Facility Profile

Warden: Frank Shaw | Capacity: 1,500 Inmates | Security Level: Minimum, Medium, Close and Maximum Security

Economic Impact

Local Spend: $1,630,470 | County Revenue: $300,000 | Staff: 299

Accreditations

Facility Programming Results: 309,649 hours of effective offender programming and engagement activities completed

The East Mississippi Correctional Facility strives to be a leader in social impact by helping offenders prepare to successfully re-enter society. Offenders are provided with a wide variety of educational, vocational, substance abuse, and life-skills courses that help reduce recidivism.

Rehabilitation Programs

Education
- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Development

Vocation
- Facility Care
- NCCER Core
- NCCER Painting
- Open Office Computer Apps

Substance Abuse
- Pathway to Change
- Residential Drug Abuse

Life Skills
- Inside Out Dad
- Pre-Release
- SAMHSA Anger Management
- Stress Management
- Workforce Readiness

Therapy
- Choice & Change
- High Risk Stepdown Program
- Moral Reconation Therapy

Religious
- Experiencing God
- Bible Study

Recreation/other
- Offender Orientation
Community Relations Council

- Dustin Markham  
  Meridian City Councilman & Attorney
- Sheriff Billy Sollie  
  Lauderdale County
- Dr. John McEachin  
  Authority Board Member
- Chief Anthony Clayton  
  Meridian Fire Department
- Nellie Snatcher  
  Mississippi Department of Employment Services
- Lynne Carey  
  Meridian Community College
- Shannon Coleman  
  Meridian Community College

Helping Those We Serve

“When I see correctional officers on the zone and a guy doing his GED work, and they come by and say, ‘what are you doing?’, they say, ‘I’m doing my homework.’ ‘That’s good. I’m proud of you. Keep going.’”

~ Stephen Michael Combs, graduate of the East Mississippi GED program

“They bought new material for us. They’ve hired another staff member. They bought new AA and NA books for us; things that we’ve been needing for a long time. So I’m really grateful for them offering the program and all of the resources that they allocate towards the program that can help us to have the best opportunity to get out of prison and stay out of prison.”

~ Paul Valentine, East Mississippi Correctional Facility