissions

2,119 probation officers across Florida supervise more than 150,000 active and active-suspense offenders placed on supervision by the court or Florida Parole Commission. Community supervision includes monitoring and enforcing the conditions imposed by the court or Florida Parole Commission. Conditions can include treatment, curfews, drug testing and/or restitution. Probation officers evaluate offender progress, refer offenders to treatment, and refer offenders to community resources for assistance with job placement, education, or other needs.

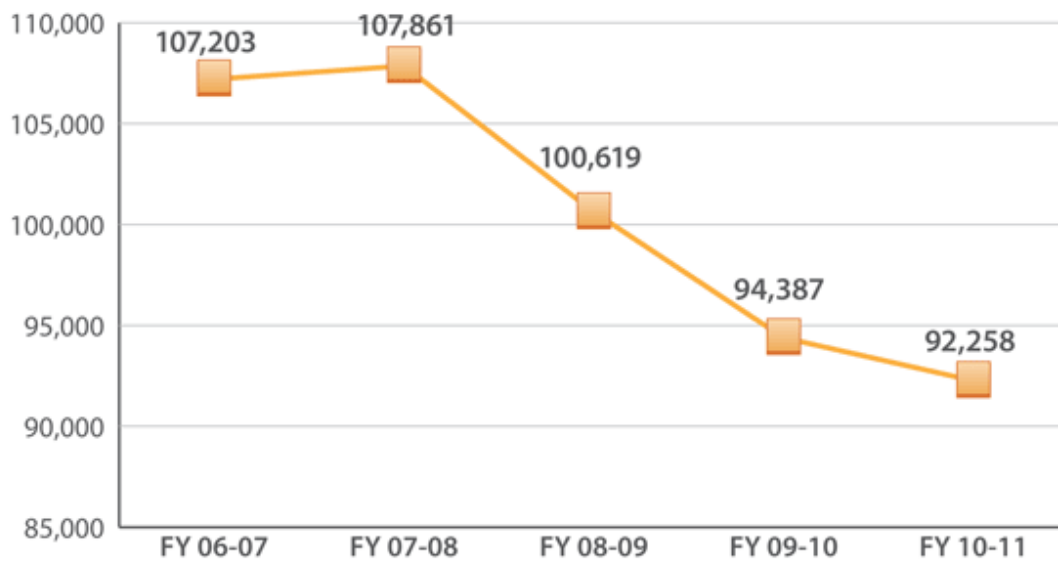
<b>General Characteristics of Admissions to Community Supervision</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>	
Total Admissions	92,258	100.00%
<b>Gender</b>		
Males	68,260	74.00%
Females	23,998	26.00%
<b>Race</b>		
White	58,927	63.90%
Black	29,209	31.70%
Other	4,111	4.40%
Data Unavailable	11	0.00%
<b>Age At Admission</b>		
17 & Under	554	0.60%
18-24	28,746	31.10%
25-34	28,989	31.40%
35-49	24,507	26.60%
50-59	7,447	8.10%
60+	2,013	2.20%
Data Unavailable	2	0.00%
<b>Prior DC Supervision Commitments</b>		
0	52,456	56.90%
1	19,932	21.60%
2	9,069	9.80%

3	4,778	5.20%
4+	6,023	6.50%

**Top 10 Counties with the highest percentage of offender admissions in FY1011**

County	Total	Percent
Broward	8,120	8.80%
Miami-Dade	7,609	8.20%
Hillsborough	7,147	7.70%
Pinellas	5,387	5.80%
Orange	4,685	5.10%
Polk	3,980	4.30%
Volusia	3,236	3.50%
Brevard	3,236	3.50%
Transfer from Other State	3,181	3.40%
Palm Beach	2,785	3.00%

**FIGURE 1.22** Admissions Compared Over Five Years



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## Community Corrections

### *Offender Population*

More than 24% of offenders are on supervision for the commission of a violent offense.

An offender is placed under supervision by a sentencing authority (a court or Florida Parole Commission) and must abide by conditions of supervision. Violation of these conditions may result in revocation and imposition of any sentence which may have been imposed before placing the offender on supervision (including prison) or a return to prison in the case of prison release.

<b>General Characteristics of Offenders on Community Supervision on June 30, 2011</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Population on June 30, 2011</b>	
<b>Total Community Supervision Population</b>	<b>150,178</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	113,530	75.60%
Female	36,648	24.40%
<b>Race</b>		
White	95,784	63.80%
Black	46,575	31.00%
Other	7,799	5.20%
Data Unavailable	20	
<b>Age on June 30, 2011</b>		
17 & Under	308	0.20%
18-24	33,709	22.40%
25-34	44,707	29.80%
35-49	47,098	31.40%
50-59	17,717	11.80%
60+	6,637	4.40%
Data Unavailable	2	
<b>Prior Supervision Commitments</b>		
0	92,665	61.70%
1	31,339	20.90%

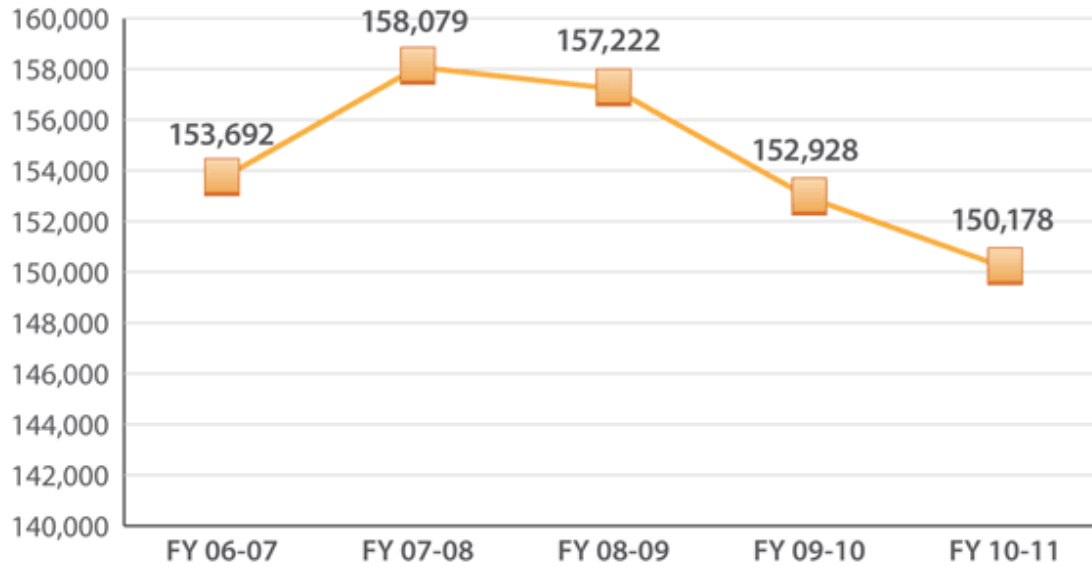


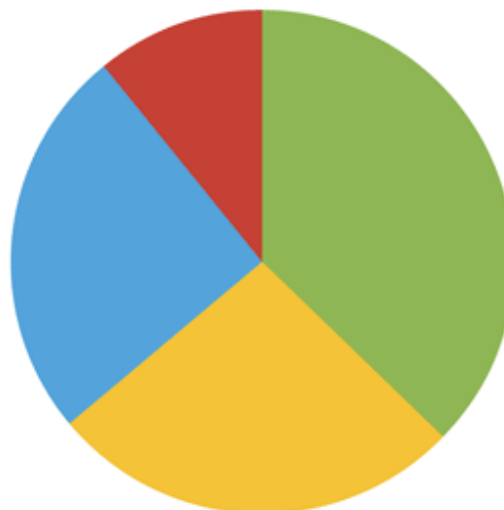
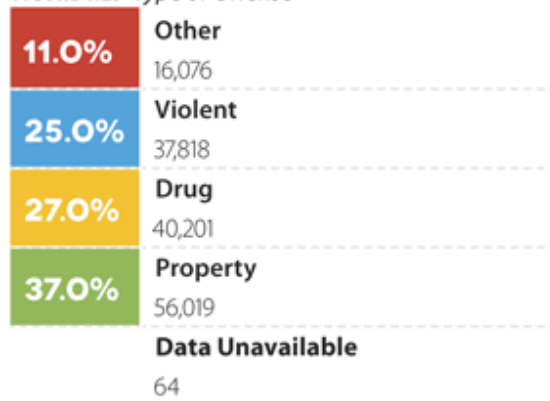
2	12,920	8.60%
3	6,330	4.20%
4+	6,861	4.60%
Data Unavailable	63	

Type of Offense Chart				
Type of Offense	Number	Percent	Average Sentence Length in Years*	Average Age at Offense
Murder, Manslaughter	2,266	1.50%	14.8	28.8
Sexual offenses	6,309	4.20%	10.1	34.4
Robbery	5,261	3.50%	6.3	23.9
Violent Personal offenses	23,032	15.40%	3.8	31.7
Burglary	16,422	10.90%	3.8	25.7
Theft/Forgery/Fraud	40,354	26.90%	3.9	32
Drug offenses	40,201	26.80%	3	31.5
Weapons	3,484	2.30%	3.2	29.9
Other	12,785	8.50%	2.9	35.1
Data Unavailable	64			

\*Sentence lengths of 50 years or longer are coded as 50 years for calculations of averages.

FIGURE 1.24 Community Corrections Population of June 30 Compared Over Five Years



**FIGURE 1.25** *Type of Offense*

## More Facts and Figures

### Types of Supervision/Offense/Length/Average Age (As of 6-30-2011)

- Offenders on active supervision are currently serving
  - Regular Probation 74,640
  - Drug Offender Probation 13,266
  - Community Control 7,412
  - Sex Offender/Post Release 9,131
  - Pretrial Intervention 9,173.
- The largest category of offenders on community supervision was for property offenses (37%). The percentage of those on supervision for drug crimes was 27% and 25% on supervision for violent crimes.
- The average sentence length for those on community supervision was 4.0 years.
- The overall average age of community supervision offenders was 35.9 years.
- Collections and Community Service (FY1011 Data).
- \$30,097,365 collected for victim restitution and \$48,294,402 in court costs, fines and other monetary obligations.
- Offenders completed 1,607,974 hours of community service.



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### Offender Releases

<b>General Characteristics of Community Supervision Releases from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2010-11</b>	
<b>Total Releases</b>	<b>94,171</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Males	69,969	74.30%
Females	24,202	25.70%
<b>Race</b>		
White	58,812	62.50%
Black	30,611	32.50%
Other	4,744	5.00%
Data Unavailable	4	0.00%
<b>Age At Release</b>		
17 & Under	147	0.20%
18-24	24,396	25.90%
25-34	30,708	32.60%
35-49	27,391	29.10%
50-59	8,863	9.40%
60+	2,666	2.80%
<b>Prior DC Supervision Commitments</b>		
0	50,793	53.90%
1	22,075	23.50%
2	9,829	10.40%
3	5,246	5.60%
4+	6,228	6.60%

<b>Offense Type</b>				
<b>Type of Offense</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Average Sentence Length in Years*</b>	<b>Average Age at Offense</b>

Murder, Manslaughter	512	0.50%	10.8	27.9
Sexual offenses	1,640	1.70%	7.2	33.1
Robbery	2,501	2.70%	4.4	24.9
Violent Personal offenses	13,371	14.20%	2.8	32.3
Burglary	9,133	9.70%	3	26.2
Theft/Forgery/Fraud	23,936	25.40%	2.5	30.8
Drug offenses	30,143	32.00%	2.3	31.1
Weapons	2,288	2.50%	2.4	29.1
Other	10,643	11.30%	2.3	34.1
Unknown	4			

### ***Did You Know?***

That offenders on probation completed more than 1.5 million hours of community service in FY1011.

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## Community Corrections

### *Initiatives and Accomplishments in FY10-11: Circuits 1 – 5*

#### ***Circuit 1***

##### **Circuit 1 "Operation Clean Sweep" in Escambia County Strengthens Community Partnerships, Removes Debris, Nets Drug-Related and other Arrests**

Circuit 1 in Pensacola has been involved in a partnership with the Escambia County Sheriff's Department called "Operation Clean Sweep," which focuses on working with Neighborhood Watch groups, residents, churches and business owners to control and prevent the damaging effects of criminal activity. Our five-part goal, signified by the word PRIDE, is to Prevent crime, Remove debris, Involve other agencies and citizens, Dedicate ourselves to the betterment of the community and Educate young adults about what happens when they get involved in activities that destroy property within our community.



Circuit 1 participated in sweeps throughout the year, with probation officers assigned to sheriff's deputies to assist with serving outstanding warrants and making personal contacts with offenders. The following list showcases the statistics from the nine sweeps that were completed from September 7, 2010 through June 14, 2011:

Total Arrests:	57
Total Traffic Citations:	328
Total Code Violations:	298

Fines for Violations:	1,600
Collected Debris:	360 Tons
Vehicles Seized:	1 Kymo Scooter—1 Vehicle
Drug Money Seized:	340

Officers intercepted a mail delivery of three pounds of marijuana valued at \$10,500 and a search warrant was conducted at Budget Grocery Store in the Montclair Community;

- Sex Crimes Division completed over 20 address verifications;
- Seven abandoned boats were disposed of, and;
- Three abandoned townhouse units were demolished in the Montclair Community.

Circuit 1 is proud to participate in such a worthwhile project to assist with the cleanup of the community in which we live and work. The collaborative effort on the part of the participating agencies has also aided in creating a working bond and establishing partnerships. Circuit 1 was recognized and presented a plaque by Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan for their participation in this project.

We were recently provided a list of sweeps for next fiscal year and our plans are to continue serving the citizens of Escambia County while assisting with the cleanup of the same.



## ***Circuit 2***

### **Using E-Therapy to help offenders complete required substance abuse evaluations**

About two years ago, Circuit 2 started a pilot program to determine if offenders could benefit by having access to an online substance abuse evaluation. With assistance from Assistant Secretary of Community Corrections Jenny Nimer, we received a computer along with a webcam. It was placed in our Jefferson County Probation Office located in Monticello, Florida. Jefferson County is a rural county and many of the offenders there lack resources and are unable to travel to Leon County for their substance abuse evaluations. This was causing many of them to miss their evaluations and resulted in violations being filed. Since the addition of the computer and webcam, offenders are now able to complete their substance abuse evaluation in the probation office at the same time they report. They are able to communicate directly with a counselor at DISC Village and get started on the road to recovery. In addition, DISC Village has agreed to hold treatment sessions in our probation office to further accommodate offenders. This program has been an ongoing success and is helping further our goals of getting offenders the treatment they need to be successful and to lower our recidivism rate.

## Circuit 3

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### **Circuit 3 (Lake City) Produces "Life Skills to Re-Entry" Video**

Circuit 3, Community Corrections, borrowed Hamilton Correctional Institution's Training Building to film their "Life Skills to Re-Entry" video in 2010.

Charles Davidson, Circuit Administrator and Susan Johnson, Correctional Probation Supervisor, accompanied their team of P & P Officers (and actors) in putting together a video that will be very beneficial for offenders being released on probation and/or conditional release. The video offers important instructional topics about offenders seeking employment and our probation officers played starring roles. They included Correctional Probation Senior Officer (CPSO) Tony Rountree of the 03-5 Jasper P & P Office and CPSO Vicki White of the 03-1 Live Oak P & P Office.

The video will be viewed by offenders during the orientation process. This video and other Re-Entry initiatives play important roles in helping offenders being released back into society to become productive citizens.



**Pictured:** Jimmy Brown, Correctional Probation Specialist; Tony Rountree, CPSO; Crystal Redic, Correctional Probation Officer (CPO); Rusty Dixon, CPSO; Charles Davidson, CA; Susan Johnson, Correctional Probation Supervisor; Robbi Snipes, Parole and Probation Specialist; Patricia Blair, CPSO; Jessie Bristol, CPSO and Vicki White, CPSO.

## Circuit 4

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### **Circuit 4 Partners for Offender Success and Public Safety**

The staff of the 4th Circuit prides themselves on their public safety partnerships and for fostering a positive atmosphere for offenders who want to turn their lives around. When an inmate is returning to the Jacksonville area or Circuit 4 from prison or county jail, he or she is assisted by Probation Officers in partnership with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at the Jacksonville Re-Entry Center (JREC). With funding from the Federal "Second Chance Act" and the City of Jacksonville's "Jacksonville Journey," offenders are case-managed and supervised by both Jacksonville Sheriff's Office staff, who can fingerprint them at JREC upon arrival, and state probation officers, who assist them with their re-entry. Assistance is given to provide for the basic needs of offenders: food, clothing, housing and medical needs such as mental health, substance abuse and psychosexual treatment.

## Circuit 5

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### **Circuit 5 Hosted NINE Re-Entry Resource/Job Fairs with almost 1,000 participants this year**

In 2011, Circuit 5 hosted nine Community Resource/Job Fairs with close to 1,000 individuals in attendance to assist offenders in succeeding while under supervision. Many of those who attended were offenders in need of community services to assist them with personal, professional and supervision issues while on probation.

Circuit 5 supports the "When They Succeed, We Succeed" concept and coordinated many initiatives to demonstrate their commitment throughout the year. In addition to the Re-Entry Fairs, programs such as Family Orientation Classes; How to Succeed on Community Control; Life Skills; Couponing; Money Management; and a Sex Offender Symposium were also provided throughout the circuit to benefit offenders.

Due to the startling increase in the number of domestic violence incidents around the state, Circuit 5 is in the process of implementing Domestic Violence Seminars for all female offenders to teach them how to protect themselves and where to seek assistance if they are victims or know someone who is a victim of domestic violence. Circuit 5 will be pressing forward with these types of events in 2012 to provide continued assistance to offenders in connecting with community resources such as education, health care, employment, counseling, etc.

These resources will assist them in succeeding not only while under supervision but in LIFE!

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## Community Corrections

### *Initiatives and Accomplishments in FY10-11: Circuits 6 – 10*

#### **Circuit 6**

##### **Workshops, Mentoring, Resources and Contacts made available to Offenders**

Circuit 6 continued its efforts this year toward helping offenders succeed. During the past year, Probation Officers and Supervisors have held regular workshops including "Making Supervision Work for You," "Building Healthy Relationships," "Establishing Goals," "Managing Stress and Emotions," "Dressing for Success from the Inside Out," and more. In conjunction with Fresh Start Mentoring, staff from our St. Pete office has established an offender mentoring program and is currently working to expand this program to all our offices.

Each of the Probation and Parole Offices circuit-wide has bulletin board displays of employment, housing, food, education, and transportation information, and provide clothing resource closets and other donated supplies to assist offenders. Circuit 6 often refers offenders to community resource services, such as Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition (PERC), Fresh Start, Probationers Educational Growth (PEG), Dream Center, AFDC, Work Net, Housing Scouting with Prospects, Urban League, Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA), Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Prep Program, DCF's Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-Sufficiency (ACCESS), Haven of Rest Missions, Windmoor Healthcare, Alpha Counseling, and many more.

The Probation Officers continue to play a key role in ensuring the re-entry effort is successful in Community Corrections.



Each year Circuit 6 participates in many re-entry initiatives, but perhaps none exemplifies our commitment to re-entry more than The Coming Home Showcase of Services for ex-offenders, an annual event where Probation and Parole Staff from around the circuit display various resources and services and provide information to offenders. A resume service is also offered to offenders. In another effort, the following vendors participated in a Community Resource/Job Fair for approximately 130 offenders: Career Central, United Way 2-1-1, Alpha Counseling, Pasco County Public Transportation Awareness Program, DCF Food Stamp Program, Marchman Technical Institute GED Program, Rasmussen College, and Pasco-Hernando Community College. Bay News 9 provided Hurricane Preparedness Guides for all attendees and more than 20 offenders were assisted with preparing resumes.



## ***Circuit 7***

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### **Operation "Fugitive Safe Surrender" Nets Big Numbers for 7th Circuit**

On January 12, 2011, the Daytona Beach Police Department, along with the State Attorney and Public Defender's Offices from the 7th Circuit, took part in an operation modeled after the U.S. Marshal's program called Fugitive Safe Surrender. The goal is to provide a non-threatening way for offenders, in the presence of their families, to turn themselves in on open warrants.

The idea is to have fugitives turn themselves in to police and have a chance to speak to a public defender, attend first appearance before a judge, and go home if they are a non-violent offender. Twenty cities across the U.S. have successfully carried out this program, resulting in 90,800 fugitive arrests being cleared. This operation was the second of its kind put on by the Daytona Beach Police Department.

The Department of Corrections has assisted in both operations by providing background information on offenders on felony probation and other information as needed.

There were a total of 38 fugitives from justice who turned themselves in. Thirty fugitive warrants were served, and seven of those offenders were on felony probation. Of the seven felony offenders who surrendered, two were unrelated to their current term of supervision, one went to jail due to an out-of-county warrant, one was reinstated and the other three were set for Violation of Probation (VOP) hearings.

## ***Circuit 8***

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### **Search Nets Drugs and Cash in Gainesville Circuit**

On 10/28/10 CPSO Jason Maxwell, CPSO Angela Hudson, CPO Allan Peeler, CPSO Sara Bowie, CPO Owen Guthrie and CPO Kwandra Zeigler participated in a Planned Compliance Initiative (coordinated effort between the Department and local law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with the law and conditions of supervision) with the Gainesville Police Department. While conducting a curfew check on an offender, due to the offender's erratic behavior and the smell of burnt cannabis, a search was conducted.

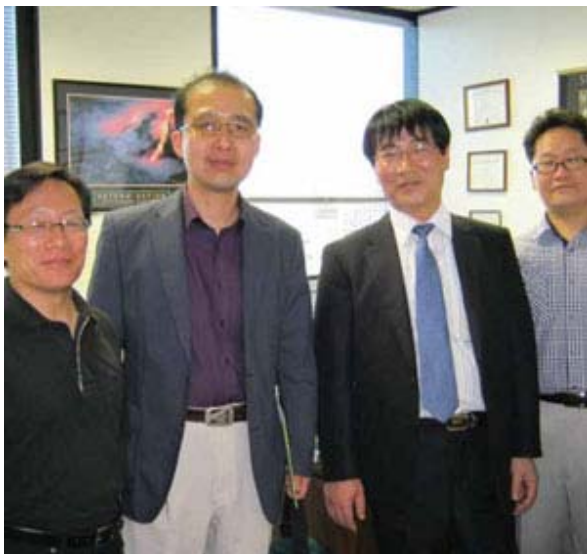
Upon search of the residence there was a considerable amount of cannabis located in various locations throughout

the residence in closets and the kitchen area. There was also cocaine located throughout the residence and detected on various household items including a scale, two-burner stove, and utensils. Along with the narcotics, drug paraphernalia and more than \$3,000 in cash were seized from this residence. The offender was arrested for violation of probation based on the illegal evidence that was located inside the residence. This is an example of how our probation officers keep our streets safe.

## Circuit 9

### Orlando P&P Hosts Visitors from the Ministry of Justice Republic of South Korea

On February 25, 2011, Circuit 9 hosted visitors from the Ministry of Justice, Republic of South Korea. 93 Orlando Midtown and 9B Orlando Metro had the unique opportunity to be Department of Corrections ambassadors to four visitors from South Korea, Probation and Parole Division. The visitors were in the United



**Pictured From left to right:** Lee Kim, Min Soo Lee, Administrator Lee, and Joo Kyong Il



**Pictured:** Officer Kevin Vanness answering questions from Korean Visitors

States attending the American Probation & Parole Association Winter Institute held in Orlando, Florida. Prior to their arrival the group had requested to tour an Intake Office and view the use of electronic monitoring equipment in the Department of Corrections.

CPSO Kevin Vanness and CPS Pamela Lingard served as guides to the four men from South Korea's Probation and Parole Division: Min Soo Lee, Korean Probation & Parole Office Junior Official Youth Counselor; Joo Kyong Il, Probation and Parole Officer; Lee Kim, a Korean guide and Counselor; and Mr. Lee, a high-ranking administrator within the Korean Ministry of Justice. The visit took place in the afternoon, allowing the visitors to view the intake process as Intake staff processed offenders directly from court to the satellite offices. The Korean visitors were shown the Rapid ID System along with how offenders are processed and assigned to a field office to be supervised.



As CPSO Kevin Vanness showed them various OBIS screens, the Korean visitors seemed extremely impressed with the ease at which he typed and moved from screen to screen. This resulted in a few ooh's and aahh's with the translator commenting "you are very fast." The visitors took particular interest in the Abused Pharmaceutical Chart, taking photos and asking which drugs were abused most. Officer Vanness's response, "All of them," resulted in even more ooh's and aahh's.

The group inquired about electronic monitoring, which led to them visiting 9B Orlando Metro, which handles electronic monitoring and sex offender case management for Orange County. Their timely arrival netted them the opportunity to observe as an ankle bracelet was being inspected/replaced by HRS Officer Colin Galloway. CPS Sergi Franks stepped in as resident expert for electronic monitoring use as a public safety tool.

The visit by the Korean officials was an unusual cultural experience the staff won't soon forget. Before departing they were each presented a thermal lunch bag, with DC logo, loaded with information such as VINE, the Corrections Foundation, Cold Case Cards and pens. The 93 staff noticed that as much as we were different, we all seemed to share the same public safety priority. Public safety is number one, both here in Orlando, Florida and South Korea.

## ***Circuit 10***

### **Polk County Sheriff's Office Recognizes Circuit for their Vital Assistance in Collecting Offender DNA Samples**

On December 15, 2010, Circuit 10 Circuit Administrator Brian Wynns and Lake Wales Supervisor Mark Bevilacqua were presented a "Sheriff's Commendation" for their involvement and assistance in the collection of offender DNA samples. During the first quarter of 2010, the Polk County Sheriff's office received their first 100% compliance data report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), who oversees and monitors the collection of DNA specimens from offenders required to submit by statute. A DNA sample was successfully collected from every qualified offender sentenced in Polk County during the first quarter of 2010. Polk County is one of a few counties that have accomplished the 100% collection rate.

When the collection of DNA became statutorily the responsibility of every Sheriff's office in each county in Florida, Lt. Phil Petote of the Polk County Sheriff's Office made contact with the Circuit 10 office for assistance. If qualifying offenders fail to have their samples taken at sentencing, Lt. Petote sends a list of offenders who qualify for DNA submission to the Circuit office. The Circuit office identifies those offenders under current supervision and sends a request to the supervising officer to instruct the offender to report to the Probation office or to the Courthouse for DNA submission.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd presented this award to all of the Polk County Deputies assigned to duty at the Polk County Courthouse who are responsible for the collection of the DNA samples. During the presentation, Sheriff Judd spoke of the importance something as simple as DNA has in solving a crime when no other leads are available and what an important role the collection of DNA has become in the world of criminal forensics.

Sheriff Judd added that the perfect compliance report received could not have been attained without the assistance of the Probation and Parole office in Polk County and that the partnership established between the two agencies is what has made the difference between a satisfactory compliance report and a perfect compliance report. Sheriff Judd's commendation states "Because of your commitment to service, team spirit, and high level of cooperation, Polk County is a safer place in which to live, work, and play. On behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's office, I thank you and commend you for a job well done. Your actions are proof that together we can make a positive difference."

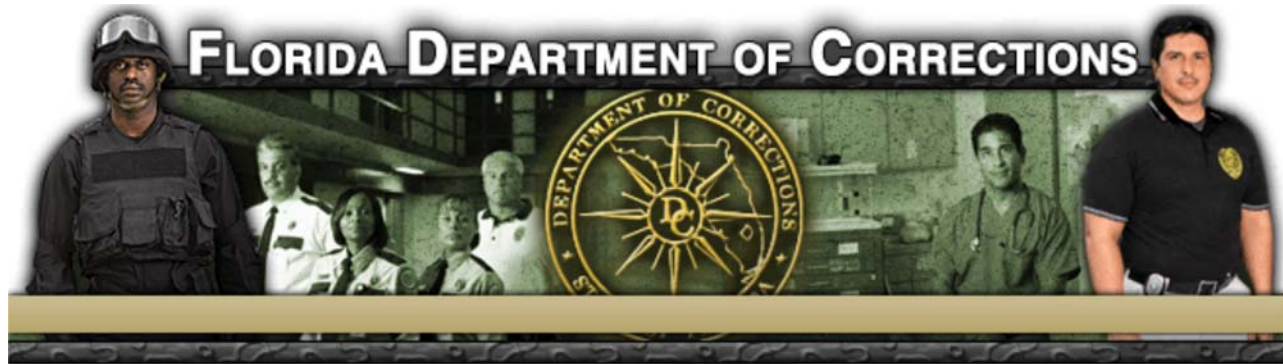


**Pictured Left to Right:** Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, Circuit Administrator Brian Wynns, Supervisor Mark Bevilacqua and Lt. Phil Petote, Polk County Sheriff's Office.

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## Community Corrections

### *Initiatives and Accomplishments in FY10-11: Circuits 11 – 15*

#### ***Circuit 11***

##### **CHOICES Program Involves Inmates Warning Probationers About Where Their Choices Can Lead**

The CHOICES Program, a partnership between Community Corrections in Circuit 11 and Everglades Correctional Institution has continued to be a successful re-entry initiative. What began as an idea has continued monthly and benefited the inmates, probationers and staff who participate.

Senior Supervisors Nelson and Gonzalez developed this program after being guest speakers at a re-entry program at the institution for lifers. They were impressed with the impact the inmates might have, if given the opportunity to talk with young offenders under community supervision. They believe that the young offenders needed more mentoring, guidance and positive attention.

A total of 76 young offenders have participated in the program and after reading some of their letters, you know that the whole experience has helped them see that their negative choices have taken them on the wrong path and that they can turn their lives around with the support of their families and their probation officers.

One young man stated, "Now every time I am tempted to go back to that lifestyle, I think of everything I have to lose. One choice can affect you and others forever."

Another stated, "The prisoners made me realize how one mistake can ruin your whole life and I thank them all for sharing their stories and opening my eyes more."

And another commented, "It made me think about my life and the people that love me and I didn't want to hurt them by my choice."



CPSS Carmen Gonzalez and CPSS Patricia Nelson, along with two young men who voluntarily participated in the CHOICES program, sit with the caring circle of inmates.

Circuit 11 is proud of the CHOICES re-entry program; it is focused on our mission and is making a positive difference in these young men's lives.

"Now every time I am tempted to go back to that lifestyle, I think of everything I have to lose. One choice can affect you and others forever."

## ***Circuit 12***

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### **Sarasota Probation Teams with Local Law Enforcement**

The Sarasota County Fair is held annually during the month of March. Circuit 12 has worked the Fair since 2000 alongside the local police and sheriff's departments, looking for offenders and assisting with lost children. This year the Regional Multi-Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTF) participated as well. Throughout the years Probation Officers have found numerous sex offender probationers and community controlees at the fair. All are either removed from the property or arrested on violations.

This year Officers R. Broecker, D. Cell, D. Dear, K. Duff, D. Dunlop, S. Groeteke, M. Hall, P. Howard, M. Monetti, M. Olivari, and E. Peterson worked the fair by patrolling the fair grounds. Working in shifts over the two weekends of the fair, Probation Officers helped Law Enforcement maintain order during the nighttime hours. Numerous current and past offender contacts were made. One offender was arrested on new charges.

There were also several gang contacts and thanks to the coverage and teamwork the hierarchy of a local gang was discovered. This information is invaluable to law enforcement. Members of MAGTF are from every county in the region, and they stated on several occasions how valuable probation officers were during this event, noting that without the probation officers, they would not have been able to identify the offenders who should not have been on the grounds. The sex offenders especially would not have been identified and therefore posed a threat to the community. Their removal made the fair a safer place for everyone. This has been a great event throughout the years and Sarasota County Fair Board is very grateful the Probation Officers of Circuit 12 help make the event a safer place for the community every year.



## ***Circuit 13***

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### **Riverview Probation Office Hosts Second Annual Resource Fair**

On March 29, 2011, Probation Officers with the Riverview Probation Office partnered with local businesses, health care providers, educational institutions and community resource organizations to host a resource fair in an effort to assist Hillsborough County offenders on felony supervision. The event was held outside at the Twin Oaks Plaza parking lot of the 13-2 Riverview Probation Office. The event was also open to the public to showcase the efforts and duties of Community Corrections as well as to gain more partnerships for the Department of Corrections' Re-Entry

effort. Music and entertainment was provided by a local band that donated their time for the event. The following agencies partnered with the Department of Corrections to make the 13-2 Riverview Probation Resource Fair a success:

- Planned Parenthood
- The Spring – Domestic Violence
- Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office
- Healthy Start – Children resources
- FRANCO – Father's Resource Area Networking
- Dress for Success
- Keystone – Outpatient counseling & therapy
- Family Support & Resource Centers – education (GED), infant & child care classes, health
- DACCO – Substance abuse counseling/outpatient & inpatient
- Family Justice Center – Domestic Violence
- Derrick Brooks Youth Program – youth crime prevention & intervention
- Success 4 Kids – resources for children & family counseling
- Crisis Center – rape crisis (211), rent assistance, financial assistance
- Florida Blood Services - (blood mobile)
- Connect to Protect – health & personal safety resources/counseling
- Community Development Corporation – resume, job searches, budgeting, & housing
- Calvary Lutheran- food bank in Sun City
- Winning in Life – Dealing with life issues (women & teen programs)

## ***Circuit 14***

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### **Panama City P&P: Making Our Communities Safer through Partnerships**

Based upon Department of Agriculture concealed weapon permit information, a home visit was made to a registered sex offender who was sentenced to community control for Failure to Maintain Sex Offender Registration. CPSO-CC Charles Smith accompanied by CPS Mike Renaldo and CPSO Tim Quinn conducted a warrantless planned search of the offender's residence. The search revealed 280 rounds of rifle ammunition, 9mm and .22 ammunition, 12 gauge shot gun shells, a drum magazine for an AK-47/SKS assault rifle, a 12 gauge flare pistol, manuals to convert semi-automatic weapons to fully automatic, how to manufacture suppressors, "booby" traps and improvised munitions, as well as casings and components for a number of hand grenades.

CPS Mark Chambers and CPO Kenny Thaxton were contacted to assist with the search and discovered hundreds of prescription medications in unmarked containers, bottles with the names of other individuals along with large amounts of oral testosterone and hypodermic needles. The Bay County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Bomb Unit were contacted to assist after a bucket containing 10 sticks of Class II high explosives was located. The local fire department and Hazardous- Materials Team responded, evacuating and securing the area. After obtaining a search warrant, deputies removed the explosives and also discovered 40 to 50 detonators and another bucket containing a binary explosive mixture. All explosives were removed and detonated off site.

A warrantless arrest was conducted on the offender charging him with Possession of Controlled Substances, Possession of Destructive Devices and Violation of Community Control. A number of additional state and federal charges are pending. This event is a prime example of the potential for extreme danger offenders we supervise present to our staff and the public with no prior warning. As a result of this search, probation officers were able to discover and help defuse a situation that posed life threatening danger not only to themselves but to the families in the neighborhood surrounding this offender.

IN LESS THAN A MONTH, three Probationary Officers completed Warrantless Planned Searches resulting in the discovery of:

- More than \$26,000 in drug money
- A .22 caliber hand gun and SKS High Powered Rifle, loaded with extra Ammo)



- Over 400 pills including Oxycontin and Hydrocodone
- Over 80 Grams of Marijuana (Pound of Marijuana) packaged for distribution
- Drug Paraphernalia – scales, etc.
- Three active Methamphetamine Labs
- Listed Chemicals for making Methamphetamine
- Powdered Methamphetamine
- Two offenders were arrested and held without bond, and the searches led local narcotics officers to two individuals involved in Methamphetamine Labs, and identified to narcotics officers an individual involved in a doctor-shopping operation.

## ***Circuit 15***

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### **Palm Beach County**

In 2010, the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission was awarded a \$750,000 "Second Chance" grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds are being used in partnership with the Department of Corrections to coordinate pre and post release re-entry services for inmates. This partnership was established to reduce recidivism in a targeted population by 50% through evidence-based practices. Sago Palm Re-Entry Facility is the designated facility in Palm Beach County for inmates with three years or less on their sentences who would be returning to Palm Beach county upon release. While there, inmates will have access to comprehensive programs and services to assist them in their transition from prison back into the community.

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#### ***Circuit 16***

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##### **Probation Officers Participate in Mock Child Abduction Exercises in Monroe County**

The purpose of the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) is to address the growing need for a multiagency response to child abductions throughout Florida, and Circuit 16 is proud to be a part of this vital team.

The Florida Department of Corrections is represented on the Monroe County CART Team by Nina Lopez-Cantera, Correctional Probation Supervisor, and Barbara Stroud, Parole and Probation Specialist at the 162 office and Cheryl Blythe, Correctional Probation Specialist at the 16-0 office.

Supervisor Lopez-Cantera and Specialist Blythe participate in "mock child abduction" exercises with other law enforcement members and are responsible for contacting sex offenders in the field and at their residences.

They are assisted by other members of the Monroe County CART Team, which includes the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Dept. of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, State Attorney's Office, K9 Police, Key West Police Department, Border Patrol, veterinarians, victim advocates, Fish and Wildlife, US Navy, and public citizen volunteers.

Specialist Stroud prepares display posters of all sex offenders and predators in Monroe County with their locations marked on a map. These posters display photos of all sex offenders and are taken to the Mobile Command Center along with FDLE website photos and demographics for distribution.



#### ***Circuit 17***

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##### **Circuit 17 Helps Offenders "Dress for Success" When Interviewing**

An interview applicant's appearance is a key factor to potential employers when evaluating an applicant, and Circuit 17 teamed up with the nonprofit Positive Images, Inc., to make sure offenders have access to clothing appropriate

for job interviews. On June 10, 2011, Circuit 17 Probation and Parole Supervisor Claudine Francis, along with 13 committee members, organized a professional suit drive that would spread from Circuit 17 to Circuit 11.

The committee members are Officer Babette Davis; Officer Allison Brooks, Officer Charia Morgan, Officer Edwin Bruno; Officer Tanya Bascombe; Officer Clarissa Grissette; Word Processing Systems Operator (WPSO) Susan Gravel; WPSO Sheletha Marcelin; Officer Sharola Newby; Officer Jennifer Hartley; Supervisor John Cooper; Supervisor Robin Bryant; and Supervisor Edith Williams-Robinson. Each probation office donated clothing to help men and women in need "dress for success" for their next job interview.

The professional suit drive ended their collection efforts with a Re-Entry luncheon where a sample of the thousand collected suits were displayed on mannequins. The Re-Entry luncheon was in collaboration with the Department of Corrections and Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (Chapter 4), and coordinated by the Professional Suit Drive committee of Circuit 17. The two hour training focused on "A Probation Officer's Role in Re-Entry."

## ***Circuit 18***

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### **Melbourne and Palm Bay P&P Staff Support Local Domestic Violence Shelter**

Throughout the second week of October 2010 the Melbourne and Palm Bay Offices held "Domestic Violence Awareness" fundraising functions at their respective offices. The goal was to generate awareness and obtain donations from staff for Brevard County's Serene Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter. The offices definitely came through!

They delivered numerous bags and boxes filled with items that the shelter desperately needed, including dry food goods, towels and linens, cleaning supplies, and toiletry items. The shelter, open since 1992, can accommodate 20 women and their children. Shelter Manager Hilda Morales said that, even if all beds are full, they will "make it work" if there is a woman in need or an emergency situation arises. The shelter offers numerous services to assist their clients and will help with probation requirements and transportation.

Our staff was very impressed with the security, cleanliness, and organization of the shelter, but most of all with what they are doing to help those women in volatile domestic violence situations. Even in these uncertain economic times, our DC family came through for the families in the Brevard County community.

## ***Circuit 19***

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### **Journey Forward Program Targets Jail Inmates with Drug Issues to help them Succeed on Probation**

Each month Circuit 19 Probation Officers go to the local jails and meet with the inmates who are in the drug dorms as part of a program called "Journey Forward" established by Public Defender Diamond Litty and Sheriff Ken Mascara.

In the morning, they meet with the female population and in the afternoon, the male population. Community Corrections is just one segment of "Journey Forward," whose overall goal is to break the cycle of recidivism. Staff discuss probation and parole with the inmates and how to succeed on supervision. Discussions include the role of the probation officer, the offender's role while on supervision, what tools they need to succeed on supervision, and general information about community corrections.

Circuit 19 staff is proud to be a part of this evidence based re-entry efforts taking place in their communities.

## ***Circuit 20***

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### **Curfew Check in Punta Gorda Nets Drugs, Cash**

On Friday, February, 18, 2011, CPSO Scott White, along with CPSS Jim Depoy of the Punta Gorda office, were making routine curfew checks when they came upon drugs and cash at an offender's home. Upon entering the home, White and Depoy immediately noticed a strong smell of marijuana. The offender attempted to lead the officers to his sister's bedroom where he claimed he lived; however, the officers weren't fooled and redirected him to the spare room where the odor was coming from.

Upon entering, in plain view on the bed was \$24,000 in cash and on the desk was four pounds of marijuana. No

search was conducted since all was in plain sight, and the offender was placed under arrest for Violation of Probation (VOP). Narcotics detectives were called to the scene and upon arrival and after some discussion, the owner of the home, the offender's mother, gave consent for the Sheriff's detectives to conduct their own search. The offender now has additional felony charges as well as the violation of probation charge.

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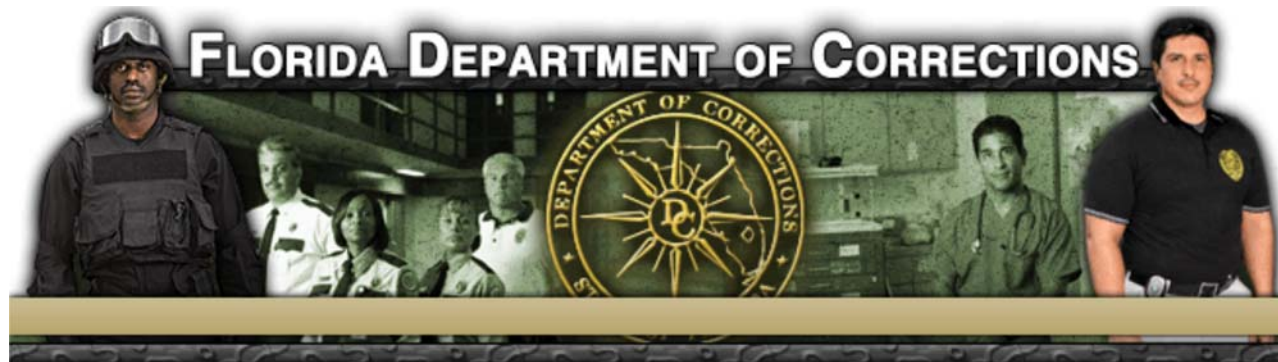
### Overview

The Department of Corrections could not accomplish its mission without important partners. Our partners provide inmate programming and offender services, support our employees and assist in department policy development. From individual volunteers to large organizations, our partners are passionate about the work they do.



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### *Corrections Foundation*

#### **Proudly Supporting Department of Corrections Employees for 15 Years**

The Mission of the Corrections Foundation is to support the programs, personnel, and services of the Department of Corrections through grants, contributions, and community partnerships in the interest of public safety. The Corrections Foundation was established in 1996 as the non-profit Direct Support Organization to the Department of Corrections. (Chapter 944.802, Florida Statutes).



The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, who are appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and serve under the leadership of President Louie L. Wainwright. The Corrections Foundation was the first Direct Support Organization of its kind nationally in the field of Corrections. Membership is comprised of DC employees and others who support public safety.

Donations to the Corrections Foundation are tax deductible and receive the maximum charitable deduction allowed by law. In FY1011, the Corrections Foundation's Employee Assistance Program assisted 476 DC employees with \$564,000 in assistance for emergencies, critical illnesses, house fires, hospitalizations and out-of-town travel due to death or illness. Since the programs' inception more than \$4.2 million in assistance has been distributed to employees in need.

Other programs the Corrections Foundation supports through private donations include the Inspector General's K-9 Drug Interdiction Team, Flags for Freedom (supporting our DC soldiers), Bloodhound Tracking Teams, Dog Obedience Training Programs, Computers for Florida's Kids, and Chaplaincy/Education.

In FY1011, the Foundation held its first DC Doggie Dash, which was extremely successful and well-attended. Proceeds benefitted our institutional dog obedience and dog tracking programs.

***Contact the Foundation at:***

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501 S. Calhoun, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2500

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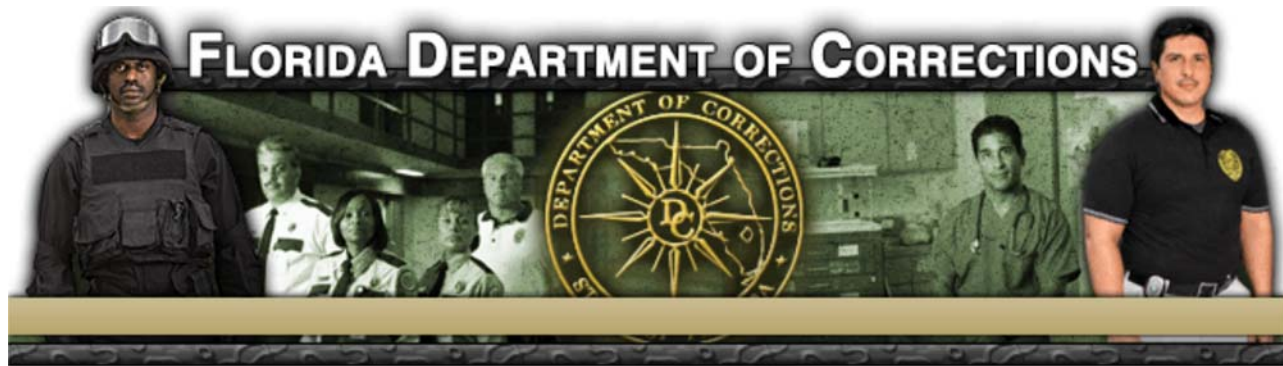
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### *Canine Tracking Teams*

One of our most important partnerships is with local law enforcement throughout Florida, who often don't have canine tracking teams and depend on the Florida Department of Corrections to provide that service when needed.

There are 37 canine teams located at prisons throughout Florida who are on call 24 hours a day to respond to local law enforcements' requests for assistance in locating individuals from fleeing felons to dementia patients who have wandered off.

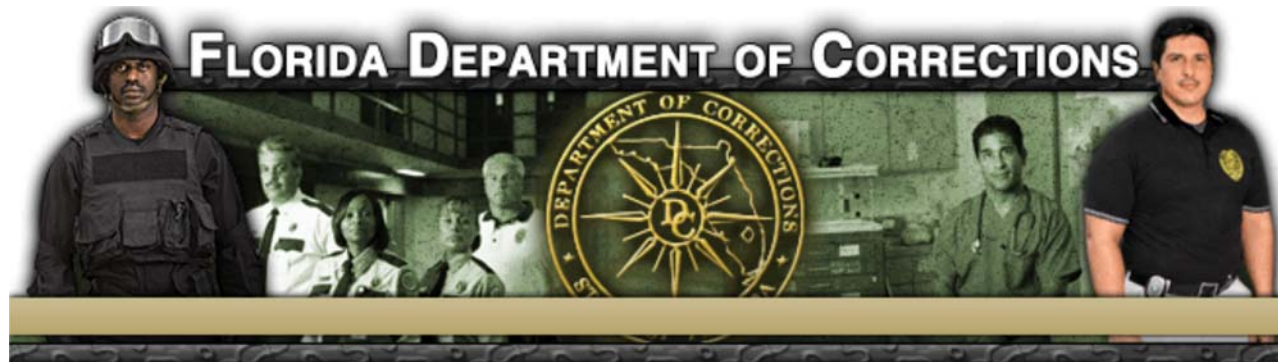
This year to date alone, the DC's bloodhounds were called to assist sheriff's offices, police departments, the Florida Highway Patrol and others in need 561 times – averaging 1.5 calls per day.



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### ***PRIDE***

Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) plays a vital role in the Department's re-entry efforts by providing inmates with hands-on job training and instilling in them a solid work ethic. PRIDE inmates are paid for their work and PRIDE contributes payment to their victim restitution obligations.

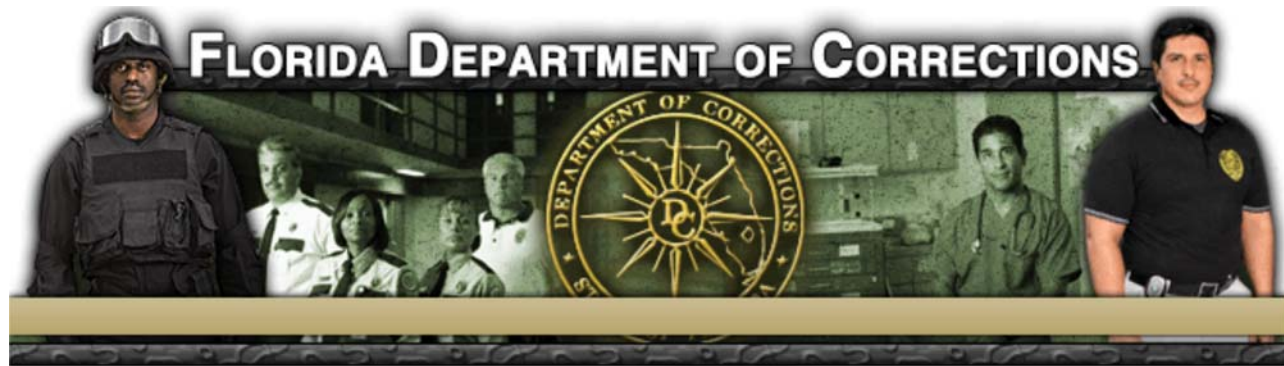
Each year PRIDE trains and employs more than 4,000 inmates at 29 institutions in 41 diverse work programs. These programs range from farm worker to dental lab technician.

Partnering with PRIDE helps us reduce recidivism by giving inmates the opportunity to learn new skills and gain real world work experience prior to re-entering society. This partnership between PRIDE and the Department exemplifies our commitment to making inmates more employable and therefore more likely to stay out of prison upon release.

In FY1011, 69% of PRIDE-trained inmates were placed in relevant jobs upon release from prison. Only 13.5% of PRIDE's former workers returned to prison within two years of release.

Visit PRIDE at <http://www.pride-enterprises.org>





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### Community Partners

#### ***The Department's 2010 Volunteer of the Year is Pastor Blaine Whitt, who Volunteers at Marion and Lowell Correctional Institutions***

Ask anyone what makes a good volunteer and their answer invariably includes the following: commitment, dedication, and an indelible belief that individuals can change. This brief description barely begins to describe the Florida Department of Corrections' Volunteer of the Year for 2010—Pastor Blaine Whitt.

Pastor Whitt started volunteering at Marion Correctional Institution nearly seven years ago when he was the pastor of a local church. His volunteering soon became a passion that he shared with others as he recruited even more volunteers. Pastor Whitt's passion soon became a vision. Pastor Whitt resigned from his church and started an organization he named "Xtreme Solutions." Soon after its establishment "Xtreme Solutions" began serving local at-risk young adults and inmates at the Marion County Jail, finding them gainful employment, teaching them life skills and how to accept responsibility.

In late 2008 Pastor Whitt was asked to share his vision of "Xtreme Solutions" with the Marion County Faith and Justice Coalition. At the conclusion of his presentation he was approached by William Smith, then Warden of Marion CI. Warden Smith wanted to know if "Xtreme Solutions" could be adapted and implemented at Marion CI where Pastor Whitt was already volunteering 40 hours per week. The answer was a resounding yes!

A pilot program was initiated at the Marion Work Camp in July 2009. The program was so successful that plans were immediately made to bring the program to the main unit. It was not long before Warden Smith was promoted to Assistant Regional Director-Institutions (Southern); however "Xtreme Solutions" never lost a step as Wardens Riedl and Griffin continued the relationship established by former Warden Smith.

"Xtreme Solutions" is committed to each inmate for a period of four years: three years before release and one year after release. Inmates volunteer for the program but their families must also consent, both as a support group and as willing participants. During the last three years of the inmates' sentences they are instructed in a wide array of educational, vocational, social and spiritual programs to help reintroduce them to their families and society. After release "Xtreme Solutions" continues to assist inmates with housing, job placement and spiritual guidance.

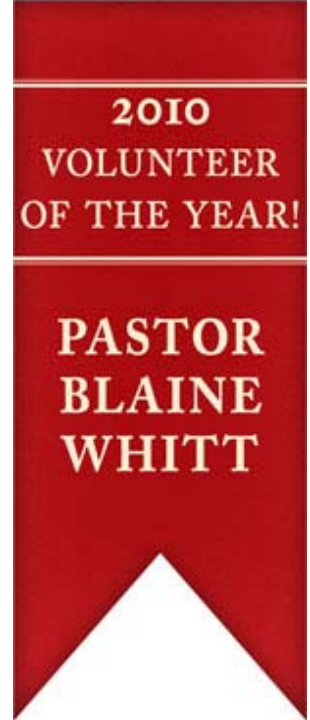
Pastor Whitt's program of rehabilitation and re-entry has become so successful at Marion that it has been expanded and now includes Lowell Correctional Institution as well. Pastor Whitt gives much credit to the wardens, chaplains and staff at Marion CI and Lowell CI, as well numerous corporate partnerships for the success of "Xtreme Solutions." However none of this success would be possible without Pastor Whitt. Last year alone he volunteered over 2,000 hours with the Department and has recruited numerous other volunteers to work with "Xtreme Solutions" at both Marion and Lowell.

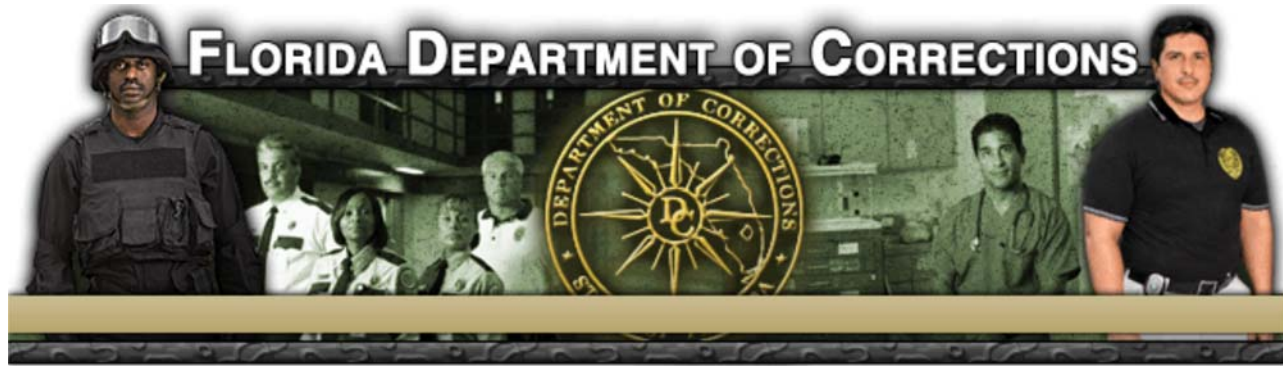
Pastor Whitt, as an excellent volunteer, will tell you that as a volunteer not only do you have the opportunity to positively influence an inmate's future but to influence your own future as well. He states he had a dream, a dream that could only be big because he serves a big God!

Congratulations Pastor Blaine Whitt on being selected as the Florida Department of Corrections 2010 Volunteer of the Year!

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## Partnerships

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### *Community Partners*

#### ***Holmes CI Vocational Teacher Chosen Corrections Teacher of the Year***

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Vocational PC Support Services Teacher Gary Brown was named Florida Department of Corrections Teacher of the Year. Much of the success of the Holmes CI Vocational PC Support Program can be attributed to Brown, who has worked at Holmes CI since November 2007.

"Mr. Brown is an organized, disciplined team player who is willing to go out of his way to teach inmates and he's an excellent representative of our Department's instructors," said Holmes CI Warden John Whitfield.

At Holmes CI, Mr. Brown is a model teacher who demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities. As part of the Florida Department of Education Awards Program, each Teacher of the Year receives a monetary award and plaque. In addition, he will represent the Florida Department of Corrections at the Macy's/Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year Awards Gala at Hard Rock Live in Orlando.

Thank you, Mr. Brown, for all the great work you are doing for your students!



**Pictured left to right:** Macy's Sr. VP and Regional Director of stores Karin Darmanin, Mr. Brown, and Dept. of Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson



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## Additional Facts

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### *Victims Assistance*

#### ***Here are some Frequently Asked Questions of our Victims Assistance Office***

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**1. I am a crime victim. How do I contact the Department of Corrections' Victim Services office to give them my contact information or update my address with them so they can notify me when an inmate gets out, moves to a different prison or goes on probation?**

For information and assistance with inmates in the custody of the Department:

**Victim Assistance Program**

501 South Calhoun Street  
Tallahassee, Florida  
32399-2500  
(850) 488-9166 FAX:  
(850) 488-3476 1-877-8-VICTIM  
(1-877-884-2846) Toll-Free

E-mail [victims.assistance@mail.dc.state.fl.us](mailto:victims.assistance@mail.dc.state.fl.us)  
for additional information.

For information and assistance with offenders on supervision:

**Probation and Parole Services**

501 South Calhoun Street  
Tallahassee, Florida  
32399-2500  
(850) 717-3444

E-mail [co-supervision@mail.dc.state.fl.us](mailto:co-supervision@mail.dc.state.fl.us)  
for additional Probation information.

**2. How much notice will I get before the inmate is released?**

If we have a current address, you will receive a written notice between 1–90 days prior to the inmate's release, unless there is a court action that reduces the inmate's sentence.

**3. What should I do if I am receiving unwanted contact from the inmate?**

You should call the Department of Corrections - Victim Services office as soon as possible at 1-877-8-VICTIM (1-877-884-2846).

**4. How do I get notified of future court appearances or appeals?**

The Office of the State Attorney in the judicial circuit where the inmate was prosecuted should inform you of judicial and post-judicial proceedings relating to your case. The Office of the Attorney General should notify you of all post-judicial proceedings that their office handles.

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## Agency Accomplishments

### No Escapes again this year

There were no escapes from the secure perimeter of a correctional institution in FY1011. Our continuing success in preventing escapes can be attributed to the hard work and diligence of our institutional security staff. Their tireless dedication to the implementation of comprehensive security procedures is the most critical element of what has proven to be an effective security program.

Additionally, improved prison facility design, security hardware features and modern electronic systems have certainly proven beneficial to this effort as have sound inmate classification practices that insure inmates are housed in facilities that meet the risk level necessary to contain them. As the number one priority of the Department, public protection through escape prevention is at the forefront of all we do.

### Central Office Move

In late 2009, it was determined that the Department of Corrections (DC) could save an estimated \$1.5 million dollars a year in lease costs if employees in Central Office in Tallahassee were to move into state-owned buildings. The DC had been housed at Blair Stone Road and Mahan Drive for some time, but both of these leases were private leases.

After much preparation, the DC moved its Central Office employees during April, May and June of 2011. We moved approximately 830 DC employees, and 87 employees of the Florida Parole Commission. The DC moved 270 employees into Southwood and 560 into the Carlton building. Because we utilized inmate labor to move these offices, we saved an estimated \$100,000 in moving costs.

After some settling in and further adjustments for space, the following offices are housed at Southwood (the rest are in the Carlton building): Facility Services, Institutional Support, Finance & Accounting, Procurement & Supply, Corrections Foundation, OIT (partial), and Contract Management & Monitoring.

Special thanks to Asst. Chief for Contracts Rosalyn Ingram, Asst. Dir. of Field Support Services Charlie Terrell, Op. Mgmt. Consultant Mgrs. Joy Ailstock and Shelly Kelley, GOC II Jane Broyles, Chief Information Officer Doug Smith and his entire staff, and the Correctional Officers and inmates from Wakulla, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison and Taylor Correctional Institutions who made the moves so seamless and successful.

### Inmate Labor in Our Communities

In FY1011, the Department's Community Work Squad inmates worked 4.2 million hours in our communities, saving Florida taxpayers more than \$53 million.

### Inmates Growing Food

In FY1011, inmates cultivated almost 1,700 acres at over 30 different farms and gardens, and harvested over 7.1 million pounds of produce including broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe and watermelon.

These crops are used to supplement inmate meals.

Under the leadership of Governor Scott, inmates are growing even more of their own food.

## ***Prison Facilities Accredited***

A number of Florida prisons, probation offices and work release centers were audited and accredited during FY1011 by the American Correctional Association (ACA).

ACA accreditation standards are the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems throughout the United States, and Florida prisons, work release centers and probation and parole facilities consistently pass accreditation standards with marks in the high 90s.

Some of the areas reviewed during the accreditation process include security, health services, chaplaincy, food services, segregation, mail and visiting. The facilities are reviewed to see how well they are complying with established ACA standards that represent the highest level of correctional practices.

The following facilities and programs were successfully audited and accredited by the American Correctional Association in FY1011:

### **PRISONS**

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| ■ Avon Park Correctional Institution    | ■ Martin Correctional Institution     |
| ■ Broward Correctional Institution      | ■ Okaloosa Correctional Institution   |
| ■ DeSoto Correctional Institution       | ■ Okeechobee Correctional Institution |
| ■ Everglades Correctional Institution   | ■ Putnam Correctional Institution     |
| ■ Florida State Prison                  | ■ South Florida Reception Center      |
| ■ Franklin Correctional Institution     | ■ Taylor Correctional Institution     |
| ■ Gainesville Correctional Institution  | ■ Tomoka Correctional Institution     |
| ■ Glades Correctional Institution       | ■ Union Correctional Institution      |
| ■ Indian River Correctional Institution | ■ Walton Correctional Institution     |

### **WORK RELEASE CENTERS**

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| ■ Atlantic Work Release Center   | ■ Orlando Work Release Center         |
| ■ Cocoa Work Release Center      | ■ Panama City Work Release Center     |
| ■ Dinsmore Work Release Center   | ■ Pinellas Work Release Center        |
| ■ Ft. Pierce Work Release Center | ■ Tallahassee Work Release Center     |
| ■ Kissimmee Work Release Center  | ■ Tarpon Springs Work Release Center  |
| ■ Opa Locka Work Release Center  | ■ West Palm Beach Work Release Center |







## Legislative Update

### *Executive Summary of the 2011 General Appropriations Act Proviso*

#### **Institutions:**

- Requires the Department to submit its proposal to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and the chairs of the Senate Budget committee and the House Appropriations Committee for review before closing, substantially reducing the use of, or changing the purpose of any state correctional institution.
- Provides for the privatization of Region 4 facilities excluding Glades and Hendry CI no later than January 1, 2012, via an RFP. All facilities must remain substantially unchanged in population, as well as medical and psychological grades of inmates. (The privatization of Region IV was subsequently contested in court by the Police Benevolent Association (PBA). The Second Judicial Circuit ruled in favor of the PBA and that the proviso was unconstitutional on September 30, 2011. Future litigation remains pending.)
- Reduces the budget by \$3,017,882 for the transition of 800 beds to residential substance abuse at a per diem of \$53.34.
- Appropriates \$250,000 for the development of a water saving plan. Provides that a vendor must be identified by no later than September 30, 2011. (This proviso item was vetoed by the Governor on May 26, 2011.)

#### **Support Services:**

- The Department shall cooperate in the consolidation to the Southwood Shared Resource Center.
- Basic recruit training hours shall be reduced to 400 hours providing a savings of \$6.8M.

#### **Health Services:**

- The Department shall provide flexibility to the private prisons for the purpose of ensuring that the special needs inmates, medical care, and mental health costs are shared by both private and state run facilities.
- Provides for the privatization of health services via RFP statewide excluding region 4 and inmates housed in private facilities. The Department must also RFP each region separately. The Secretary of the Department shall determine which RFP is preferred. Health privatization must include at least a 7% savings over FY0910 expenditures. The contracts shall take effect for FY1112. All contracts must be submitted for approval by the Legislative Budget Commission.
- Current (FDOC) employees shall be given first preference for continued employment by the contractor of privatized health services. The Department shall make reasonable efforts to find placement for employees that wish to remain with the state.

#### **Community Corrections:**

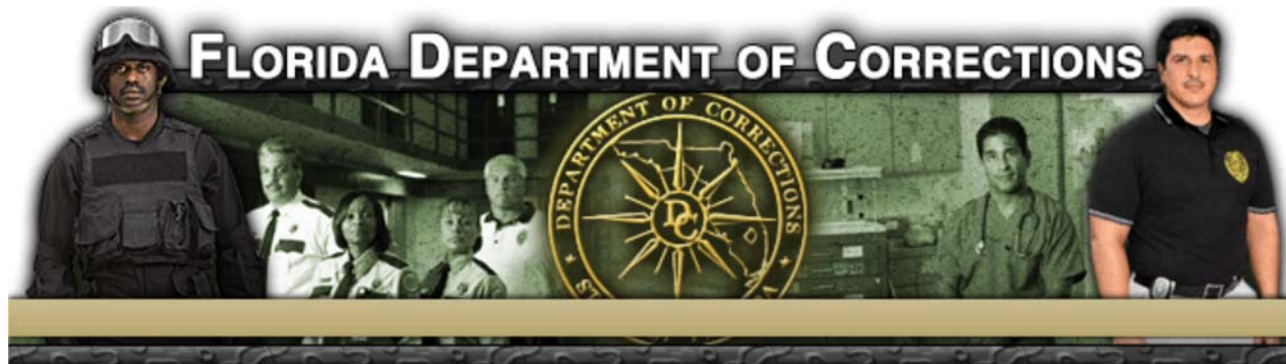
- The Department shall issue an RFP for a risk/needs assessment tool for probation violators. The department may implement the risk assessment as a web-based management system.
- Provides for the continued rental rate for private contracts at the rates in effect on June 30, 2011 for the FY1112.
- Provides \$700,143 to continue prison diversion/drug treatment programs.

**Re-Entry:**

- Provides \$500,000 for online career based education /GED to serve 400 inmates via RFP. Requires a progress report to the Senate Budget Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by December 31, 2011.

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## Cost Saving Ideas

### *Department Finds Savings in Soap and "Bobos"*

A casual conversation between Assistant Chief of Purchasing Patti Casey, and a representative from a detention supplier in 2011 should save our Department close to a million dollars over a three-year period.

During a routine meeting with a representative from Bob Barker Company, Casey learned that South Carolina was piloting a switch from what inmates call "Bobos," canvas shoes inmates wear around the compound, to a Croc-style rubber clog. Casey informed Asst. Dir. of Field Support Svs. Charlie Terrell, who contacted South Carolina staff about their impressions. They reported only having to replace two pairs during their one-year pilot. So we launched our own pilots in November at Demilly CI, Lowell Work Camp and Levy Forestry Camp, and the response has been positive from both staff and inmates.

According to Lowell CI Warden Southerland: "Of the inmates that I have spoken to so far, everyone prefers the clogs. They say they are more comfortable, last longer, are easier to clean, don't retain odors, and can be worn in the shower."

During the pilot, the Majors from the facilities also reported that the inmates love the clogs, and said they had not had to replace any yet. Bobos, on the other hand, have to be replaced routinely, sometimes within days of being issued. The clogs and the bobos are very close in price, but because the clogs last much longer they end up costing less in the long term.

#### **Bar Soap**

DC staff took a close look at the 17,000 cases of bar soap the Department purchases annually, and thought there was room for savings. The size of the bar of soap being purchased was really too large for an institutional setting, which resulted in waste. A subsequent bid to locate a vendor that could provide a smaller bar size at a better price will result in savings close to \$200,000 annually.

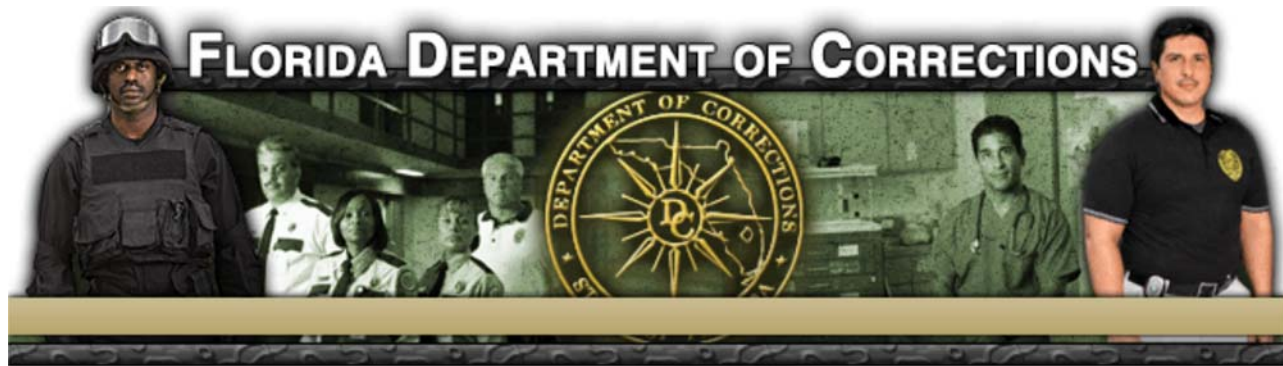


Bobos



Clogs

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## Cost Saving Ideas

### *Other Cost Savings Ideas Implemented in FY1011*

#### *Vegetable Savings*

**Taylor CI Assistant Warden James Blackwood** noticed that the swill containers often filled up with carrots and cabbage on the days those vegetables were served. Gallons of vegetables and beans were going to waste every day as the inmates simply did not favor these vegetables over others offered.

"We give our swill to a hog farmer across the street," said then-**Warden Spears**, noting that those hogs were the only ones benefitting from the waste. AW Blackwood suggested to Warden Spears that the vegetables and beans be taken out of the main food line and placed where inmates could choose whether they wanted them.

The inmates still received their standard tray of food with an entrée, starch and dessert through the anonymous food line, where inmate servers could not play favorites, but the veggies would now be out in the open and optional on four vegetable tables. (Note that two of these tables were taken from the staff dining area and modified using scrap stainless steel materials.

The other two tables were also built with scrap metal, and all four were equipped with Lexan sneeze guards, saving \$1,500 over the cost of commercially purchased tables.)

"We have been using this system for about three months and have been able to reduce the amount of frozen vegetables by approximately four cases per meal depending on the item offered. It has also helped reduce the amount of salad items needed per meal by about one third of the amount required by recipe," said then-Warden Spears. The idea was piloted at Taylor Annex, and will soon be implemented in the main unit and work camp as well.

**Community Corrections staff** saw a problem and provided a money-saving solution as well. With the assistance of **OIT staff and under the leadership of Community Corrections Regional Director Barbara Scala**, probation employees began a statewide effort to scan thousands of inactive offender files that will ultimately result in annual savings close to three quarters of a million dollars in leasing storage space, office supplies and postage.

#### *Department Pilots 12-Hour Shifts at Jefferson CI*



The Department began implementing 12-hour shifts as a pilot program for its security staff at Jefferson Correctional Institution beginning June 10, 2011. If successful, the Department will implement 12-hour shifts for correctional officers at its prisons statewide.

While the 12-hour shifts give correctional officers more time with their families and put more money in their wallets, the shifts also save taxpayers money because it reduces overtime and decreases the number of officers needed at a facility.

Twelve hour shifts require correctional officers to work fewer days — 182 days versus 260 days — and gives them every other weekend off. Officers are paid for an additional four hours of work each pay period. No correctional officers will lose their jobs, as savings will be achieved through attrition.

Indiana, Alabama, Arkansas and Ohio are among the state prison systems that have implemented 12-hour shifts and have recommended them for other Corrections Departments.

The program is expected to save nearly \$170,000 annually at Jefferson CI, which is located near Tallahassee.

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## Agency Accomplishments

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### *Department of Corrections Employees Win Four Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards*

Florida Department of Corrections employees won four 2011 Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards for innovations including hydroponic gardens, more efficient laundry and food services and a computer application designed to enhance lock and key security.

Annual savings ranged from \$33,000 on food preparation costs to over \$9,000 a year on the cost of inmate linens and pillowcases.

The Prudential-Davis Productivity awards are given annually to recognize and reward state employees whose work increases productivity, promotes innovation and saves money for Florida taxpayers and businesses.



#### **Meet Our Winners:**

#### ***Charlotte Correctional Institution Hydroponics Team***

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**Plaque Winners:** Charlotte CI Lt. Mark Meier, and Sgt. Thomas Duncan

**Nominator:** Colonel Derek Snider

This team developed an all natural hydroponics garden using 90% recycled items and scrap material from the correctional institution.

Vegetables including collard and mustard greens, tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce from this 20 ft by 40 ft hydroponic garden have successfully fed approximately 1,200 inmates housed at Charlotte Correctional Institution since January 2010.

Each garden contains approximately 1,200 plants that would normally require two acres of land for planting. Hydroponic gardens are ideal for prisons with limited acreage. This garden has saved Charlotte Correctional Institution approximately \$1,700 yearly in vegetable costs. Charlotte recently added another 20ft by 40ft hydroponic garden, which is projected to save Charlotte Correctional Institution \$3,400 yearly in vegetable costs.

In addition, Lt. Meier and Sgt. Duncan trained staff throughout the State on how to implement this system at their home institutions, spreading the savings statewide.

This process is projected to save the State of Florida conservatively over \$285,000 in food costs annually. In addition, inmates are learning a valuable skill that could assist them in finding employment upon release, and also requires them to practice math and science skills, and instills in them a sense of pride.



## ***Apalachee Correctional Institution Laundry Team***

**Plaque Winners:** ACI Sgt. Daniel Grover, Correctional Officer Christie Dolan

**Nominator:** Asst. Warden John Barfield

Sgt. Grover and CO Dolan were having problems with a vendor with unpredictable shipments of necessary goods. They were faced with not being able to readily provide the Apalachee CI inmate population with linens, towels, washcloths, sheets, pillowcases, laundry bags, belts, and mattress covers because of delayed turnaround times and backorders with their vendor.

Policies in place prevented them from purchasing the finished items from another source. To overcome these obstacles, they conducted extensive research, compiling contacts and information on the acquisition of raw materials to make into finished goods.

After laying the groundwork for the purchasing of the items, the nominees bought a Serger sewing machine and raw materials. They then taught themselves and the inmates in their charge how to use the sewing machine and make these goods, and were able to provide finished products efficiently, expeditiously, and of higher quality than those they were purchasing from the unpredictable vendor.

They were also able to provide the goods in larger quantities, for less money. The nominees' efforts saved Florida Taxpayers an estimated \$9,001.85 in an 11-month period and continue to find innovative ways to become more efficient. They have shared their success with laundry staff in other institutions, ensuring these savings will continue to spread.



## ***Statewide Lock and Key Application Team***



**Plaque Winners:** Systems Project Analysts Tim Sullivan, John Ruocco, Craig Simons, Orlando Cabanas, Mark Wright, Ken Callahan, Thomas Bonesteel, CO Sgt. Robert VanNess, Sr. Database Analyst Jeff Crum, CSC Marie Ritter, CSC Thomas Hester, CO Sgt. Stephen Farrow, Syst. Proj. Administrators Tommy Miller, Tommy Tucker, Brett Ross, Asst. Data Center Director Dale Gore, CO John Gillette, Systems Project Cons. Mark Cann, Sam Caines, Joseph Locke, CO Sgt. Robert Williams, CO Sgt. James Nelson, CO Sgt. Roger Mathis, CO Sgt. Kevin Riley, Systems Program Admin (retired) Regina Blackstock, CO Jody Chopp, Chief of Systems Development John Kerski, CO Patricia Osika, CO John Henson, Chief of Security Operations James Upchurch, and CO Sgt. Christopher Philipp

**Nominator:** Asst. Data Center Director Dale Gore

**Problem:** Every prison had a different way of tracking the many locks and keys that are an integral part of a correctional facility. Some used Excel spreadsheets or Access, some did it by hand in notebooks and three ring binders.

**Solution:** A standardized, web-based method for tracking what key unlocks what door, who has custody of the key and when, and even allows the user to drill down to see pictures of who should be in possession of the key and even what the building looks like where the keys and locks are housed.

The lead software developers were Dale Gore, Tim Sullivan, Mark Wright, John Ruocco and Joe Locke but there were 31 staff involved, with vital input coming from the Correctional Officer Sergeants who are generally the custodians of the keys.

Already in use at Calhoun, Santa Rosa, Lancaster, Baker, Central Florida Reception Center and Taylor Correctional Institutions, plans are to roll it out statewide soon.

This centralized database with increased security and enhanced reporting would have cost more than \$50,000 from a private vendor, but was instead created in-house with custom-made features. Plans are to create a similar system for the Department's arsenals.

## ***Tomoka Correctional Institution - Food Service Team***

**Certificate of Commendation Winners:** Tomoka CI Food Service Director Shellie Marsh, former Asst. Food Service Director Melissa Gravilla, and Major Emilie Sistrunk

**Nominator:** Tomoka CI Asst. Warden Chris Hodgson

In January 2010, Tomoka Correctional Institution Food Service staff began delivering meals to the Daytona Beach Work Release Center (WRC) from Tomoka CI Work Camp to lower food and equipment costs as well as better utilizing staff in more critical areas.

Food is now prepared at Tomoka CI Work Camp with only the number of meals needed at the time being delivered to the Work Release Center in bulk servings.

In the past six months, Tomoka CI has saved \$33,000 by using the work camp to prepare meals for the work release center. Specifically, there was a 23% reduction in food costs for a total of \$33,436.25 saved.



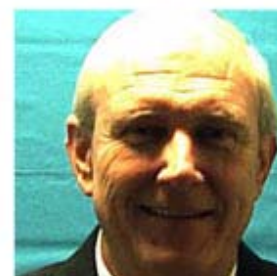
*Pictured top left: Tim Sullivan*

*Pictured top right: Mark Wright*

*Pictured right: John Ruocco*

*Pictured bottom left: Joe Locke*

*Pictured bottom right: Dale Gore*



**Pictured left to right:** Major Emile Sistrunk, AWO Chris

Hodgson and Food Service Director Shellie Marsh

This initiative resulted in an average savings of more than \$5,500 a month on food costs alone. This also eliminated maintenance and repair costs to food service prep equipment, as well as refrigerators and freezer repair and maintenance costs.

In addition, the quality of the food has improved, possibly because inmates preparing the meals are being supervised by Food Service Employees rather than correctional officers who are not specifically trained in food service operations. There were also immediate improvements in State Health Inspections as well as the overall sanitation within the Work Release Center food service areas.

In case of a disaster like a hurricane, Daytona Beach WRC would be evacuated to Tomoka CI Main Unit or Work Camp. Because food is no longer being prepared at the facility, the need to move food and kitchen equipment is eliminated. On the other hand, the equipment at the work release center remains operational and could be used during an emergency.

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## Agency Accomplishments

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### *Other Agency Accomplishments in FY2011*

#### ***Privatizing Health Services***

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During the 2011 Session, the Florida Legislature directed the Department to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the provision of comprehensive health care services to include physical health (including utilization management), dental and mental health.

#### ***Cancer Center at RMC Opens – first of its kind in Florida prisons, and the nation***

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For the 18-month period from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 (the most recent complete data the Department has), cancer was the primary cause of inmate deaths (152 deaths), followed by cardiac deaths (116).

In an effort to address this disease, the Reception and Medical Center in Lake Butler, Florida engaged in a public-private partnership with Community Cancer Center (CCC) of North Florida, to open a Cancer Center on site in December 2010. CCC paid for design and construction costs for the Center. It is the nation's first and only existing Radiation Oncology Treatment Center within the secure fence of a correctional institution.

This is a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide radiation therapy as well as to serve as an oncology unit. Prior to having the Cancer Center on prison grounds, Department staff would awaken cancer inmate patients at 3 am Monday through Friday to travel to a nearby city for early radiation therapy treatments at the private office of a contracted oncologist.

Having this center on site enhances public safety by keeping inmates on prison grounds for the treatments rather than outside the fences, and it avoids the associated costs for security staff and transportation to contracted outside medical facilities.

Today, inmates are provided radiation/oncology services Monday through Friday at RMC. The facility is currently serving approximately 25 patients and administers over 145 chemotherapy treatments monthly. Ultimately, the new



Cancer Center provides for improved continuity of care for our inmate cancer patients.

## ***U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Assists Inmates who were Veterans Upon Release***

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Last year, the Florida Department of Corrections (DC) entered into a three-year agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to identify military veterans being released from prison and those on community supervision so that the VA can assist those who are eligible with their mental health, medical, substance abuse, and housing needs.

Approximately 6,700 of the 102,000 inmates currently serving time in Florida prisons have identified themselves as military veterans. This agreement is designed to help improve continuity of care for the released inmates and offenders who are veterans, and is saving money for Florida taxpayers who fund state and community programs that would otherwise be accessed by these inmates and offenders upon release.

The Department has comprehensive medical records on what types of mental health, medical or substance abuse treatment the inmates in our care require, and sharing that information with our VA partners is smoothing their transition into society, and opening up more doors for them to receive necessary services.

Participation in this agreement is completely voluntary on the part of the inmate and offenders on supervision. Using data provided by the Department, the VA identifies incarcerated veterans who are eligible for VA benefits upon release from prison. The VA gives them information about what benefits and services are available to them, and also assists them prior to release in completing the applications and forms required to access their veteran's benefits.

## ***Smoking Ban Initiated in Florida Prisons***

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In an effort to reduce healthcare costs and to make our prisons safer and protect inmates and staff from the dangers of second-hand smoke, the Department announced an initiative in March 2011 to ban tobacco use by Florida inmates by October 1, 2011.

Smoking bans have long been in place in all of Florida's public buildings and offices. More than half of the state prisons in the United States already have similar bans, and since 2004, all of the prisons in the Federal Prison system have banned smoking on prison grounds.

In the past year, inmates hospitalized for tobacco - related illnesses have cost Florida taxpayers nearly \$9 million. Snuffing out cigarettes will also result in cleaner prisons and by removing lighters, reduce the chance of arson.

The Department is giving 180 days notice to inmates and is offering smoking cessation assistance to inmates requesting help. Inmates interested in a cessation program are instructed to contact Institutional Health Services. Trans-dermal nicotine patches via a 14 day supply are being offered for sale in the canteens for \$34.99 prior to May 1, 2011.

The Department will gradually reduce the possession limits over the next six months, as detailed below. Possession of these items in excess of these established limits will result in disciplinary action, as will possession of tobacco products or lighters.

### ***Possession Limits***

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**April 1 – May 12** | 10 packs of cigarettes, 10 packs of loose smoking tobacco, 10 cans of smokeless tobacco, 1 lighter, 10 packs of papers, and 70 cigars.

**May 13 – June 23** | 5 packs of cigarettes, 5 packs of loose smoking tobacco, 5 cans of smokeless tobacco, 1 lighter,



5 packs of papers, and 35 cigars.

**June 24 – August 4** | 2 packs of cigarettes, 2 packs of loose smoking tobacco, 2 cans of smokeless tobacco, 1 lighter, 2 packs of papers, and 10 cigars.

**August 5 – September 30** | 1 pack of cigarettes, 1 pack of loose smoking tobacco, 1 can of smokeless tobacco, 1 lighter, 1 pack of papers, and 5 cigars.

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## In Memoriam

### *Colonel Greg Malloy*

From a memo from then-Interim Secretary Walter McNeil to staff regarding the death of Holmes CI Colonel Greg Malloy, who was killed in the line of duty that day, February 2, 2011.

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

**Memo from Interim Secretary Walter McNeil to staff:**

#### **Holmes CI Colonel Greg Malloy killed in the Line of Duty**

Our Corrections family is mourning the loss today of one of our own, Holmes CI Colonel Greg Malloy, who died in the line of duty while working with a Department K-9 unit tracking a suspected killer in Holmes County. The suspect who was being pursued died in the exchange of gunfire.

Words fail me at times like these. Greg was one of our elite K-9 officers, who responded to the call when local law enforcement, in this case the Holmes County Sheriff's Office, asked for our help. We get these calls daily from law enforcement all over the state, and our officers who choose to participate in K-9 units know how dangerous and unpredictable the outcome can be – but they go anyway.

Greg died a hero, protecting others. While that fact will not alleviate the pain of his loss to each of you, it will be his legacy.

My condolences to Greg's family, his friends and co-workers. Our Corrections family will pull together to get each other through this tragedy, as we always do.

Make use of our Employee Assistance Program if you feel the need. I urge you all to be vigilant, not just to the dangers inherent in your jobs, but to the needs of each other during this difficult time.

**Chief Walter A. McNeil, Interim Secretary  
Department of Corrections**



**Pictured top:** Colonel Greg Malloy;  
**Pictured bottom:** A Correctional Officer holds

a program at Colonel Malloy's funeral.  
(Photo by the Northwest Florida Daily News)

## ***From a Secretary's Message in the employee newsletter that Friday.***

### **Secretary's Message on Friday, February 4, 2011 Holmes CI Colonel Greg Malloy**

As you know, we lost one of our shining stars on Wednesday, February 2, when Holmes CI Colonel Greg Malloy was killed during an exchange of gunfire with a suspected killer that he and his K-9 team were pursuing with local law enforcement. One of our other K-9 officers, CO Arthur Teal, was also injured, but has since been released from the hospital.

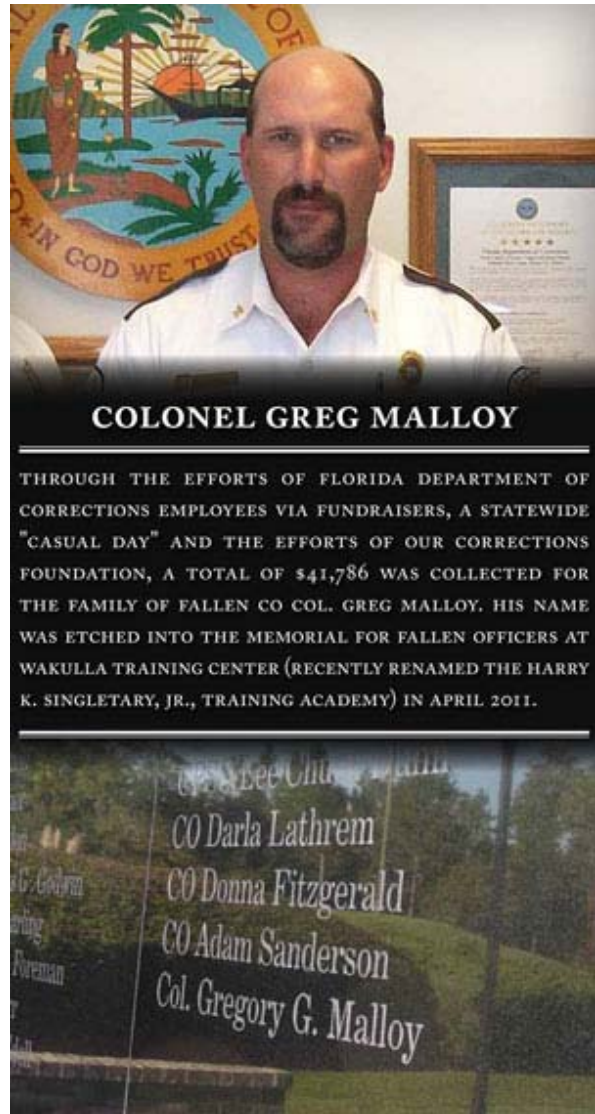
Colonel Malloy rose quickly through the Department's ranks, beginning in 1988 as a CO at Okaloosa CI and Work Camp, where he worked his way up to Lieutenant. From there he was promoted to Captain at Washington CI in 2007, then Major at Tomoka CI Work Camp before returning home to his roots in the Panhandle when he was promoted to Colonel at Holmes CI in July 2010.

He had recently completed the Department's Leadership Succession of Command Training. In a survey from that class, he credited his mother and father for instilling in him good values and a strong work ethic. He was close to his family, particularly his daughter, whom he adored. He made sure he attended as many of her sporting events as possible, even the out-of-town games. One colleague said simply, "She was his heart."

Recently-retired **Mary Ellen Dayan** was the Warden at Holmes CI when Greg was promoted to Colonel. She tells this story.

"From the day he arrived at Holmes CI, it was obvious that Greg was strongly committed to staff. He came to work in the early morning hours and visited with midnight staff every day. He stood inside the gate every morning and afternoon so he could greet staff members coming on duty or leaving for home. He convinced other Department Heads in medical, education, maintenance, etc., to stand with him on different days. Line staff became used to having a chance to speak with him each day or just to say 'hi' and he had a remark or kind word for every one of them. I spoke with many staff at Holmes (the morning after his death) and they said the hardest thing for them was walking through the gate knowing the Colonel was not there. Many had to sort of regroup before walking in," she said.

Current Holmes CI **Warden John Whitfield** spoke with Greg before he left the institution to assist his K-9 Unit. He relayed these thoughts about Greg's character and attitude. "Greg Malloy was one of the finest men I've been honored to know. It did not take long after I met him to realize that his character and integrity were unimpeachable. He loved his family, his career, the people he worked with and the Florida Department of Corrections. Greg did not have to be where he was Wednesday morning, but he felt so strongly about his mission to protect the citizens of Holmes County and the people that he worked with that he insisted on going. How many Colonels go on K-9 runs? Normally it is a Lieutenant or Captain. We got the call that morning from the Holmes County S.O. that double murder suspect Wade Williams had been located and had shot a citizen and they were requesting K-9 assistance. Colonel Malloy came to my office with his fatigues under his arm and said "Boss, I've got to go with them, this is a dangerous run and they're my men and I need to be with them. We've got to get Williams locked up before he kills someone else." Normally a Colonel doesn't tell the Warden what he is going to do, but that is how strongly he felt about his responsibility to his men on that day. Having been a former K-9 Officer and K-9 Sergeant, he knew they could benefit from his experience. The K-9 team members said that as they ran the track they could tell from the dogs' actions they were very close to the subject and that Colonel Malloy was constantly giving them advice trying to protect them. Colonel Greg Malloy gave the ultimate sacrifice trying to protect the men he loved and felt responsible for. I will never forget my time on earth with a true HERO: Greg Malloy."



**Greg's fellow K-9 team members** said they not only lost their Colonel this week, they lost their friend. An institution lost a leader, and a mentor. A daughter lost her loving father. A family lost their brother, and son. This Department lost one of its shining stars. And the state of Florida lost an outstanding public servant, and an honest-to-God hero.

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