



East Mississippi Correctional Facility

Preparing Men for Successful Re-Entry | January 2021



Facility Profile

Acting Warden: Hector Portillo | **Capacity:** 1,500 Residents | **Security Level:** Min, Med, Close and Max
Location: 10641 HWY. 80 W. | Meridian, MS 39307 | (601) 485-5255

Hiring Local and Supporting the Meridian Community



299 Dedicated employees preparing residents for re-entry



\$1,630,470 Spent supporting local businesses

Research Shows Education and Training Works



Education and training lowers recidivism by up to **43%***



For every **\$1** spent on education and training **\$5** is saved on future law enforcement and corrections costs*

Culture of Caring—A Foundation for Success

- 1) Hire and train caring staff
- 2) Treat staff and residents with compassion
- 3) Transform lives through education, training, and treatment
- 4) Prepare residents for successful re-entry

Providing Education and Training to Reduce Recidivism

Resident Results

139 certificates earned in educational, career training, substance abuse treatment, and life-skills programs in the last year.



Certifications and Education Programs

Residents at the East Mississippi Correctional Facility can earn industry-recognized certifications through a partnership with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). NCCER certifications in painting and other core construction courses providing residents with the edge to get jobs after they're released.



East Mississippi Correctional Facility has achieved nationally-recognized corrections, and safety accreditations

East Mississippi Correctional Facility is accredited by the American Correctional Association — achieving compliance for both mandatory and non-mandatory standards in its most recent audit. The facility is also certified by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).



PREA
Prison Rape
Elimination Act

Rehabilitation Programs



Education

- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Development



Vocation

- Facility Care
- NCCER Core
- NCCER Painting
- 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 Step down Program
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy



Religious

- Experiencing God
- Bible Study



Recreation/other

- Offender Orientation

Valuing the Meridian Community

MTC is proud to be a part of the community in Lauderdale County. Staff and inmates volunteer both time and money in the community, working with various non-profit organizations and other groups that benefit the local community. Representatives from local government, business, and civic organizations serve on the facility's community relations council. Facility leaders share important updates and collaborate on issues important to the community.

Community Relations Council

- **Dustin Markham**
Meridian City Councilman & Attorney
- **Sheriff Billy Sollie**
Lauderdale County
- **President 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

COVID-19 Safety Precautions

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, MTC has closely followed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health department protocols and recommendations to keep our staff and clients safe. The health of our employees and those we care for is our top priority.