



Judiciary Committee

September 26, 2013

1:00 PM

404 HOB

Meeting Packet

Will Weatherford
Speaker

Dennis Baxley
Chair

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Judiciary Committee


Start Date and Time: Thursday, September 26, 2013 01:00 pm
End Date and Time: Thursday, September 26, 2013 03:00 pm
Location: Sumner Hall (404 HOB)
Duration: 2.00 hrs

Chairman opening remarks and introduction of new members

Discussion of possible legislative issues

Presentation by the Department of Corrections

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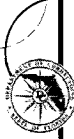


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**Faith and Character
Program**

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Faith and Character Programs


History

In November of 1999 the Department and Horizon opened Florida's first Faith-Based Dormitory Program at Tomoka Correctional Institution. The program started with **64 inmates**.


It was based on the following premises:

1. Religious programs **attract inmate participation**
2. Religion assists inmate with **institutional adjustment**
3. Faith based programs help develop **new value systems**

39,470 inmates have participated in the program as of 6/30/13.




Institution	Capacity
Gulf Annex	128
Jackson CI	112
NWFRC	144
Wakulla CI & Annex	3,243
Columbia Annex	120
Lancaster CI	62
Lawtey CI	835
Lowell Annex	86
Marion CI	130
Tomoka CI	290
Union CI	96
Everglades CI	128
Desoto Annex	143
Hernando CI	450
Okeechobee CI	172
Polk CI	128
Total Beds	6,267


**Faith & Character Programs**
Programs & Activities


- Life Skills
- Personal Faith
- Victim Awareness
- Substance Abuse
- Financial Concepts
- Anger Management
- Interview & Job Skills
- Goal Setting
- Computer Literacy
- Small Business Concepts
- Community Meetings
- Community Projects

The following programs focus specifically on strengthening Florida's families:

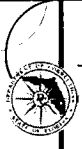
- Fatherhood Curriculum
- Motherhood Curriculum
- Parenting Classes
- Family Days
- Writing Family Ties
- Marriage Enrichment
- Women's Empowerment
- Family Relationships

**Faith & Character Curriculum:**
REEFS




**Faith & Character Volunteers**

- Currently there are over 56,000 citizen volunteers
- Faith and Character programs utilize mostly volunteers
- Volunteer resources/Program locations



Questions

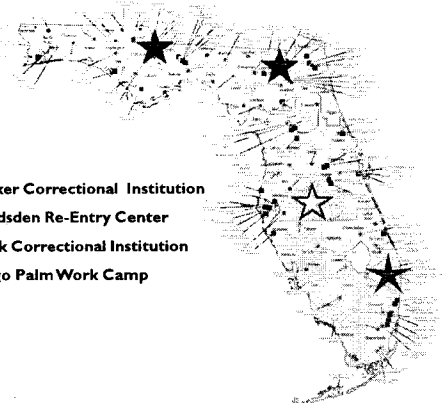



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Re-Entry Programs

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- Baker Correctional Institution
- Gadsden Re-Entry Center
- Polk Correctional Institution
- Sago Palm Work Camp





Gadsden Re-Entry Center

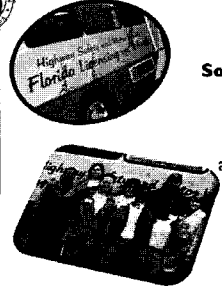
- Programs will include substance abuse, academic, vocational, case management, faith and character, library and other transition services
- Facility will operate as a re-entry community with complete focus on preparing inmates for successful transition back into local communities

**Re-Entry Initiatives**


- ✓ Motivational Interviewing
- ✓ Thinking for a Change
- ✓ Multi-Disciplinary Staffing Team (MDST)
- ✓ Family Reunification



**Identification Initiative**




**Social Security card,
birth certificate,
and two proofs of residency.**

**Substance Abuse**


Understanding the Need for Treatment

Population: 100,800
(9-25-2013)

64% of inmates need substance abuse treatment




GED Testing



All GED testing by the Department must be computer-based by January 1, 2014

New curriculum is technology-based and requires computer literacy for all candidates.



Questions
