

# Gadsden County Correctional Facility

## *"Doing Re-Entry at the local Level"*



Sheriff Morris A. Young



Major Robert Barkley

# Why Re-Entry?

# **Why Re-Entry?**

The jail re-entry program is designed to help rehabilitate a person so that successful re-entry into the community can be assured.

# Back To The Community



# Jail/Correctional Facility

## Definition

- **Jail:** A place for the lawful confinement of people accused or convicted of a crime.
- **Correctional Facility:** Any reformatory, detention center, work farm, halfway house, or residential community program center.

# Guidelines

- What are the regulatory guidelines that evaluate correctional facilities?



# **Florida Model Jail Standards**

## **Definition:**

The Florida Model Jail Standards are minimum standards which jails across Florida must meet to ensure that the constitutional rights of those incarcerated are upheld.



# **Florida Model Jail Standards**

## **CHAPTER 9 - PROGRAMS**

### **(9.10)**

All inmates, regardless of gender, shall have equal access to programs, privileges, exercise, visitation, and work release opportunities, unless deemed to be a threat to the safety of staff or other inmates or to security of the facility.

# Florida Model Jail Standards

## **(9.01)**

The Officer-in-Charge or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to make use of programs available through local community resources. At least one employee in each detention system shall act as liaison between each facility within the system and the community agencies that offer needed programs and services.

(a) The following agencies may provide services to inmates: mental health centers; substance abuse programs; county health departments; local hospitals; county school boards; county libraries; county welfare departments; local universities and community colleges; program offices of the Department of Children and Family services; legal services; ministerial associations; vocation rehabilitative services; and others.

# Florida Model Jail Standards

## **(9.05) Work**

(a) Sentenced inmates may be assigned to work to the benefit of the facility, county, or any other governmental agencies within the guidelines expressed in the paragraphs below.

(d) Work and study release, as authorized by the court or the facility, is encouraged. If work or study releases are housed in a detention facility, they should be separated, whenever practical, from the general population.

(e) Inmates may be required to work for other county or governmental agencies to the benefit of that county or community. If so, their supervisor shall acknowledge, in writing, the provisions of these regulations, particularly Chapter 3 and the policy and procedure directives of the facility. It is the intent of this paragraph to encourage the use of inmates in vocational and productive work programs which will benefit the inmate(s) and the county or community.

(f) Inmates may voluntarily work for charitable or nonprofit organizations under the following conditions:

- (1) They shall be supervised by an employee of the facility or other county or governmental employee;
- (2) The work shall have the prior written approval of the Officer-in-Charge or designee;
- (3) No monetary compensation may be made to the inmate or the facility for the work.

# Re-Entry Program

## **GED (General Education Diploma :)**

Assists participants that do not have a high school diploma with the curriculum to complete the diploma process.

## **Anger Management:**

Assist participants in controlling anger issues.

## **Substance Abuse Counseling:**

Assist participants with overcoming illegal substance use and abuse

## **Employable Skills:**

Assist participants in areas that are in demand for today's work force.

## **Horticultural and Landscaping:**

A certificate program that prepares participants for an entry level position in this field of horticulture.

# Re-Entry Program

## **Judicial Readiness:**

Objective is to educate the inmates of the court process and the roles of court Affiliates.

## **Trustee Program:**

A new objective was developed to provide a method of tracking the number of hours the trustees worked for the different county wide sites, and utilizing those work experiences hours and marketable skills to assist with their transition. Each inmate is given a Certificate of Hours Work and Class Hours Certification for Job Training, thereby increasing their marketability.

## **The Chaplain Program:**

Over the past three years this cooperative service program has increased the number of church and religious services and counseling. As a result, at least 100 inmates have been baptized. The chaplain used the restorative justice approach integrating the inmates families and the community in these experiences.

# **Why Re-Entry?**

## **The Answer: Fewer Returns**

- Recidivism Reduction: Over-all decrease in inmate population
- Slower Revolving Door- Fewer Inmates Returning
- Below Capacity – No overcrowding.  
For the past 3 ½ decades, overcrowding has been an issue. That is no longer the case. The jail is now below capacity!!!!

# RE-ENTRY PARTICIPANTS IN CLASS

“CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR IS LEARNED AND  
CAN BE UNLEARNED...”





# TRUSTEE AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**TRUSTEE:** An inmate qualified by the use of the Florida Model Jail Standards to work outside of the jail.





“Mechanical & Small Engine Skills are marketable  
in our community...”



# Automotive Service Training





Skills training  
is also afforded  
to in-facility  
trustees.



Floor maintenance, is critical to both the sanitation and safety of our facilities and affords inmates a marketable skill.



Skills taught at IFAS are practiced at the facility and other public entities.



\*Skill Training At the Facility participants and trustees received a certificate of hours of training



Gadsden County Jail  
Faith Behind Bars Reentry Program

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

This certifies that

**Mr. Halt Behavior**

Has Successfully Completed 624 hours of onsite training in  
Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping

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Morris A. Young,  
Gadsden County Sheriff

Mr. Bob P. Smith  
Instructor

Major Robert Barkley  
Bureau Chief

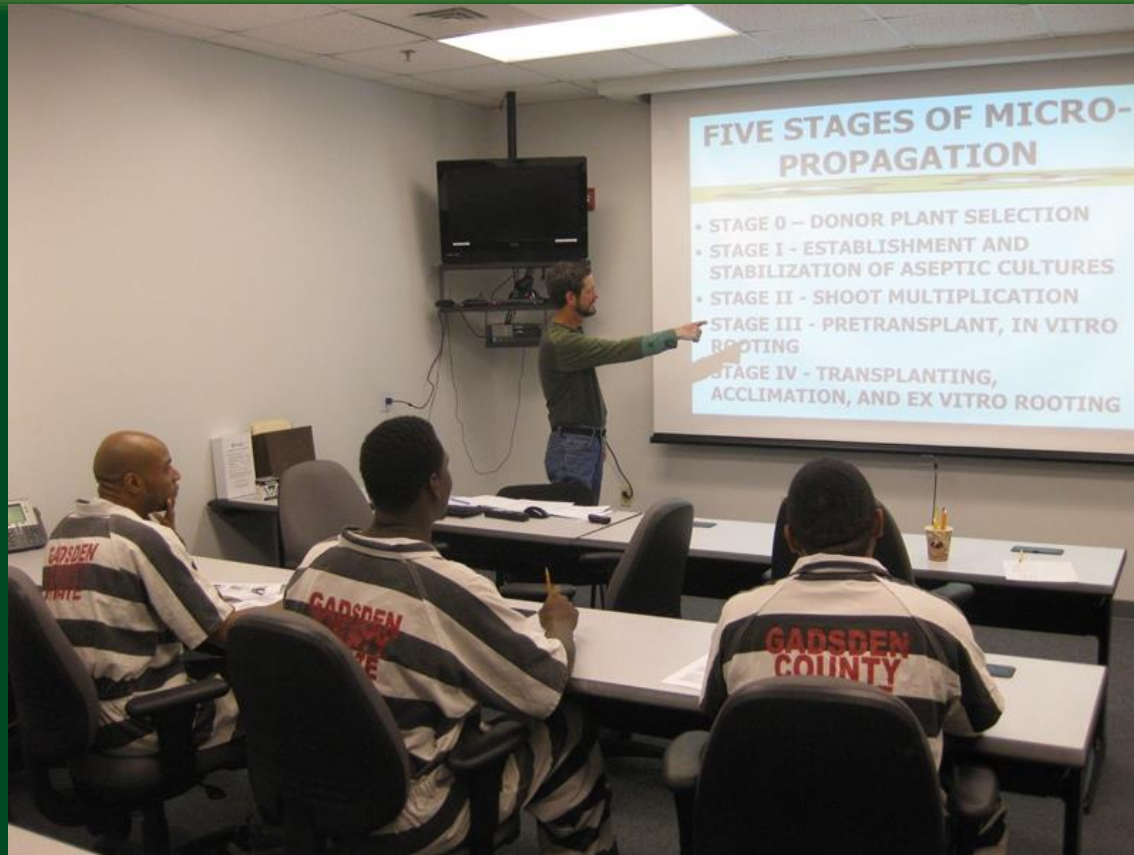
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## GTI- GADSDEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ACCOMMODATES FUTURE RE-ENTRANTS FOR GED TESTING



# RE-ENTRY PARTICIPANTS AT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA - IFAS





# RE-ENTRY PARTICIPANTS- LANDSCAPING PROJECT

**JOB SKILLS:**  
HORTICULTURE & LAWN SERVICE











# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA 1<sup>ST</sup> RE-ENTRANT GRADUATES



RE-ENTRY PARTICIPANTS  
SERV-SAFE  
CLASS  
**JOB SKILLS:**  
RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE





# COOPERATIVES PARTNERS



# PHILOSOPHY OF THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

*"Re-entry is not a service. It is process that begins with us but continues with you. After we are allowed to open the cell, you must open the doors of legitimate opportunities....."*

**-Sheriff Morris A. Young, Gadsden County**

*"Our commitment to re-entry is a commitment to stronger faith in mankind, stronger families and ultimately stronger communities."*

**-Major Robert Barkley, Bureau Chief of Corrections**

*"None of us can be what we ought to be until those we have been called to serve have become what they are suppose to be...."*

**-Annie Britt-Berry, MS, CAP, IMHC- Program Coordinator**

