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A cell inside a housing unit at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in McCloud, Oklahoma

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# Welcome to Inside Corrections



## FEMALE INCARCERATION

Over the past decade there have been several legislative interim studies and a host of other studies and research directed toward why Oklahoma incarcerates so many females. We are number one in the nation per capita and in fact twice the national average... this probably also places us as number one in the world. So why is this? Is it because the state does not invest adequately to address the social illnesses that are contributors to incarceration rates? Is it because we do not have appropriate diversions from incarceration programs? Is it because the demand for resources such as drug treatment and mental health services far exceeds the supply? Or, is it that those that provide such services are not drilling down into the high risk communities to offer themselves as providers of assistance. Or maybe it could be that the lack of health insurance coverage, intergenerational incarceration and gang activity, insatiable appetites for drugs, illiteracy rates, teenage pregnancy, single parent households and an array of other so called misery index social issues are just too overwhelming for the state to address.

The number one asset of any state or community is its citizens. All research indicates that you receive a tremendous return on every dollar spent on prevention, treatment and alternatives to incarceration. This is not only true for those receiving the service but also for those collateral benefits such as reducing future victimization, keeping children and families together, providing for an expanding workforce who won't fail employment drug tests. The list of societal benefits is endless.

Many of you may recall the legislatively mandated MGT audit that the media labeled the million dollar audit. It stated that Oklahoma incarcerates many females for crimes that in many other states would never be in prison. They would have been diverted from the prison system by utilizing treatment and other forms of addressing criminogenic issues. The auditors were so intrigued by our high incarceration rate of females that they actually interviewed some judges and prosecutors on why certain non violent offenders were sent to prison and given lengthy sentences. The common answer included that they were tired of seeing them in court and they had been given alternatives before. Albeit many female inmates have had several prior convictions before their first prison sentence; but one must look at what resources if any were available when given probation or some other option. The answer is very little and once again it comes down to funding and resources.

It is sometimes said that in Oklahoma everyone deserves the right to go to prison. Well, there is some truth in this in that we are one state that does not mandate that certain short term felony sentences be served at the local or county jail level. Our statute says you may be sentenced to the county jail on certain felony crimes for up to one year. The key word here is “may.” The county continues to have the option of sentencing any felony to prison for any length of time. That is why many females come to prison on very short non violent crimes. It is simple economics, for if the female is sentenced to the county jail per the aforementioned scenarios...the county pays the bill. If they are sentenced to prison, the state pays the bill. Under similar language in most states the word “may” is “shall.” So our very form of government which has a strong executive branch with various funding sources and a weak local branch with limited funding sources actually contributes to our overall per capita incarceration rate. Many states require community ownership and funding for their citizens that commit non violent crimes. In Oklahoma that responsibility is quickly and gladly passed on to the state.

In addition to addressing the social ills associated with high incarceration rates, the state must also address the lack of community ownership of its citizens that go to prison. The best way to provide public safety is to reduce recidivism thereby reducing future victimization even if the crimes are sometimes considered victimless. Many scholars argue that there is no such thing as a victimless crime. Even drug abuse and prostitution has victims...if not the person committing the crime, then his/her children, families or the community as a whole is a victim. Communities must do more.

Incarceration rates are not just an issue and/or a problem for the Department of Corrections but an issue of risk for all citizens of this state. It is estimated that one in twelve Oklahoma citizens are convicted felons. If this rate continues most employers will have to take that question of have you ever been convicted of a felony off of their applications as it will be difficult to reject everyone that has such a conviction if we wish our economy to grow. Plus, we already have a reputation of not being a safe place to live because many equate our incarceration rate with a highly above average crime rate which is not true. The citizens of Oklahoma have to take ownership of all of the above and start becoming involved with community prevention programs, mentoring, reducing the school dropout rates, providing after school activities to push back on gang recruitment, contacting legislators to let them know there is a commitment to provide the next generations of Oklahomans a state not stigmatized as being the highest incarceration state. The key is proactive involvement with our children, prevention, investment in fighting social illnesses and making these subjects a priority.

That being said there are a lot of initiatives on the horizon. With the assistance of the George Kaiser Family Foundation and the Department of Corrections, national organizations such as the Council of State Governments Justice Center, The Pew Foundation and the National Governors Association are all planning to invest in Oklahoma’s effort to reduce the number of females going to prison. There is also new legislative support investing in this endeavor. So after many years of study and research, action and results may be on the horizon.

*Justin Jones*

Justin Jones  
Director  
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

### **MACK ALFORD** *correctional center*



**Anita Trammell, Warden**  
**Mack Alford Correctional Center**

Anita Trammell began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1982 at Mack Alford Correctional Center (MACC) as a case manager. While at MACC she promoted to warden's assistant, case manager supervisor and unit manager. Ms. Trammell promoted to deputy warden at MACC in December 2005 and has served as interim warden at MACC since April 1, 2010.

Ms. Trammell received her bachelor degree in Sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1982.

### **Retiree - Warden Walter Dinwiddie**

Walter N. Dinwiddie became the warden of Mack Alford Correctional Center in April of 2008.

He began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1986 as a Correctional Officer Cadet after completing his training at George Nigh Staff Development Center in Taft, Oklahoma. While at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, he was promoted to correctional officer, correctional counselor, correctional security lieutenant and correctional security captain. He then went on to become a correctional chief of security at Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center from July 2000 to June 2002. He was employed at Dick Conner Correctional Center in the capacity of deputy warden from July 2002 until April of 2003, when he was promoted to the position of warden at the Taft Unit minimum-security facilities, Eddie Warrior and Jess Dunn Correctional Centers. He became warden of R.B. Dick Conner Correctional Center in January of 2006 until April of 2008 when he assumed the position of warden at Mack Alford Correctional Center.



# NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA *correctional center*



**Rodney Redman, Warden**  
Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center

Rodney Redman began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in January 1987 as a correctional officer cadet at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC). While at JCCC he promoted to correctional counselor, lieutenant, warden's assistant and unit manager. He was promoted to chief of security prior to being named deputy warden in June 2005. Mr. Redman has served as interim warden at Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center since March 15, 2010.

Mr. Redman completed his degree in Criminal Justice at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in December 2009.

## Retiree - Warden Jesse Sutter

Jesse Sutter began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Center on April 10, 1979 as a case manager at Howard McLeod Correctional Center. He promoted to the position of senior case manager in February 1981. On September 1, 1987 when the department extended its pilot program of unit management to all Department of Corrections facilities, Warden Sutter was promoted to unit manager. In July of 1989 Warden Sutter promoted to the position of deputy warden at Howard McLeod Correctional Center and in March 1994 he was promoted to the deputy warden position at Mack Alford Correctional Center where he remained until May 1, 2002. On May 1, 2002 Warden Sutter promoted to the position of warden at Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center and retired on April 30, 2010.



**Warden Sutter receives Governor's Commendation from State Representative Chuck Hoskins, District 6.**

# NORTHEAST DISTRICT *community corrections*



**Teresa McCain, District Supervisor  
Northeast District Community Corrections**

Teresa McCain began her career with Northeast District Community Corrections November 2, 1987 as a probation and parole officer. Ms. McCain served as a senior probation and parole officer, team supervisor, and assistant district supervisor until her appointment to interim district supervisor in May 2010.

Ms. McCain is a 1984 graduate of Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri, where she received a degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

## Retiree - District Supervisor Stormy Wilson



**District Supervisor Stormy Wilson receives  
Governor's Commendation from Reggie Hines,  
Deputy Director, Community Corrections.**

Stormy Wilson has worked in Corrections for over 30 years beginning in January 1978. He currently serves as district supervisor for Northeast District Community Corrections and has served in that capacity since 1989.

He has also served as assistant deputy director in 1997 and 1998 when Probation and Parole was reorganized into a Division. He began his career as probation and parole officer, working his way through the ranks at team supervisor and assistant district supervisor. He also has served since 1995 as administrator over the Muskogee Community Corrections Center.

Mr. Wilson has conducted APPA and ICCA national workshops in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. Wilson holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State University and a Masters degree in Education from NSU, Tahlequah.

# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT *community corrections*



**Brian Thornburgh, District Supervisor  
Southwest District Community Corrections**

Brian Thornburgh began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1994 at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC) as a correctional officer cadet. While at JCCC he promoted to correctional officer, and was then hired as a probation officer with Southwest District Community Corrections in 1995. Mr. Thornburgh served as a senior probation and parole officer, probation and parole team supervisor, and assistant district supervisor until his departure from the district in January of 2008 when he left to serve as deputy warden at Joseph Harp Correctional Center.

Mr. Thornburgh received a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1994.

## Retiree - District Supervisor Wayne Smith

Wayne Smith began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1978 as a probation and parole officer. In 1984, he was hired as a team supervisor in District I (Muskogee) and was promoted to assistant district supervisor in Tulsa in 1987. In 1991, Mr. Smith was promoted to district supervisor in District IV, Lawton.

Mr. Smith has served as a board member for the Comanche County Children's Shelter and currently serves on the Advisory Boards of the Criminal Justice Programs at Cameron University and the Great Plains Career Tech. He has been an Adjunct Professor in Corrections and Criminal Justice at Cameron University and a Correctional Consultant with ACA for a number of years.

Mr. Smith has a BS degree in Education from Central State University and a MA degree in counseling from Trinity Theological College.



**Dan Reynolds, Administrator, Community Corrections/Work Centers, Wayne Smith, District Supervisor, Southwest District CC, Mike Carr, District Supervisor, Northwest District CC, Kathy King, Assistant District Supervisor, Tulsa County District CC, Leroy Young, District Supervisor, Oklahoma County CC/RS, and Reginald Hines, Deputy Director, Community Corrections at retirement party.**

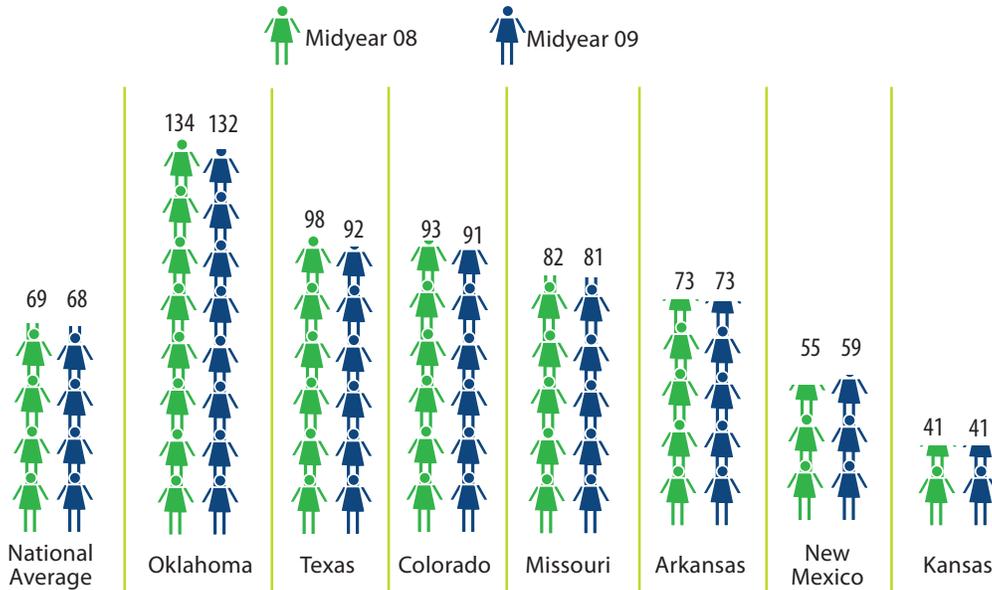
# Incarcerated Oklahoma Women



Offenders at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center attend a Faith and Character class.

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## INCARCERATION OF WOMEN



Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prison Inmates at Midyear 2008 NCJ 225619, March 20, 2009. Table 10. Imprisonment Rates of Sentenced Prisoners Under Jurisdiction of State and Federal Correctional Authorities, by Gender, Region, and Jurisdiction, June 30, 2008. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prison Inmates at Midyear 2009—Statistical Tables, NCJ, Table 10. Imprisonment Rates of Sentenced Prisoners Under Jurisdiction of State and Federal Correctional Authorities, by Sex and Jurisdiction, June 30, 2009.

At the end of FY 2009, 2,651 women were imprisoned in the state of Oklahoma. Obviously there are women who should be in prison because they are a threat to public safety. These are the women who require the most expensive form of public safety—a prison cell. For the majority of these women, evidence-based strategies can be implemented in the community to protect public safety while maintaining accountability at substantially lower social and economic costs. In Fiscal Year 2009, 1,284 women were received into the Department of Corrections. In the same year, 1,316 were released. Based on a five-year average, 43 percent spent less than a year in prison. The recidivism rate, defined as the number of women who return to prison over a three-year period, was 14.7 percent. For states surrounding Oklahoma, the recidivism rates range from 20.7 percent to 47.5 percent. The fact that half of the population turns over every year, more than 40 percent of the women spend less than a year incarcerated, and the recidivism rate is extremely low,

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*“Oklahoma Department of Corrections Director Justin Jones is tired of being No. 1.”*

*“It’s time we took control of our own destiny and addressed the causes of why so many female offenders are coming to prison,” Jones said.*

*“...The goal is to reduce recidivism effectively and develop collaborative efforts to provide diversionary programs for women as an alternative to incarceration, as well as to implement programs to help them succeed outside of prison.”*

Source: DOC Aims to Reduce Female Offenders, Tulsa World, Tom Lindley, World Capitol Bureau, November 26, 2008

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all indicate Oklahoma over-incarcerates women who pose a minimal threat to public safety.

The Division of Female Offender Operations, created December 15, 2008, faces a unique challenge. While the division is responsible for all security and operational issues associated with

the oversight of female offenders from reception through reentry at two correctional centers, two community corrections centers, and two contract residential centers, the division also has a parallel mission.

The division's parallel mission is to develop strategies for reducing Oklahoma's

female incarceration rate to at, or below, the national average and reducing female offender recidivism through effective preparation of female offenders for successful reentry into society. To fulfill this dual mission requires an in-depth understanding of the characteristics and needs of female offenders.

## Characteristics and Needs of Female Offenders

Based on a survey of 301 offenders representing a cross section of the female offender population conducted by Dr. Susan Sharp, Emily Pain, and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth<sup>1</sup>, many of the social ills of Oklahoma are manifested in our female offenders . . .

### *Histories of trauma beginning in childhood...*

- 61.6%** someone in the home with a drinking problem
- 46.8%** someone in the home with a drug problem
- 47.2%** someone in the home with untreated mental illness
- 61.1%** children of divorced parents
- 31.6%** one or both parents incarcerated
- 66.4%** experienced child physical and/or sexual abuse
- 42.9%** reported a violent father
- 28.6%** reported a violent mother

### *and continuing into adulthood...*

- 71.1%** experienced domestic violence
- 36.2%** experienced rape after age 18

### *For many of these women, these traumatic experiences led to early substance abuse and later addiction . . .*

Of the 2,651 female offenders incarcerated at the end of Fiscal Year 2009, **64%** had an assessed need for substance abuse treatment.

### *A lack of basic or technical education . . .*

Considering the characteristics of female offenders already mentioned, it should not be surprising that these women found it difficult to stay in school and concentrate on their studies. Of the 2,651 female offenders incarcerated at the end of Fiscal Year 2009, **67%** had an assessed need for basic or technical education.

### *Difficulties obtaining and maintaining employment . . .*

Without an adequate education, these women also experienced difficulties obtaining and maintaining employment and making a livable wage. A reliance on social assistance is also reflected in the female offender population.

For women entering the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in Fiscal Year 2009, **85.7%** were unemployed at the time of arrest, and **45.7%** reported reliance on social assistance at the time of arrest.

Additionally, Blacks and Native Americans women are disproportionately incarcerated in Oklahoma.

## Efforts to Reduce the Incarceration Rate of Women

### Training

In February 2010, the Division of Female Offender Operations, in partnership with the National Institute of Corrections

provided a four-day training for staff entitled, “Operational Practices in the Management of Women’s Prisons.” The course was taught by subject matter experts from across the nation and was attended by staff from female offender facilities representing the functional areas of administration, security, food

service, maintenance, education, unit management, case management, medical, and mental health.

Oklahoma is one of two states selected to participate in the Family Justice Initiative entitled, “Reentry is Relational: Sustaining Tools that Engage Family/”  
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### *Medical and mental health needs . . .*

Female offenders also enter the system with a variety of mental illnesses and medical needs. Of the 2,651 female offenders incarcerated at the end of Fiscal Year 2009, **69%** had a history of or were currently being treated for a mental disorder such as psychotic disorders and/or major mood disorders such as depression, bipolar depression, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

### *Most are mothers . . .*

The survey of 301 offenders, representing a cross section of the female offender population, conducted by Dr. Susan Sharp, Emily Pain, and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, found that most female offenders are mothers.

**85.4%** had at least one child.

Extrapolated to the population of incarcerated women in Oklahoma, the 2,651 women incarcerated at the end of the fiscal year in 2009 represented 6,792 children. 4,441 of these children were under the age of 18.

### *Children of Incarcerated Mothers Experience Problems . . .*

Similar to the way in which female offenders’ ability to attain an adequate education was impacted by their experiences; these children are also impacted by their experiences as children of incarcerated parents.

Children of incarcerated mothers experience problems such as depression, bad grades, trouble with guardian, expulsion from school, suicidal thoughts/behaviors, drug use, dropping out of school, running away, being arrested. And so the cycle continues . . .

### *Significant needs upon reentry . . .*

Female offenders have significant needs upon reentry to society including safe and affordable housing; transitional income; employment; transportation; child care; medical care; mental health care; substance abuse treatment; community support; and positive relationships and role models.

<sup>1</sup>Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Mothers and Their Children 2010 available at <http://www.okkids.org/>

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Social Networks for Improved Reentry Operations.” In March 2010, Family Justice (Vera Institute) representatives traveled from New York to Oklahoma to provide staff from Mabel Bassett Correctional Center, Hillside and Kate Barnard Community Corrections Centers, Central District Community Corrections, and the Female Offender Diversion Project training in the use of the relational inquiry tool, ecomap, and genogram. Case management staff are using these tools to establish rapport with female offenders and to assist female offenders in recognizing and identifying positive connections to family and social networks during and after incarceration.

### **Collaboration**

In collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Office of the District Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, and Sheriff for Oklahoma County; Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and representatives from community based treatment and program providers, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections received a \$350,000 diversion grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance targeting female offenders with multiple needs and varying degrees of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Representatives from the division worked

with representatives from the George Kaiser Family Foundation and Resonance Center for Women on the development of an application for the Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Project Competitive Grant. The grant was recently awarded and will provide \$250,000 in funding with a match of \$250,000 provided by the George Kaiser Family Foundation to fund the Tulsa Community Women’s Reentry Project. The Tulsa County Women’s Reentry Project will focus on female offenders who plan to return to Tulsa County from prison and will address needs critical to ensuring successful reentry. The program includes six months pre- and post-release case management services with an emphasis on job development and employment placement for female offenders release to Tulsa and the surrounding area.

Several evidence-based practice female offender programs were also refunded during Fiscal Year 2009:

- The Helping Women Recover and Beyond Trauma Treatment Programs received \$180,000 from the George Kaiser Family Foundation to refund current efforts and expand programming.
- The George Kaiser Family Foundation and the Tom Ward Foundation provided \$45,000 for Early Childhood Development courses at Mabel Bassett and Eddie Warrior Correctional Centers, Hillside Community Corrections Center, Turley Residential Center, and Center Point, Inc. As part of the program, 2,400 early childhood manuals, developed by female



**An offender at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center helps prepare food in the kitchen.**

offenders were distributed to offenders. Moreover, approximately 127 women received two college credits from Tulsa Community College for successfully completing early childhood classes.

- The Women to Women Inside/Out Program, which is based on a comprehensive health education curriculum offered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health, received \$6,000 in funding for program continuation. Approximately 60 women received one college credit for completing the curriculum.
- The HIV Peer Education Program for Incarcerated Women received funding from the Tulsa Community AIDS Partnership and the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation to continue peer education services.
- Additional funding was provided for women to obtain children's books. Women then read their child/children

a story, which is recorded on a compact disc and sent home. Funding for this program is provided by the George Kaiser Family and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations.

- The Soroptimist Club (Business Women of Muskogee) received a \$5,000 grant to update the computer equipment for the "Moms Touch" program at the Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center.

The Division of Female Offender Operations has, and will continue to, apply for grant funding appropriate to the division's mission.

**Facility Operations**

The Helping Women Recover Substance Abuse Treatment Program offered at Mabel Bassett and Eddie Warrior Correctional Centers is based on women's developmental theory and a model created by Dr. Stephanie Covington, a nationally recognized expert in

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**Female offenders at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center attend a Faith and Character class.**

**DIVISION OF FEMALE OFFENDER OPERATIONS**

**Mabel Bassett**

**Correctional Center**

Warden

Millicent Newton-Embry  
Maximum/Medium/Minimum  
Capacity: 1,043 and 93  
(Assessment and Reception)

**Eddie Warrior**

**Correctional Center**

Warden

Mike Mullin

Minimum

Capacity: 783

**Female Offender Community Corrections & Residential Services**

Interim District Supervisor  
Sharon Harrison

Hillside Community Corrections Center  
Minimum  
Capacity: 249

Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center  
Work Release

For further information, please contact the Division of Female Offender Operations at 405-962-6100 or visit our web site at <http://www.doc.state.ok.us/field/female/index.html>



**Offenders at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center working through their workbooks in the classroom.**

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developing innovative, gender-responsive, and trauma-informed approaches to the treatment needs of women and girls.

The Eddie Warrior Correctional Center program underwent a structured program evaluation using the Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) and received certification. The purpose of the CPC evaluation is to conduct an assessment of programming and services offered and compare these practices with research literature on best practices in corrections. Based on discussions with Dr. Covington, this is the first gender-specific program in the nation to achieve certification via the evidence-based evaluation process. Helping Women Recover at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center will undergo the CPC evaluation during Fiscal Year 2011. Helping Women Recover satisfies offenders' substance abuse treatment need, and offenders

earn 70 achievement credits for program completion.

In June 2010, Eddie Warrior Correctional Center hosted a "Play Day" for Oklahoma City and Tulsa children whose mothers are incarcerated at the facility. A film crew from the University of Oklahoma attended and interviewed offenders and their children regarding the affects incarceration has on the family.

Also during June, Mabel Bassett Correctional Center began a telemarketing operation employing 40 offenders. BOSS is a private industry which contracted with OCI to operate a Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) enterprise at the facility.

On August 18, 2010, a chapel dedication ceremony was held at the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections entered into a partnership venture with Dr. R. Joe

Wilson, Domestic Coordinator for the World Mission Builders, a faith-based nonprofit organization that specializes in constructing church buildings and chapels to build religious program buildings at correctional facilities throughout the state. Over 40 volunteers from six states assisted with the construction and area business owners provided over \$130,000 of donated goods and services, and churches and individuals donated over \$100,000. The Eddie Warrior Correctional Center chapel also provides much needed program space.

Mabel Bassett Correctional Center became the first Oklahoma correctional center to provide a four-year college degree through a correspondence course. The University of Central Oklahoma is the first in-state school to offer a baccalaureate program for Oklahoma offenders in facilities.

Through the Oklahoma Department

*The issue of the incarceration of women has been a continued area of focus for groups such as the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Oklahoma Women's Coalition, the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, and the Oklahoma Academy.*

of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, eight Hillside Community Corrections Center offenders attended training and became Certified Peer Recovery Specialists. Certified Peer Recovery Specialists are persons who are in recovery and are trained to work with others on their road to recovery.

Female Offender Community Corrections and Residential Services held four re-entry resource fairs with representatives from Serenity House, Ambassador House, Bowman House, Exodus Foundation, Vocational Rehabilitative Services, Probation and Parole (Global Position Satellite Officer), Urban League, Northeast Resource Center, and Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Hillside Community Corrections Center hosted a Health Fair for Hillside and Kate Barnard Community Corrections Centers. Approximately 30 vendors set up booths and the mobile health unit was provided by the Lion's Club. The mobile unit was manned by staff and volunteers, providing testing in six areas to include glaucoma, lung capacity, bone density, visual screening, blood pressure, and blood glucose.

Additionally, several cost-savings proposals were submitted and recently approved including conversion of 41 mental health beds to general population beds at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center; removal of the requirement that female

offenders serve 30 days at a community corrections center, or community work center prior to being assigned to work release status; and plans for replacement of the Substance Abuse Treatment Program at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center with the Helping Women Recover Program. Divisional Prisoner Public Works contracts have been revised and standardized to address issues specific to employment of female offenders. A halfway house contract monitoring tool and monthly inspection report have been developed and are being utilized.

Emergency preparedness continues to be a focus for the Division of Female Offender Operations. Emergency related field memoranda have been updated as well as media crisis plans. Table top and site scenario drills are being conducted with development of scenario-based assault plans monthly.

### **Ongoing Education, Awareness, and Engagement**

The Division of Female Offender Operations publishes an annual report and utilizes the content of the report to facilitate engagement of a variety of audiences, as well as critical stakeholders such as judges, legislators, and representatives from faith-based organizations and community-based organizations providing services to female offenders. Of particular assistance in making the message "meaningful"

to stakeholders is the development of profiles for female offenders entering the department from two of Oklahoma's largest counties—Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties.

The issue of the incarceration of women has been a continued area of focus for groups such as the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Oklahoma Women's Coalition, the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, and the Oklahoma Academy.

- The Complex Dialogues Summit, sponsored by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Don and Donna Millican, and Oklahoma Christian University held January 26, 2010, focused on establishing a foundation for positive change in policy and legislation to address the challenge of women's incarceration.
- Advocacy Day at the Capitol, sponsored by the Oklahoma Women's Coalition, held March 2, 2010, provided Coalition members time to speak with legislators in support of House Bill 2998 which allows the department to create diversion and reentry programs to reduce the high rate of female incarceration and support funding for domestic violence services including lost replacement fees that benefit victims of domestic violence and sexual assault services.

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Women Solutions Initiative Summit (Oklahoma SIS), sponsored by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, Oklahoma Women's Coalition, and Oklahoma Department of Corrections held April 30, 2010, resulted in the development of a public agenda action plan with state, community, and individual strategies identified in the areas of (1) Prevention, (2) Intervention and Diversion, and (3) Recidivism and Reentry.

Another important component of the ongoing education and awareness effort has been presentations regarding female offenders made at the request of Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice James E. Edmondson, and Sue Tate, Court Improvement Process and Judicial Education Coordinator, at the Summer 2010 Judicial Regional Workshops entitled, "Children Are Why We Are Here." Workshops were held in Woodward, Ada, Tulsa, Midwest City, and Quartz Mountain.

The issue of over-incarceration is an Oklahoma issue. By consistently using imprisonment, the state is paying a premium for public safety. For the majority of incarcerated women, evidence-based strategies can be implemented to protect public safety, maintain accountability, and provide improved outcomes for future generations at substantially lower social and economic costs. It will take everyone, working together, to effectively address the causes of incarceration. ■

# United States Deputy Warden

Sheraton Hotel •



**Renee Watkins**  
**Administrator, Private Prison**  
**and Jail Administration**

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections hosted the United States Deputy Wardens' Annual Training Conference in Oklahoma City August 8-13. The USDWA ([www.usdwa.com](http://www.usdwa.com)) is a sixty-five year old national organization whose objective is to provide job specific training through workshops and networking opportunities to correctional deputy wardens.

The committee chairpersons and organizers of this year's conference represented our state with pride. The conference opening was a very informative and inspiring speech by former U.S. Congressman J.C. Watts. Participants were welcomed to Oklahoma by Director Justin Jones.

There were many workshops showcasing some of the Oklahoma D.O.C.s' best trainers: Dr. Mike Connelly; Dr. Melanie Spector; Internal Affairs staff Carl Wilkes, Alicia Maddocks, and Kara Johnson; Dr. James Smash; and the James Crabtree Correctional Center Recruitment and Retention Task Force. There were several national presenters: Warden Michael Thurmer, Wisconsin DOC presenting "Anatomy of a Hostage Incident" and Wayman Mullins, San Marcus, TX Hostage Training Academy, presenting "Managing Correctional Emergencies". Also presenting was retired Oklahoma Warden Jack Cowley, now national director of Alpha Faith Based Foundation, Wichita Falls, TX, presenting "Prisons That Work".

The group of deputy wardens attending the conference toured the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp Correction Center. The out-of-state deputies were very impressed with the staff and the facilities visited.

The conference concluded with an awards banquet Thursday night, with scholarships and awards distributed. The organization also presented donations to its chosen charity, the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation ([www.cpof.org](http://www.cpof.org)). The USDWA sponsors the 'kids bags' every year at the CPOF annual conference for children and families of correctional staff who lost their lives while working in the corrections field.

The 2011 conference will be held in Nashville, TN.

# Association (USDWA) Annual Conference 2010

Oklahoma City • August 8-13, 2010



**Terry Martin, Deputy Warden  
Jess Dunn Correctional Center  
Chairman Fundraising**



**Brian Thornburgh  
District Supervisor  
Southwest District Community Corrections**



**Kevin Murphy  
Executive Secretary  
USDWA, Arkansas**



**L-R Larry Lipscomb, Associate Warden, Jill Durskey, Deputy Warden, and  
Charles Higgins, Deputy Warden (R), Iowa Department of Corrections.**



**J.C. Watts  
Former U.S. Congressman**



Pictured above: (L-R) Rich Green, Jim Lewelling, Joe Workman, and Pat McCoy (winners of 1st place B-flight) with Carmin and her daughter. Carmin is Ray Little's oldest daughter.

## Ray E. Little Memorial 10th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

by Jim Trenton, President

The Ray E. Little Memorial Scholarship Tournament just completed the 10th Annual Golf Tournament, in which over \$2700 was raised towards scholarships for youth in the William S. Key Correctional Center (WSKCC) community. Over the past 10 years we have raised over \$30,000 providing several young people with scholarships to help further their higher education. Ray Little was Warden at WSKCC from 1996 to 2001, and always encouraged his staff to get a college degree. He believed that a college degree would give you the best opportunity to achieve your highest potential in life and in the workplace. Ray was an avid golfer, so it was only fitting to have a golf tournament in his memory to encourage young people to obtain a college degree. Ray was always involved in youth activities in the community and even coached summer league teams. He loved kids and enjoyed watching them excel

in whatever their endeavors might be. We only wish that Ray was here to enjoy this endeavor with all of us.

The Ray E. Little Scholarship committee is comprised of 7 board members, most of whom had the privilege of working for Ray at WSKCC. The committee puts together the golf tournament each year and reviews the many applications from students who are attending college or entering college. Over the past 5 years we have been fortunate enough to award around 10 scholarships each of those years. We can only hope that through the support of our vendors and the wonderful people in the Department of Corrections family, we will be able to continue this mission for years to come. The committee members would like to sincerely thank all of the players and contributors that have help make this annual event the success that it has become!

Ray would be proud of the event, and would make only one request today. That request would be that he plays on the winning team, because Ray did not like to lose. Many kids are winning through the Ray E. Little Foundation, and that is the way he would want it.

# Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mangum Community Work Center • August 26, 2010



- #1 Maxine Tomason, Mayor, City of Mangum
- #2 Purcy Walker, Representative, District 60
- #3 - Reginald Hines, Deputy Director, Community Corrections
- #4 - Larry R. Moore, Post Adjutant
- #5 - Front view of Mangum Community Work Center
- #6 - Dan Reynolds, Administrator, Community Correction/Work Centers
- #7 - Tom Ivester, Senator, District 26
- #8 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony outside the Mangum Community Work Center



# EDDIE WARRIOR CORRECTIONAL CENTER

## *Dedicates New Chapel*

by Bill Sherman, World Religion Writer

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of the Tulsa World, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

TAFT - A new chapel at the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center for women was dedicated Wednesday afternoon. It was built under budget and ahead of schedule in an unusual public-private partnership.

The chapel is the first of 15 that are planned for prisons across the state and are being built by World Mission Builders, a nonprofit ministry that has built churches around the world since 1980.

"We've built 235 churches in 88 nations, and this chapel has been our most rewarding experience," said Joe Wilson, of Enid, a domestic project coordinator for World Mission Builders.

The nicely finished 4,800-square-foot brick chapel has a 175-seat auditorium, a baptistry, three classrooms, two offices and a library.

Wilson said it was built just inside the gate of the women's prison to say to incoming inmates, "Ladies, you have hope on the way in, and help on the way out."

He said he was motivated to invest his time and money in projects that will be helping people long after he's gone.

Justin Jones, director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, told the assembled state and local officials and prison volunteers that he has been trying for 15 years to get more chapels built in prisons as the prison population has grown, but it took the work of World Mission Builders to get the job done.

The chapel was built in 118 days on state land with private money and labor, and it is now state property.

More than 40 volunteers from six states with World Mission Builders camped outside the prison fence to work on the project.

Dozens of Eddie Warrior inmates helped work on the project,

carrying prefabricated wall sections onto the slab and lifting them into place.

Area business owners donated more than \$130,000 in labor and materials; churches, individuals and foundations donated more than \$100,000 in cash. Even some of the inmates made cash donations.

Chaplain Kathryn McCollum said the chapel is helping to alleviate a severe shortage of space for needed ministries at the prison.

Since the building was put into service early this year, attendance at services and programs has increased by 30 percent, and a waiting list for programs has been cut in half. Twice as many women are being baptized, she said.

"When the state and people of faith join together, this is what happens. I love the partnership between the DOC and the Christians who helped build this," McCollum said.

Mary Painter, a volunteer who teaches sex-abuse-recovery and abortion-recovery classes, said she is seeing four times as many women since the chapel opened with its three large classrooms.

"It's just incredible," she said.

Before the chapel opened, many women who wanted to take the classes were turned away because of a lack of space. She said 65 to 89 percent of incarcerated women in Oklahoma have been sexually abused, an experience that has life-altering effects.

"We teach them that that's not an excuse for bad behavior, but (we) help them understand it."

Bob Rubin, a Tulsa man who is Jewish, was vice chairman of the Chapel Creation Coalition, an ad hoc committee formed to work with World Mission Builders on the project.

"It's important that we have an interfaith presence here," he said, even though only 25 of the state's 25,000 inmates are Jewish.

McCollum stressed that the chapel is available to people of all faiths.

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Pictured at left is the new chapel at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center for women in Taft. Top right on the back row is Bob Rubin and Mary Painter; front row - Pastor Greg Pittman, Mike McKendrick, and Mary Lord. Pictured middle right is Andralid Rivera, Oscar Rivera, and Joe Wilson of Enid, domestic project coordinator, World Mission Builders, and Dr. Laura Pitman, Deputy Director, Female Offender Operations; bottom right: Kathryn McCollum, Chaplain, EWCC, and Bobby McCollum, Volunteer, EWCC





## *Director Justin Jones Speaks at Bill Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC)* **15TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

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of the Alva Review-Courier  
newspaper, Alva, Oklahoma.

The fifteen anniversary of the Bill Johnson Correctional Center was observed in ceremonies Friday afternoon. A couple dozen invited guests, members of the community advisory board, and some BJCC staff members attended. A few officials from nearly DOC facilities also attended.

After providing a time-line history of the facility, Warden Janice Melton

introduced Justin Jones, Director of the Department of Corrections.

Jones started his remarks by saying that "Everything Judge Linder told us many years ago about this community did come true. He told us this is one of the best places in the state to recruit employees, and to illustrate the truth of that, the warden says we have still have 18 employees here who started back in 1995.

The director reminisced that when BJCC was built, he was sent to Alva by then

director Gary Parsons to oversee the construction of the prison. He told me, "Don't come back until you are finished. At that time, I couldn't read a blueprint . . . which is evident if you look at some of the problems of the facility. If you go into the records office and notice the 50 foot ceiling, you'll understand that I couldn't read a blue print very well."

Jones described that when he arrived in Alva, the only building on the grounds was a small building that came with the property. He said he was provided with

a half-dozen hand-picked offenders who could help with the construction.

Then Gary Parsons told me, "But, you're going to have to feed them, and, by the way, they're going to have to do their own laundry, too."

"So I went downtown and saw this appliance store and met Bill Johnson, whom I knew earlier when the community was recruiting this facility. I told him, "I need some help. I need an icebox, I need a washer and dryer, and I need a stove."

Bill Johnson said, "OK, let's look around the store." Jones said, "I picked out the best products he had. I didn't sign one document. They were delivered that afternoon, and by that evening we were cooking our own meals."

Justin Jones then drew a chuckle from the audience by saying, "I didn't realize I had to pay for all those items. I think that's when I learned that when dealing with corrections, or any state agency, it's better to ask for forgiveness later. Simply write out your reasons of why you

violated state law and hopefully nobody will prosecute you."

"And we did that a lot in Alva. And that's why the citizens and the leadership in Alva were so helpful to us," he said. Jones then said, "I made so many mistakes in Alva, that Gary Parsons decided to send Ed Evans up to keep an eye on me, so Ed started driving from Crabtree every day.

Changing directions Jones commented, "This (BJCC) is truly a bright spot for us. Despite the financial difficulty we've had over that few years, we really want to maintain the integrity of the programs. Thanks to Dr. Wilson for helping with this chapel project, because this is the right thing to do, to keep the programs that are working so well here."

Turning to Warden Melton he said, "The success rate here has been nationally recognized. I believe it was in 2008 that you received the award from the National Corrections Association.

"Earlier today, I had the opportunity to look in the warden's office and see all the awards you have won. These

don't go to just one person. They go to all the employees of this facility, the community, and also for the dedication of the warden."

Jones noted that Warden Melton is the longest tenured warden at any of the state's 17 prisons. He said, "That's not because we didn't want her to move, but because she didn't want to leave Alva. She's had opportunities for promotion.

She's had opportunities to make more money elsewhere over what a warden would make at Alva. But she's turned them all down."

Jones joked, "We have yet to figure out why she's turned down these promotion opportunities, but we think it has something to do with all of you guys," as he gestured sweeping the room.

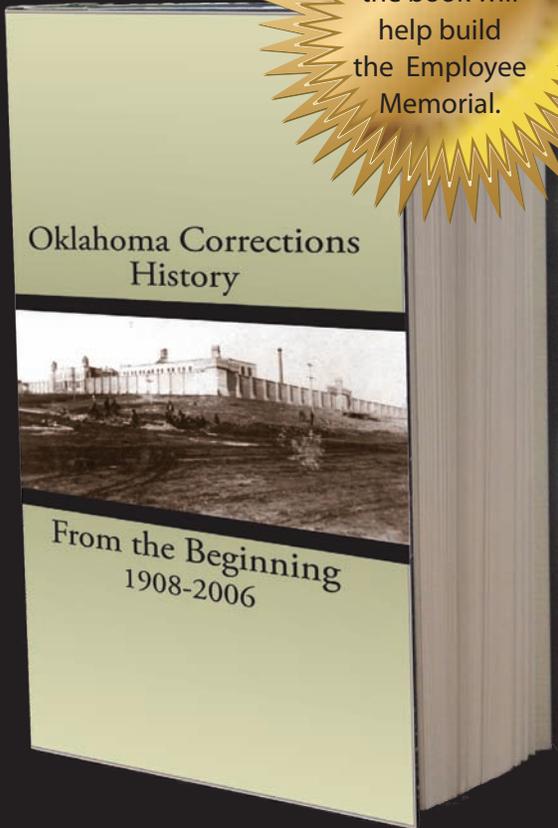
After remarks by Kyle Hughbanks, chairman of the BJCC Advisory Committee, the crowd enjoyed cake and cookies. (A video of this event is posted on [www.alvareviewcourier.com](http://www.alvareviewcourier.com))



**Speakers at the 15th anniversary celebration of BJCC are pictured (L-R): Justin Jones, Director, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Janice Melton, Warden, BJCC, and Kyle Hughbanks, Chairman of the BJCC community advisory committee.**

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# Fifth Annual CERT Golf Tournament

Mangum Golf Course • September 4, 2010



The Oklahoma State Reformatory CERT held its Fifth Annual CERT Golf Tournament on September 4, 2010 at the Mangum Golf Course in Mangum, Oklahoma. Fourteen teams participated raising \$2,455. Proceeds from the tournament benefited DOC families in need and equipment necessities of the CERT team.



1. James Rudek, Warden, Oklahoma State Reformatory, Trey Tate, and David Tate

2. 3rd Place "A" Flight Winners - Scott Brisco, Cindy Brisco, and Don Mullins

3. 2nd Place "A" Flight Winners - Dennis Hendrix, J.C. McCormick, and Justin McGee

4. 1st Place "A" Flight Winners - L.D. Ormand, Carl Bear, Justin Tyra, and (middle front) Coby Bear, son of Carl Bear

5. 3rd Place "C" Flight Winners - Todd Walls, David Wortham, and Scott Smith

6. Group shot of all participants



# Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Hillside Visiting Room

September 23, 2010



Cindy Wilkett  
Mistress of Ceremony



April DeLay Garza  
Central District CC



Annette Marzett, Kimberlee Tran, Jill Hinkston, and Faye Tucker

## Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (EWCC) Places First at Poster Contest

EWCC took first place at the Osage County Coalition for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Poster Contest for Art and Poetry.

All of the women who participated will receive a check on October 21st (that will go on their books) for participating. First place winners will receive \$175.



Pictured on left: (L-R) Dr. Melanie Spector, Health Education, Research and Program Development Specialist, Medical Services, and Sheila England, Contract Therapist, EWCC. Pictured above is the poster created by an offender housed at EWCC which won 1st place.

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# Anniversaries

Valerie Menifee	KBCCC	Rabekka Mooneyham	Proc/Accred	Larry Sunderland	WKCC
Robert Martin	BJCC	Roxie Martin	Education/BJCC	Steven Schrock	BJCC
Venna Hamel	OSP	Robin Lukinbill	Facility Class	Arnold Nelson	CDCC
Joseph Farrell	JLCC	Ernest Lamirand	Contracts & Acquisitions	Jane Ensley	LCCC
Michael Evans	NEDCC	Heather Knight	Medical/MACC	Karen Brooks	Medical/OSR
Larry Easley	Frederick CWC	Ronald Kephart	BJCC	Janet Bolton	MBCC
Dianna Collins	DCCC	Daniel Curtis, Jr.	JCCC	Frank Bert	IT
Stephen Chandler	HMCC	Steven Chamness	LARC		
Heather Carlson	TCDCC	Shawna Cayot	BJCC		
Leo Brown, Jr.	Tx/Rehab Svcs	Andrea Blackwell	Medical/JLCC	Priscilla Toyer	<b>19 Years</b>
		Michael Atkinson	Frederick CWC	Verle Stewart	Community Corrections
		Lisa Allen	LARC	Sherri Rivas	WKCC
				Tim Peters	SWDCC
				Joyce Perry	Personnel Unit
				Alden Jones	Director's Office
				Joyce Jackson	NOCC
					Exec Comm

**13 Years**

Tamera Rucker	SEDCC
Timothy Richardson	JHCC
Linda Hubbell	JCCC
Jason Barnard	JDCC
William Anderson	JDCC
Sheila Alford	SWDCC
Timothy Adams	NOCC

**12 Years**

Jeffrey Troutt	Medical Adm/JCCC
David Tamplin	JHCC
James Reed	SWDCC
Veronica Ramirez	WSKCC
Cody Mitchell	Agri-Svcs/JBCC
Tracy Lee	JLCC
Antwonette Kimble	FOCC/RS
Michael Jones	DCCC
Richard Johnston	Training
Natoia Halstied	Training
Lana Graumann	Altus CWC
Jermaine Golden	MBCC
Stephen Ellis	MBCC
Joyce Dill	OSP
Larry Davis	OSR
Theodore Dalke	OSP
Sandra Cearley	OSP
Susan Calhoun	Mangum CWC
Patrick Brown	LARC
Clarence Blades	JDCC
Edwin Barchue	OKCCCC

**11 Years**

Delina Wright	OSP
Larry Walker, Jr.	JBCC
Donna Smith	OSR
Darlene Saltzman	Contracts & Acquisitions
Sobra Pugh	Medical/JDCC
Pernell Lerch	JHCC
Howard Easley	OSR
Paul Dodson	Trans Unit/JLCC
Lori Delay	MACC
Ricky Cole	LARC
John Colbert	OCI Mfg
James Castleberry	Programs Unit
Felicia Adams	Personnel Unit
Marsha Abbott	Beaver CWC

**10 Years**

Justin Tyra	Mangum CWC
Christopher Swindler	JCCC
Billie Pack	TCDCC

## DECEMBER

**36 Years**

William McCollum	CS/Off Info Svcs
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**33 Years**

Stephen Frazier	IT
Bobby Boone	Institutions

**32 Years**

Peggy McConathy	SEDCC
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**30 Years**

Gregory Province	DCCC
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**29 Years**

Patricia Loyd	Medical/Adm
Karen Lindsey	JBCC
Shirlee Deaton	MACC

**26 Years**

Cheryl Sexton	JBCC
Peggy Blanke	NOCC

**25 Years**

Leatha Brannon	Education/JBCC
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**24 Years**

Cathy Sasnett	JDCC
Kenneth Moon	Priv Pris/Jail Adm

**23 Years**

John Slater	Education/OSR
Suzie Salinas	JCCC
Charles Berreth	Finance/Acctng

**22 Years**

Gary Williams	JBCC
Gladys Welch	JDCC
Patricia Montgomery	Training
Terry Fry	Agri-Svcs/JDCC
Mikolyn Franks	LARC
Velma Adams	Medical/MBCC

**21 Years**

Chiquita Overstreet	JHCC
Joe McDonald	Medical/Adm
Carolyn Cheek	LARC

**20 Years**

Steven Schrock	WKCC
Arnold Nelson	BJCC
Jane Ensley	CDCC
Karen Brooks	LCCC
Janet Bolton	Medical/OSR
Frank Bert	MBCC
	IT

**19 Years**

Priscilla Toyer	Community Corrections
Verle Stewart	WKCC
Sherri Rivas	SWDCC
Tim Peters	Personnel Unit
Joyce Perry	Director's Office
Alden Jones	NOCC
Joyce Jackson	Exec Comm

**18 Years**

Norma Tilley	DCCC
Beatrice Sands	SWDCC
Timothy Jackson	JCCC
Dewey Holdeman	WKCC

**17 Years**

Anna Waggoner	WKCC
Gayle Storie	CS/Off Info Svcs
Robin Steelman	JHCC
Dewayne Lewis	JHCC
John Latimer	HMCC
Harley Johnson	JHCC
Larry Donathan	JHCC

**16 Years**

Eddie Webb	NOCC
John Short	Education/MBCC
Dennis SeEVERS	BJCC
Mary Rolison	Mental Health/JHCC
Deborah Priller	Medical/LARC
Joseph McDougal	LARC
Louis Harrison	NOCC
David Fields	OSP
Rebecca Densmore	Finance/Acctng
Brian Davis	LARC
Kimberly Bruce	EWCC
Melanie Brenton	NOCC
David Ashpaugh	LARC

**15 Years**

Johnny Woody	Facility Classification
Ronald Wiser	Finance/Acctng
Robin Thomas	Medical/JHCC
Hazel Shaver	Medical/OSR
Collin Nelson	MACC
Jules Myers	LARC
Arvin McGowin	JDCC
Jerry Leighton	JBCC
Karylen Hickerson	CDCC
Joe Hankins	SEDCC
James Gibson	HMCC
Mary Cristelli	NWDCC
Derek Cave	HMCC
Barry Cauthron	DCCC
George Carothers	NWDCC

# CALENDAR

Vickie Caesar HMCC  
Karen Bowling NWDCS Support

## 14 Years

Dale Weaver JHCC  
Hubert Motte IT  
Laura Gorman TCDCC

## 13 Years

Robert Wilkerson Finance/Actng  
Allen Roberts Community Corrections  
Cathy Riley Walters CWC  
Paul Newport JLCC  
Nute Neasbitt LARC  
Roy Moore JLCC  
Terrie Gary JHCC  
Patricia Curtiss Facility Class/MBCC  
Gail Caywood SEDCC  
Sami Boyett DCCC  
Anna Ashley JLCC

## 12 Years

Kashondra Young-Buckner CDCC  
Michael Woods JHCC  
Amanda Webb Medical/LARC  
Peggy Underwood Medical/LARC  
Christopher Stewart BJCC  
Denise Smith CDCC  
Mathew Puliyileathu KBCCC  
Linda Montgomery Medical/OSP  
Charles Mitchell JHCC  
Audrietta Mascarenaz NOCC  
Phyllis Martin Beaver CWC  
Linda Jackson JHCC  
Michael Howell JHCC  
Christopher Harrison NOCC  
Wantova Goodson MACC  
Charles Galaviz LARC  
Kenneth Dudley Trans Unit/WKCC  
Jodi Davis Medical/LARC  
Michael Buchanan NOCC  
James Baber SEDCC

## 11 Years

Bradley Warren JEHCC  
Olufunmilayo Togun Personnel Unit  
Marsha Shirley KBCCC  
Janet Perkins NEDCC  
Shelley Parris NEDCC  
Judith Jones MBCC  
Terri Honeycutt Carter Co CWC  
Katryna Frech Medical/JCCC  
Mary Duggan JHCC  
Tod Dillard HMCC  
Rosemarie Crawford LARC  
Keith Clady MBCC

## 10 Years

Ricky Vinson SEDCC  
Gary Skeen Davis CWC  
Paul Haines Medical Adm/NOCC  
Travis Clark Tx/Rehab Svcs

## NOVEMBER

7 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
11 Veterans Day  
16-18 Pardon and Parole Board  
Hillside CCC  
18 Board of Corrections  
Jim E. Hamilton CC  
25 Thanksgiving Day

## DECEMBER

2 Hanukkah Begins  
7-9 Pardon and Parole Board  
Hillside CCC  
Board of Corrections (*no meeting*)  
21 First Day of Winter  
25 Christmas Day  
26 Kwanzaa Begins  
31 New Year's Eve

## JANUARY

1 New Years Day  
17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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*William Ellington, Mental Health (Facility)*

*Ronald Hood, Northeast District Community Corrections*

*Arthur Laws, Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center*

*Andy Paul, Joseph Harp Correctional Center*

*Steven Pfaff, Howard McLeod Correctional Center*

### NOVEMBER

*George Edens, Oklahoma State Reformatory*

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