



ACI: Moving Forward and Aiming High

By Clark Newsom

Allendale Correctional Institution held its “Moving Forward” celebration on January 31, 2019 in its new program center located in a former Division of Industries building on campus. Staff, volunteers, SCDC officials, and friends of ACI were on hand to celebrate the accomplishments of the South Carolina Department of Corrections’ only fully developed Character Program institution. It also marked the culmination of the efforts of recently retired warden John Pate, and the beginning of a new administration under Warden McKendley Newton, Associate Wardens Yvonne Wilkins-Smith and Arthur Fredericks.

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While John Pate did not become warden at Allendale CI until 2010, he, AW Wilkins-Smith, and then AW Newton, all were together when ACI opened in 1989. It was in 2011 that they established a Character Based Housing Unit (CHU), based on the Character First program, with 128 inmates volunteering to move to one wing in the Bamberg living unit. Inside of one year, the CHU was expanded to include the other wing creating an entire program unit which is now known as the graduate unit. In just months, due to the level of interest, the CHU expanded to the first wing of another living unit through a partnership with JUMPSTART and the Addiction Recovery Program, a program created at ACI. Six months later, the CHU expanded again, this time creating a wing focused on GED preparation, the Cornerstone Project.

ACI Moving Forward continued



The Character Based Housing Unit (CHU) platform at ACI is a rehabilitative, residential, clustering program dedicated and designed to create an educational and pro-social environment for inmates. It is facilitated and promoted by volunteers and participants, selected by administration, under the direction of the warden and a project coordinator.

The CHU has become not only a program in itself but a facilitator of additional programming making possible ACI's institution-wide initiative. Pate, while serving as warden, recognized the transformative possibilities of offering inmates an opportunity to live differently. Pate said he challenged the participants to use their time behind bars positively so they might demonstrate their true character. "I always told newly admitted inmates that your first step inside these walls should be your first step toward going back out."

His longtime friend and associate and now warden, Mckendley Newton, along with AW Wilkins-Smith and AW Fredericks, who is new to the institution, say they plan to continue what has been so successful at Allendale and is now a model for the 17 SCDC institutions around the state who also now have or are about to implement their own Character programs.

ACI has such programs as agriculture, beekeeping, service dog training, aquaponics, and an outstanding Toastmasters club sanctioned by Toastmasters International. A tremendous cadre of volunteers from throughout the Low Country have come in to facilitate clubs for art, Bible study, music, books and much more. Pate and Newton credit their volunteers for their time and numerous donations through the years. "With their continued support, our Character Program at ACI will only get stronger," Warden Newton stated.



(L-R) Warden Mckendley Newton; John Pate

ACI Moving Forward continued



It was also announced during the ceremonies at ACI that the 28,000 square foot Programs building on the Allendale complex, which is now being used, has officially been named for its former warden, John R. Pate. The building's operation will eventually be turned over to its volunteers.

In addition, SCDC Deputy Director for Programs, Reentry and Rehabilitative Services, Nena Walker-Staley, revealed that Pate will also be coming out of retirement to work on a special assignment as a Program Coordinator in her division with the task of training SCDC's other institutions on how to best incorporate the Character Program into their day-to-day operations. "John has become legendary for what he, the staff, volunteers, and participating inmates have been able to accomplish with the CHU and its programs at ACI," stated Ms. Walker-Staley. "Director Stirling and I believe his experience and contacts will be invaluable as we continue to spread the Character Restoration Initiative throughout the system. We believe it will help SCDC to continue to reduce recidivism using programs that provide rehabilitation through addiction recovery, educational and spiritual opportunities, and vocational training."

Allendale Correctional Institution's Character Housing Unit (CHU) Mission Statement:

"Introducing men behind bars to a new way of life by equipping them with the pro-social skills necessary to eliminate the 'prison culture' and develop the character traits necessary to be successful in their community."



PUSD Awards: "What Do Tough Times Say About You? We Still Get It Done!"
Submitted By Beverly Holiday, Director of Adult Education



Congratulations for your diligent work, commitment, and achievement! The creative ways that you have orchestrated to reach and teach the students have really paid off! On Friday, February 15, 2019, at the Adult Education Celebrating Our Success Awards Luncheon, Palmetto Unified School District (PUSD) received two (2) awards of recognition for achievement: *High School Equivalency Diploma Award* – 233 GEDs awarded in the large program size and *State Post-Testing Percentage Goal* – PUSD exceeded the state goal by 11%.

In spite of the obstacles affiliated with the students' inability to attend school at times, you have charted new ways of thinking and delivering educational services to earn these awards and recognitions. No deterrents can cease the exertion of a very much consolidated TEAM of educators and staff members. You ALL have demonstrated the importance of camaraderie through whatever part and participation you played to help achieve another awesome level of progress. You've earned the right to be in the limelight. You've earned the right to the rewards. You've earned the right to feel proud!

Although PUSD is one of the smallest school districts in the state in terms of staff members to the number of students served, it is the largest school district geographically because it covers the entire state which necessitates high-performing team-work through shared goals, shared leadership, collaboration, open communication, clear role expectations, and a strong sense of accountability among the PUSD staff members. Heartiest congrats to every one of you and keep up the awesome work! I really appreciate your innovation and attention to the Mission of PUSD: "To empower students with life, academic, and vocational skills for their successful reentry into society."



Kirkland Holds Black History Program

By Sommer Sharpe



Kirkland celebrated Black History Month with a program on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Mrs. Johnson, LMSW, served as the program's mistress of ceremony providing seamless transitions between the afternoon's different entertainment acts. The event began with a powerful performance of the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by Kirkland's Choir. The choir also performed "Down by the Riverside" and closed the program with their rendition of "Oh, Freedom." The program also featured several variety acts intermingled with the musical selections. Ms. Green gave a moving spoken word reading of "The Struggle," and three of Kirkland's inmates gave a powerful performance of "Break Every Chain" through an expressive dance.



Perhaps one of the crowd favorites was the skit created by the E-Dorm in which they imagined what the world would be like without black people, and imagine they did. The men took a closer look at every day appliances like a washing machine, a refrigerator, and a car, and explored what life would look like in today's world without them. All of the appliances included in the skit were created by black people, and with the creativity of the inmates, the audience was successfully transported to a family household to see how daily operations would be so drastically impacted without these items. The men added vivid sound effects and utilized materials available to them at the institution, such as a rolling cart with two chairs behind it to represent a car, to add depth to their skit. That creativity caught the attention of guest speaker, Kendall Taylor.

Black History Program Continued



Taylor addresses the group during his speech while then-Warden Davis and AW Willingham look on

At the top of his speech, Taylor gave a well-deserved mention to the men of the E-Dorm who created the skit.

“How many of you saw that washing machine? How many of you saw that refrigerator or the car? That's what the life of a felon is about-doing the same thing with less resources available to you,” he implored. Taylor is not your average guest speaker. In addition to being married to former *American Idol* winner Fantasia Barrino, he is also a former inmate having been incarcerated several different times throughout his life. Taylor opened his thoughts about Black History Month by emphasizing to the staff and inmates of Kirkland that “black history is now!”

He continued, “It bothers me that every February we have to look *all* the way back to the past. At what point do we get to February and say, ‘this is black history right here.’”

Taylor tapped into his personal experiences with incarceration to identify with specific issues the men are currently going through and how that shaped him into the man he is today. He examined the cycle of repeating the mistakes of one’s parents and what being a parent entails, specifically relating to fathers and their children.

“If a man can’t protect his kids and the kids don’t feel like the father takes care of them, is a father really a father, or is he just a man occupying space?” Taylor inquired.

It was Taylor’s role as a father helped him make the decision to change his life.

“We can’t father our kids if we’re in prison. I probably been locked up 9 or 10 times, but it wasn’t till I saw my son crying through that glass that I said something’s gotta change,” he recalled.



Black History Program Continued



One of the most effective moments of Taylor’s address was when he listed several recognizable names: Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela, and Stanley “Tookie” Williams. He asked the men what all of those names had in common to which few of the men ventured a guess before Taylor clarified that all of the men named had been incarcerated. With Garvey serving three years, Malcolm X serving six, Nelson Mandela serving 27 years of his life sentence, and Tookie serving 36 years on death row before his execution, Taylor explained to the men that they shouldn’t feel as though they have an excuse or a purpose to have impact. The men have ability to be leaders in their current environments and to change the course of how they live their lives as Taylor did witnessing his son crying during that visit. The overarching theme of Taylor’s speech was how black history and race relations are different now from how they were back in the day.

“Now it’s self-hate, internal envy, jealousy, and murder at its finest. We the opposition now. We self inflict,” said Taylor. “We have learned to celebrate our own ignorance,” he continued.

Incarceration should be a wake up call for most people; however, that was not the case for Taylor who had to continually learn the lesson the hard way.

“I got my first felony when I was 16-yrs.-old. I was shot twice, my lungs collapsed twice. I almost died, should’ve changed my life, but I just turned the Tupac up louder,” recalled Taylor.

That same lifestyle began to affect the safety of Taylor’s children, which impacted how he went about his daily life.

“I couldn’t keep my son in my car; I had to switch cars every week. My son at 15 was getting shot at more than I could keep track,” Taylor continued.

The last time Taylor was incarcerated was in 2007, and he tells people the best time in his life is when he got locked up. He got rid of all the negative people in his life and got sober. Upon his release at age 28, Taylor began working at Metro Transportation, LLC. He started out sweeping the floors and taking out the trash making \$7.25 an hour. He started asking questions of the people that worked there trying to learn the ins and outs of the business. As he kept learning and proving himself, they kept giving him more responsibility. Taylor is now the COO of the company because he took full advantage of the opportunity to learn. He advised the inmates to do the same telling them to take the door that opens to them when they are released.

Growth opportunities are not only there for the inmates that will go home. Referring back to some of his earlier sentiments, Taylor advised the men serving life sentences to make the best of their situations and to help younger inmates coming.

“Those of you that aren’t going home, be an OG. Be the father they never had; give yourself the opportunity to be the father that you never were,” Taylor concluded.

Black History Program Continued



CPSS Teams Established at Three Institutions Submitted By Holly Bounds-Jackson

Through a first-of-its kind program, 18 SCDC inmates are now Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS) after completing a week-long training session at Allendale Correctional Institution provided by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS).

The new CPSS teams represent inmate residents at Allendale CI, Manning Reentry/Work Release Center, and Turbeville CI. Prior to the start of training, each inmate was required to pass an interview and drug-testing process.



According to DAODAS, Certified Peer Support Specialists promote recovery by motivating readiness to change behavior to live a productive life without drugs or alcohol. These individuals serve as personal guides and mentors for people seeking and maintaining recovery.



Sara Goldsby, Director of DAODAS, said the department obtained federal funding to support inmates upon reentry, specifically as it relates to opioid use. However as funding requirements changed, Goldsby said it allowed the department to go behind the walls to work with inmates who still had substantial time left on their sentences. As the opportunity arose, Goldsby, SCDC Director Bryan Stirling, and their respective teams decided to build a workforce behind the wall.

Goldsby said the certification will not only allow the trained inmates to help those who are incarcerated with addictive disorders in their recovery but will also give them a chance to earn a good living upon release working as a certified specialist. “They’ve now got a special skill-set and practice with Motivational Interviewing techniques,” stated Goldsby. “These inmates will have learned the fundamentals of the science of addiction and gained an understanding of self and how to use their personal experience to help others.”

CPSS Teams Continued

Following the week-long training and examination, the newly certified group took part in a graduation celebration at Allendale CI on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019. Representatives from SCDC and DAODAS commended the graduates on their accomplishments.

“You’ve started something in this state that is going to catch on,” said DAODAS course instructor Bob Rice.

According to SCDC Coastal Region Director Tony Stines, these 18 graduates are the first of 100 student inmates set to be trained. He believes these inmates working with their peers as counselors will be invaluable to the whole system.



“We don’t have all the resources to provide that, so to get them to do it here is a win-win,” Stines pointed out. “Plus, this certification follows them when they leave. They can go and do this for the rest of their lives.”

Goldsby reminded the graduates that when they do this kind of work, they aren’t just changing the life of the man in front of them, but they will be impacting their families, and ultimately, their communities.



“We’re all about saving lives,” SCDC Assistant Director of Health Services Kennard Dubose told the graduates. “Now we’ve got work to do!”

2019 Employee Awards By Clark Newsom



Over 200 employees were on hand at the Training Academy on Thursday, February 28, 2019 for the annual South Carolina Department of Corrections Employee Awards Program. A wonderful luncheon provided by SCDC Food Services was followed by the awards ceremony.



Corrie Unthank, Donnette Jeffcoat, and other Human Resources staff officiated while Director Bryan Stirling, Deputy Director for Operations Mike McCall, Deputy Director for Administration Tom Osmer, Deputy Director for Programs, Reentry and Rehabilitation Services Nena Staley, and Terre Marshall, Deputy Director for Health Services, helped present the various awards.

Employees who have worked 20, 25, 30, and 35 years either at SCDC entirely or with a blend of other state service, were recognized and given certificates. Three employees with 40-years of service: Richard Cannon (Goodman CI), Warden Jannita Gaston (Goodman), and Glenn Stone (Headquarters Operations) received special recognition for their many years on the job.



SCDC's 40 Year Club

Employee Awards Continued

Other award winners were:



Director Stirling, Correctional Officer of the Year Marcus Hopkins, McCormick CI, McCormick Warden Charles Williams, Jr.



Director Stirling, CO Supervisor of the Year Arenda Thomas, Lee CI Warden Kenneth Nelson



Director Stirling presents Employee of the Year Award to Lisa Marcum (Finance)

Employee Awards Continued



Jerry Haynes (Palmer PR) accepts Supervisor of the Year Award from Director Stirling



Then-Deputy Director McCall presents Institutional Manager of the Year Award to Perry CI Warden Scott Lewis



Then-Deputy Director McCall presents Wayne McCabe (Midlands Regional Director) with the Division Manager of the Year Award

The Palmetto Unified School District award for **2018 Teacher of the Year** was awarded to **Beverly Holiday** who was unable to attend the ceremonies and is not pictured.

Director Stirling concluded the day by thanking all SCDC employees for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Camille Graham February Reentry Graduation

By Sommer Sharpe



Camille Griffin Graham hosts a graduation ceremony each month for inmates who have successfully completed their reentry program. The graduation on February 27th included the addition of Minister Louise Custard as the special guest speaker. Custard co-founded “Crown of Glory Empowerment Ministries” and has been an SCDC volunteer since 1994. Reentry Coordinator Valerie Nesbitt acted as the mistress of ceremony for the uplifting and inspirational graduation which featured two poem recitations and words of encouragement from the class of graduating inmates.

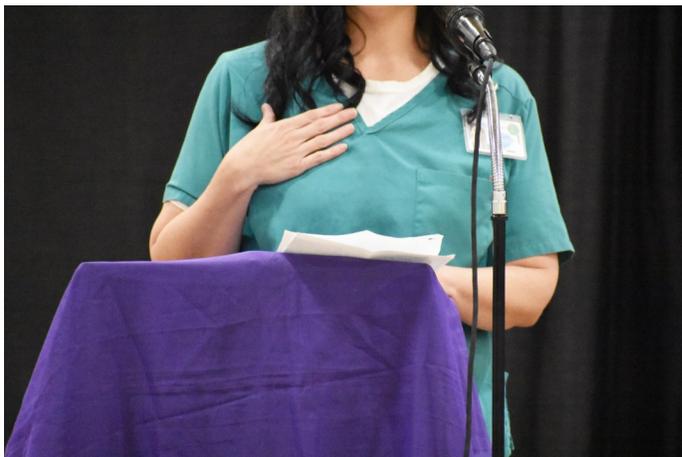
“I was sold to addiction at 11-years-old. I was sold to my mother’s dope dealer for her addiction,” said the inmate at the start her words of encouragement.

The woman used her experiences gained during incarceration to convey her message of perseverance. She spoke of one individual who would approach her in the cafeteria and ask for biscuits which the woman would then take to feed the birds. That may be a simple act for some, but it was a part of the day both of the women looked forward to. This sentence was not the woman’s first time being in prison, but she’s trying to make it her last by changing what she uses as motivation.

“Fight. Each one of you talk about going home for your kids to make a difference. I said that myself every time I got out of prison that I was doing it for my kids,” she said before continuing, “Do it for yourselves. Fight for your lives.”

She ended her thoughts by thanking Reentry Program Coordinator Sharon Small for what she’s learned through the reentry program.

“I have hope with the plans Ms. Small has given me. I have hope that my child will come back to me,” she concluded.



Reentry Graduation Continued

The most energetic portion of the program captivated the group when minister and longtime SCDC volunteer Louise Custard spoke to the ladies being released. Custard began her speech by having the ladies repeat phrases after she would say them. In unison, the ladies chanted:

“I am awesome. I am unique. I am a winner. I have courage. I have faith. I have enthusiasm. I am unique. I will win. I am fearless. I have courage. I have enthusiasm. I have faith. I will win. Cause I am a winner,” the group proclaimed.

Although the group began their repetition at a polite volume, it soon turned into a booming crescendo of conviction as they grew more empowered and confident with Custard’s encouragement. Custard then explained that she had the ladies use their voices to make a sound, and the message she drove home throughout her entire speech was about the importance of sound.

“Each of you carry a unique sound. As you leave this place, you want to be successful. Well, success has a sound and failure has a sound,” Custard said.

She continued, “Success does not sound negative. Success does not sound with a lot of drama.”

When she spoke of sound, she wasn’t necessarily talking about the sound of one’s voice. She meant that sound is someone’s default conversation; it is what people know they’re going to get when they’re talking to you. That depends on whether you are the type of person that is running to tell something negative or the type of person who chooses to rise above the fray of drama.



Custard speaks to the graduates

“Did everything that happened in your life have to be?” Custard asked of the ladies.

It necessarily didn’t, but she implored them to use their life experiences and what they’ve gained from the reentry program to find success. What society views as success, which could be monetary success or stature in their career, is different from each individual’s idea of success. Success is using your sound in a positive way. Success means achieving the goals one sets for themselves as an individual. Success is defined by an individual’s character. With that being said, everyone has an equal opportunity for success. Custard ended her thoughts with a number to stick with the ladies as they continue their journeys beyond the fence.

“86,400 seconds in the day. That means [for] every mess up, you got more seconds to act right, more seconds to get right, more seconds to do right,” said Custard.

She concluded, “86,400 seconds to start over.”

Reentry Graduation Continued



Warden Boulware congratulates the ladies



Ms. Small and Ms. Nesbitt hand out certificates



“A Mother’s/Father’s Voice” Builds Bonds Between Inmates & Families

By Clark Newsom

A program begun some three years ago by the South Carolina Department of Corrections is continuing to build bonds between inmates and their children.



“A Mother’s Voice/Father’s Voice” provides recordable books whereby an inmate who is either a mother or father can record their voice as they turn the pages of a bedtime story. Once recorded, the book is sent or hand delivered at visitation to their children. When children open and play the book, they will hear their mother or father’s voice reading the story to them. Inmates can also add a personal touch. Depending on content, the reader can prompt their young children to brush their teeth, clean their room, or say their prayers. Participants have several choices of bedtime stories that they can record.

Since starting, over 220 inmates have participated in this program which began at Camille G. Graham and Leath Correctional Institutions, SCDC’s two female prisons. Tyger River CI in Enoree became the first male institution to adopt the program in March of 2018. Later, Kirkland Reception & Evaluation Center, a second male institution adopted the program. Another distribution of books was completed at Tyger River CI on March 5, 2019.



“A Mother’s/Father’s Voice” is the end result of work at the Richard Riley Diversity Institute, based at Furman University in Greenville, where groups of people from across the state are chosen to network and begin programs and promote social and racial equality. One group in 2016, including SCDC Director Bryan Stirling and current program volunteer Sally Huguley of Columbia, chose to provide female inmates with recordable books to be sent home to their children. The inmates had to meet certain criteria, including good behavior while in prison, to participate in the program. The program was then of course expanded to include inmate fathers.

"A Mother's/Father's Voice" Continued



"This program hopefully gives a connection between a parent and child so the parent who is incarcerated can strive to do better," said Director Stirling. "It also helps the inmates feel better about themselves and gives them a sense that they are doing something positive for their children."



Gwen Bright, SCDC's Director of Inmate Services says the inmates, both male and female, have done an excellent job of personalizing their messages and helping each other out in making their recordings.

SCDC receives book discounts, donations and grants to purchase the recordable books from the local Hallmark stores for about \$23.00 apiece. One donor from Greenville actually gave SCDC a check for \$1,000 toward the purchase of books.

Ms. Bright says some 222 books have been purchased thus far. "We hope to raise enough donations to eventually expand this program to all 21 of our institutions."

Leath Honors Phenomenal Female Wardens By Sommer Sharpe



Leath CI hosted a celebration of SCDC's female wardens on Friday, March 22, 2019. The event was organized by Associate Warden Jacquelynn Josey-Lewis to show special appreciation for Wardens Marian Boulware (Camille), Lisa Engram (Manning), Terrie Wallace (Trenton), Jannita Gaston (Goodman), and Patricia Yeldell (Leath) in honor of March being Women's History Month. The program featured several musical performances by Benetra "The Boss Lady" Calhoun, and Greenwood County Councilwoman Edith Childs served as the guest speaker.

The day was one of celebration, in which Childs was honored to help recognize women collectively, especially a day dedicated to the female wardens.

"When I think of strong, beautiful, kind, intelligent, and courageous women, it's these five women that sit to my right. They had to do a lot to get where they are, and they have to do a lot to stay where they are," Childs said.

Childs gave a brief overview of women's historical roles in which they fought to become leaders in their households and communities to create a seat for women at the proverbial table. Childs pointed out that a woman's job is never done, which is something that resonated with the group.

"Women work their 8 hour day, sometimes 10 hour, sometimes 12 hour days. They come home, they cook, they clean, they wash the kids, and get them ready for bed. Then the phone rings. Somebody just called from work for us to tell them something that they already know," said Childs.

Although women have made significant strides in knocking down preexisting barriers to their success, bias against women still exists in societal ideologies and the workforce. Therefore, it is paramount for women who are successful in reaching the pinnacles of success to break down those barriers and lend a hand to someone else to help lift them as well.



Councilwoman Childs speaks to the group

"When you get to the top, look around and pull somebody up there with you," Childs began before clarifying, "Not just anybody now, you got to think about it. Not everybody is meant to be leaders."

Phenomenal Female Wardens Continued

Childs also took some time to reflect on women she viewed as role models in her life, which included her early childhood education teachers who taught her to read and write. However, the woman that had the greatest impact on her life was her grandmother.

“My strong support was my grandma. She taught me to say what you mean and mean what you say,” recalled Childs.

Her grandma’s idioms stick with her and continue to ring true today. She, in turn, shares the advice her grandma gave her about the value of hard work and dedication when speaking to groups.

“If you don’t work for it, you’re not supposed to have it. Don’t expect anyone to do something for you that you’re not willing to do for yourself,” Childs stated.

It was that advice that fueled Childs’s determination to become the first minority woman to serve on Greenwood County Council, a role Childs has held for the last 20 years.

Despite what Childs has accomplished, she recognizes that you will never be able to please everyone and naysayers will aim to stifle individual achievement.

“You can give them everything they have on their want list, and at the end of the day, it’s still not going to make them happy,” said Childs.

For guidance and strength, Childs turns to prayer and always manages to find comfort from God. No matter when Childs asks Him for help, she has found that He has always been there when she needs support.

“One thing I’ve learned about prayer, you pray, and your prayers are going to be answered. If you pray, and pray right, you’re gonna get an answer,” Childs concluded.



Warden Wallace looks on while Warden Boulware thanks Leath staff for hosting

Following Childs’s speech, the wardens gave a brief introduction of themselves and their respective institutions for the Leath staff in attendance. Camille Griffin Graham Warden Marian Boulware took time to reflect on celebrating women and female leadership in corrections.

“Sometimes we hear a lot about what we haven’t done, so I want to thank you for appreciating us for all we do,” Boulware said the audience.

Warden Boulware echoed the sentiments of Councilwoman Childs emphasizing the importance of working together.

“Teamwork is imperative, especially when dealing with changes, which we’re dealing with now,” said Boulware.

After the program and lunch concluded, the wardens were given a tour of Leath’s character unit. The wardens each wore the designer lookalike hats and purses made for them by the ladies of the character unit, so the inmates were able to see their showcased artwork.

Phenomenal Female Wardens Continued



AW Lewis talks to Leath staff



The ladies of the hour bust a move to "Freeway of Love"



Being Barkley: Auditing the Former PREA Coordinator's Career

By Sommer Sharpe

After a 25-year career with SCDC, then-PREA Coordinator John Barkley retired from the agency in January 2019. Barkley accepted a position as the first PREA Coordinator for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in California. When I spoke with Barkley before his departure in January, he was equally eager about his cross-country move and his new position.

As far as SCDC's concerned, Barkley has proven himself to be a chameleon of sorts having had an astutely diverse career throughout his tenure. Barkley's education and occupation origins are rooted in journalism, and he tapped into his journalistic skillset to transition into a career with corrections. Although, he had modest motivations when embarking on a journey with SCDC.

"My reason for coming to corrections 25 years ago was the desire, with a young family, to have good benefits," recalled Barkley.

He initially began working in Public Affairs as a member of a six-man team responsible for overseeing Operation Get Smart and Behind Bars, newsletter publications, creating videos about the agency, and media communications.

"I came onboard as like a second banana spokesperson for the agency because my background had been in television. I worked for WSPA-TV, and then after that, I worked for a private video production company in Greenville, SC," said Barkley.

Shortly after Barkley's arrival, his boss was pulled up to be the spokesperson for Governor Beasley, which then promoted Barkley to being the spokesperson for SCDC. Change and turnover is something Barkley grew accustomed to having worked under six governors and eight directors during his tenure with SCDC.

"Each director has their interest and what they feel like will be the most advantageous to ultimately run the most safe prison system. That's what anybody in corrections, no matter what you're doing, public safety, safety of the staff, and safety of the inmates are the top," said Barkley.

He continued, "Everything else is gravy, if you will. It's wonderful, but if we don't protect our staff and don't protect the inmates and ultimately don't protect the public, then we have failed at our mission."

Barkley's foray into corrections was something he stumbled into looking to provide stability and considerable benefits for his family, but he quickly seized the opportunity to delve into the world of corrections to learn more about it.

"I got into corrections, when I was hired, I had never stepped foot in a prison or a jail anywhere in my life, so I had no idea what it was about," said Barkley.

When Barkley was hired, his supervisor at the time told him he had nine months to go to all 32 prisons and meet face-to-face with each warden.

"So I did that, and the more I did that and got to know these people and got to tour these prisons, I got bit by the prison bug really bad," Barkley remembered.

Though he began his professional career in television and continued his journalistic path with SCDC, Barkley soon realized his passion for corrections had flourished exponentially.

"I was working in public affairs; I really liked it, but I realized, okay I'm as far as I can go and I really like the operations end of it. So one of the things that I was able to do, and I share this with anyone: in anything that you do, if you don't network with the people you work with and get to know [them], then you don't make those end roads," said Barkley.

With his newfound desire to be more entrenched in the institutions, he went to a couple of the then-regional directors and told them of his interest to get involved in prison operations. At first they looked at Barkley like he was crazy or just pulling their chains, but he was steadfast in his goal, which he saw as the path for advancement.

"Don Dease, then-regional director over Manning, contacted the warden and said, 'John's interested in coming over there would you be willing to take him?' and fortunately he said yes," recalled Barkley.

Being Barkley Continued

He continued, “The other fortunate thing I can always attribute to Mr. [Gary] Maynard was the director at that time, and he was very supportive of me leaving public affairs. He knew that I really wanted to get out of the public affairs and into the operations.”

To this day, Barkley takes time to thank Maynard for his support of that move when the two run into each other at different events, particularly the American Correctional Association (ACA) conferences.

From his time in public affairs to his role at Manning working under the warden, Barkley fondly remembers his days as associate warden of Broad River. His time at Broad River is what ultimately led him to his longtime position as SCDC’s inaugural PREA Coordinator.

“I loved working at Broad River, I was very happy as associate warden. I jokingly would tell people at the time, because back then I would tell wardens, ‘y’all aren’t retiring or dying quick enough,’” Barkley explained.



Barkley gives a tour at Broad River in 2011

Due to the lack of available positions in the field, Barkley expanded his scope to other areas within the agency. He knew nothing about PREA other than all of the in-depth training employees were bombarded with.

“We had sort of gone through the PREA coma I called it because as soon as the act was signed in 2012, they started telling everybody about it, but we didn’t know anything was gonna happen. When this position came open, I said, ‘well may as well put in for it,’ you know?” said Barkley.

His decision to throw his hat in the ring stemmed from advice he was given that stayed with him.

“I had an old warden tell me, ‘Apply for your position, don’t tell yourself no, let them tell you no,’ and I’ve always carried that through. That’s what I did with the position in L.A. I knew there’d be tons of people applying for that, but I was like why not?” said Barkley.

That advice is what brought Barkley to become PREA Coordinator for six and a half years, something he’s greatly enjoyed.

“It’s probably been the most exciting years that I’ve had because I can actually see something that we’re doing that ultimately is helping in the safety of our inmate population,” Barkley said emphatically.

He went on to explain that the PREA standards are something that every state prison system and jail has to abide by, and initially, there was a lot of pushback from corrections departments across the country. The acceptance of PREA standards continued to grow the more time went on since the act was passed and people were able to see its importance.

Barkley said, “Anybody worth their weight as a corrections professional, the safety of the inmate is the number one. We want to make sure that the inmates we get from the court leave when they’re supposed to leave. Having someone assaulted under our care, having someone sexually assaulted under our care, take their own life under our care, we’ve failed in our mission.”

Being Barkley Continued

Barkley feels that the job of the PREA Coordinator is to support the institutions. During his first warden's meeting as PREA Coordinator, it became clear that he was not going to be in this position to mandate things from headquarters, but rather that he was here as the support. "I was here to let them know this is what we've got to do, this is why we do it, and I wanted to be the support here that's at the headquarters building so when their boss was questioning things, I could go to them and kind of be the liaison. That's what I've tried to do, and that's what I'll continue to do because there's nothing more frustrating than being the boots on the ground being told what to do if that person is not with them side-by-side," he explained.

Throughout the years, Barkley has become a collector of sorts holding onto valued advice he's been given as well as what he's absorbed from his various positions.

"I think that's the other thing, too, I carried from being in the field, and I say this still, those that are supervising divisions or work in areas need to spend more time inside the prisons, not just the fly-bys as I call them, especially now that we [only] have 21 prisons," said Barkley.

"I challenge people to spend a day at that facility, walking around, standing side-by-side, seeing what the officers and the staff are doing. It gives you an appreciation to know what they mean. It's hard to do because I know everybody's got their other areas, but to me, it's worthwhile that it means looking at a calendar and saying okay I need to go to this institution, this institution hasn't seen me. If I could have a dream, it would be to have more people representing PREA that could go to the institutions so that it could be more of a presence than just me," he continued.

What all does being PREA Coordinator entail? For starters, seven different prisons will be audited each year from now until the end of time, a cycle that has already been established. Wateree River CI was the seventh and final audit of the 2018 calendar year, and Barkley spent three days at the facility to conclude the audit prior to his departure in January. An outside auditor goes into the facility and examines the PREA standards. The auditor examines structural elements for any potential blind spots and assesses the need for additional cameras.

"For the longest time, even when I was the associate warden at Broad River, we had more cameras focused out on the fence line. When I was there, we didn't even have a camera to focus on all of the prison yard to even be able to observe our movement because when those prisons were built in the 80's, they built them with the idea that one, we should have more staff than we currently have right now, and two, cameras were just so expensive. That technology has just come down so tremendously."

The biggest difference with a PREA audit versus any other kind of audit is that a PREA audit involves the auditor spending time one-on-one with randomly selected inmates and randomly selected staff as well as some specific staff depending on their job duties.

"So for instance Wateree, since they have under 1,000 inmates, when that audit is done, the auditor will have had to talk to *at least* 30 inmates one-on-one. Then, will probably end up talking to that many or more staff in all different roles from classification to human resources to head of security, the warden, the associate wardens. It is the one-on-one conversation, and you really get a feel for what goes on at the institution," Barkley explained.

Barkley's enthusiasm for the significance of PREA as it relates to the protection and safety of staff and inmates alike is apparent, and while Barkley is excited about his move to California, he is disheartened to know that he will leave some loose ends untied. However, an accomplishment he takes great pride in is his creation of the PREA Risk Assessment. That is the fully automated risk assessment that all inmates must complete when they are admitted. Barkley is grateful for his collaboration and the hard work of RIM to create the automated questionnaire because the previous model required a classification employee to ask the inmates the questions and record their responses.

"But these are very personal questions-your sexual preference, have you ever been sexually assaulted-so what we did was pretty much copy what some other states had been doing, and medical is doing that. Well, since medical is so pressed with time, RIM was able to create it with some of the answers already populated," said Barkley.

Being Barkley Continued

With the assessment repopulating some of the responses, there was no need to ask the question of the inmate. The automated risk assessment has been a good Segway and made the process more efficient and less intrusive.

“It’s being done at seven of our institutions, but I would have liked to have been able to see that implemented at all of them. But, I am very pleased with that because we were able to create a different risk assessment for our female population than our male population. Because we know statistically, many of our female inmates come to us with some kind of past sexual abuse, so there are some different weighted things,” Barkley described.

This change was able to considerably aid in the classification process because rather than the inmates responding with a simple ‘yes’ or ‘no’ for their risk of being a potential victim or a potential perpetrator, it’s given classification a type of score that they categorize with a color. Therefore, an inmate is assessed as red, yellow, or green. If they score red as either a potential perpetrator or potential victim, classification knows to be mindful of where to put that inmate to avoid putting a red potential victim with a red potential perpetrator. Barkley said that also gives classification some wiggle room with the yellow because not everything is cut and dry and decisions need to be made.

“Classification, if people don’t know, the work of our classification case workers is probably the toughest job of anybody in corrections because these are individuals taking in all sorts of factors, whatever they know, and deciding where to house that inmate in the safest place,” said Barkley.

When Barkley was at Manning, the warden gave him the breadth to supervise and learn different areas because of his interest in operations at an institutional level. The opportunity to study and grow is something that was not lost on Barkley.

“Every place in my career in corrections, there have always been people that have been helpful in teaching, even though it wasn’t formalized. I tell people there is no roadmap for getting to where you want to go, other than making that goal for yourself and figuring out yourself how to get there,” Barkley stated.

He has always tried to show the same support that he was given to others. Barkley’s love for daily prison operations carried him into his new position with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. His only wish is to spend more time inside the prisons.

“That was the other thing that kind of drew me to my next position. There’s not many large prisons; I’ll have seven large jails with 21,000 inmates. Now, I’ve got about 23, what they call center jails, which are like little lock-ups, all over the [Los Angeles] county. You might get arrested for a night or two, and they’re keeping you in a lockup area, but they still have to be PREA compliant. But, my main focus will be the seven large jails, and I just love being inside the prisons,” explained Barkley.

Had the PREA Coordinator position not opened up within the agency, Barkley’s career path would have been much different. He loved what he was doing as an associate warden at Broad River and planned to eventually become a warden had the PREA job not been created. However, being the PREA Coordinator is the most eye-opening role Barkley has been in.

“This position has opened me up to meeting people from other states and seeing what other states are doing. As an agency, I’ve seen this change, which is change for the good. Last ACA, the agency sent some wardens [to it]. For the longest time, that was not something that was done at the line level,” said Barkley.

The limited travel and exploration was not due to lack of interest, but rather lack of consideration. Barkley was glad to have the chance to network.

“There was no opportunity to even know what was going on in other states. I see that changing now, I think Mr. McCall’s been great about doing that. Prior to that time, if you wanted to learn anything, you had to read a magazine or do a search on the internet because you just did not have the opportunity to see what was going on doing these things,” Barkley continued.

Being Barkley Continued

In Barkley's 25 years with SCDC, he's been exposed to a lot, especially given his diverse work areas. The biggest thing he's learned in his time here is knowing that everyone has a purpose and no one's purpose is greater than the other, but everyone has to work together.

"Those of us working in corrections, you kind of get used to there is no such thing as a normal day. You might plan on doing something one day, but then something comes up that's more immediate and has to be addressed. You can't be rigid in corrections," he recalled.

With the inferred adaptability needed for a sustained career in corrections, Barkley has weathered a lot of changes. Although one of the biggest changes he's seen in the agency, is a physical one having to do with the inmate population.

"I think the biggest physical changes happened when I first started because inmates could wear blue jeans and could wear anything they wanted. They could even have clothes mailed into them," remembered Barkley.

The inmates could wear chains around their necks and have facial hair and long hair. They were also able to roam the institutions freely which meant the possibility of having 500 or 600 inmates on the yard at once before switching over to controlled movement and a standard inmate uniform.

Barkley will keep those recollections and more with him while he adds to his repertoire in Los Angeles as he plans to build their PREA operations just as he did at SCDC.

"That was the other thing that interested me was I was the first [PREA Coordinator] here, and I'll be the first full-time there though they've already been doing some work," said Barkley.

He is also looking forward to the unfamiliar of dealing with jails instead of prisons.

"Going back to the safety. There are challenges because in a detention/jail situation, you have inmates that are there for a short period of time, they're bonded out...so there's different challenges, but I'm looking forward to it," he continued.

Barkley found his way to this new position from his proclivity to network. In early 2018, he began letting people know that after he put in his 25 years with SCDC that he would be interested if the right opportunity came along. Barkley loved what he was doing with SCDC, but he did learn from a lot of people older than him to "take advantage of what the state offers with Police Officers' Retirement. At 25 years, Barkley was vested and earned X amount of dollars, so he decided to look elsewhere.

"Someone told me about Los Angeles, so I put my application in and was pleasantly told that I had been selected, so that's how that happened...If you don't box yourself in somewhere, and you don't limit yourself to say, 'okay I'm never gonna go this place or I'm never gonna do this,' then you're telling yourself no. Let someone else tell you no," he reemphasized.

In addition to embarking upon a new journey with different experiences in his career, Barkley is excited to reside in a completely new place.

"I think the idea of living out that way to see a totally new idea of culture will be exciting...I think the newness of it, the challenges, the area. I'm certainly not going to miss our humidity," he joked.

It is that same jovial nature that he believes his SCDC colleagues will remember about him the most.

"I think they will remember all of my weird little sayings that I've just over time stolen from other people that have worked in corrections, just kind of become part of my nature when people ask how things are going one of my favorites I stole from an old warden. You'd ask him how he was, and he'd say he's fine 'his frog's hair is split four ways,'" Barkley recalled.

He continued, "Some of them just stick. My other favorite one, an old regional director used to say, 'well, we are rearranging the deck furniture on the Titanic' talking about something that was just a useless thing to do."

Being Barkley Continued

As for why Barkley tends to hang on to the joy in absurdity, he enjoys to sharing it with others.

“We’re in a very serious business, we’re in a very stressful business, and it’s just always been my nature to try to use humor appropriately as a buffer. I jokingly say they don’t let us drink on the job, so we might as well laugh,” he said.

The ambassador for corrections that Barkley continues to be wouldn’t allow him to leave without some sage advice.

“I think everyone needs to be mindful that no matter what their job is, and it kind of goes back to that everyone’s job is important, but we would be *nowhere* without the line level people working inside the 21 prisons,” Barkley opined.

He said people need to be mindful that, right now, there are people in the institutions dealing with inmates that are having real problems that need help finding solutions. Barkley believes that people who do not work inside the prisons on a daily basis can sometimes forget about what daily prison operations entail. A great help to remedying that problem is something Barkley learned as an associate warden, which he always found helpful.

“I’ve talked to other wardens and associate wardens about the same thing, when you walk around the yard and you give that inmate the opportunity to talk with you, many of them sometimes know the answer to their question,” said Barkley.

They want to have the opportunity to have that one-on-one face time to share their concerns and frustrations. The added benefit is that the other inmates saw that the staff was approachable and receptive to their concerns.

“That to me is what we always need to strive for because I’ve had the opportunity to go around to other prisons in other states. You can tell the difference in the prisons where the wardens and the senior staff are visible and approachable as opposed to ones that the inmates never see,” Barkley stated.

He plans to continue practicing that same approach as he furthers his career as the corrections industry continues to change.

“For those of us staying in corrections, for those of us starting out in corrections, you’ve got to understand that there’s always new ways to accomplish the same goals,” said Barkley.

It goes without saying Barkley has greatly enjoyed his time with SCDC and will remember it fondly.

“I’ve learned from some great people that are still here, some that have gone on. It’s prepared me for this next step, and I’m happy to keep the work because at 57 [years old], I’m not ready to just sit around and do nothing,” he concluded.



Barkley poses for a picture outside Broad River CI in 2011

Can Do Club Awards

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The **Can Do Club Program** and the **Character First Program** were combined in an effort to recognize employees, not only for their positive attitudes and quality of work, but also for exhibiting good character. Check with your Can Do Club Coordinator for help with giving an award. Headquarters employees can check with Christel Wilson in DDA Office.

The Can Do Club Award is still given to individuals or groups. Supervisors are encouraged to give this award to their employees, and vice versa, anytime an individual is caught doing something right or exhibiting good character.

Two **Can Do Spirit Awards** per year can be given by an employee who has been with the Agency for at least six months. Spirit Awards are not meant to be given to immediate supervisors or to employees you directly supervise. Remember, only one person can sign a Spirit Award. This award is to be given to one employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make YOUR job easier.

So let's show our appreciation to our co-workers by giving them a Can Do Club or Spirit Award. Also, **please remember to email** your monthly submissions using the Can Do template of all awards to Christel Wilson at Wilson.christel@doc.sc.gov by the **fifth of the next month** so they can be publicized.

Awards given for the month of **January 2019** are listed below:

CAN DO CLUB AWARDS

Central Bus Terminal

Cpl. Clifford Banks (Maj. Willie Leggins)

Central Classification

Mr. Brandon Byrd, and Ms. Charline McDaniel (Ms. Sandra Best)

Division of Health Services

Mrs. Sylinda Jamison (Mr. Gregory Mason, Ld. Couns., Perry CI)

Evans Correctional Institution

Sgt. Hubert Moses, and Ofc. Nicole Hibbert (Lt. Courtney Bruce); Mr. Robert Griggs, Mr. Melvin McQueen, Mr. Timothy Hicks, and Mr. Daniel Johnson (Warden Donnie Stonebreaker); Ms. Constance Lewis, and Ms. AF Jackson (Assoc. Warden Katurah Gause); Ofc. Lakesha Monroe (Assoc. Warden Brian Kendall)

Livesay Correctional Institution

Sgt. Ronnie Nash, Ofc. Cierra Jones, Ofc. Joe Jones, Ofc. Waltasha Manick, Ms. Lashanda Mayes, Mr. Jason Owens, and Mr. Jeremy Woodard (Sgt. Tyler Wall)

Can Do Club Awards Continued

Perry Correctional Institution

Sgt. Jesse Kelley, Sgt. Kevin Borem, Sgt. Joseph Perks, Cpl. Autumn VanBrown, Ofc. Christopher Monaco, Ofc. Coata Kimbrell, and Mr. Jonathan Palmer (Lt. Brent Blakeley); Lt. Jadrian Brown, and Lt. Robert Blackburn (Ms. Rachel Saltsburg); Lt. Dennis Popella (Sgt. Elliott Harmon); Ms. Avril Fennell, Mr. James Smith, and Ms. Kathy Wyant (Ms. Danielle Filmore); Lt. Brent Blakeley, and Ms. Debra Wilson (Maj. Jonathan Bennett); Ms. Clayton Holbrook (Ms. Felicia Ogunsile)

Trenton Correctional Institution

Sgt. Curtis Hartley, Sgt. Miguel Ortega, Sgt. Teresa Franklin, Cpl. Shameka Fulmer, Ofc. James Hall, Ofc. Aporinio Harps, Ofc. Rosalyn Heath, and Ms. Melody Boylston (Lt. Maurice Brown); Ofc. Sharon Cato (Sgt. Ryan Lecker); Sgt. Charlie Lott, Ofc. Marshall Hopkins, Ofc. Tarell Brown, Ofc. Samantha Martini, and Ofc. Barbara Evans (Lt. Mark Courtney)

Turbeville Correctional Institution

Lt. O'Neal Cooper, Lt. Debra McFadden, Sgt. Veronica Washington, Sgt. Latasha Sims, Sgt. Quincena Murray, Sgt. Stephen Uebel, Sgt. Troy Rock, Cpl. Natasha Miller, Cpl. Rosa Fleming, Cpl. Denise Lawson, Cpl. Alpha Montgomery, Ofc. Treval Sessions, Ofc. Kenneth Tisdale, Ofc. Kristin Babirad, Ofc. Cameasa Cunningham, Ofc. Terrika Shaw, Ofc. Brenishia Brown, Ofc. Gerald Hodge, and Ofc. Glenn Collier (Sgt. Jerold Lewis); Mr. Patrick Scott, Ms. Karen Mack, and Mr. Harold Dawson (Ms. Rhonda Mack)

Awards given for the month of **February 2019** are listed below:

CAN DO CLUB AWARDS

Central Bus Terminal

Cpl. Clifford Banks (Maj. Willie Leggins)

Central Classification

Mr. Brandon Byrd, and Ms. Charline McDaniel (Ms. Sandra Best)

Evans Correctional Institution

Ofc. Robbie Jones (Sgt. Tyrone Parnell)

Kershaw Correctional Institution

Classification (Ms. Cheri Frost)

Perry Correctional Institution

LPN Gail Erford (LPN Renee Heinrich); Ofc. William Rathbone and Ofc. Jason Gallant (Sgt. Beverly James); Lt. Jeff Bilyeu, Lt. Dennis Popella, Sgt. Thomas Mussen, Sgt. Nkem Ossai, Ofc. Jeffrey Hargrave, Ofc. Alanis Williams, Ofc. Matthew Nugent, RN Hedgecock, and LPN Heather Haney (Sgt. Hershel Waldrop); Ofc. Brittany Lewis and Ofc. Laura Thompson (Lt. Jadrian Brown)

Resource Information Management

Christopher Pair (Ms. Dunneah Kruger and Ms. Vickie Graham, Turbeville)

Trenton Correctional Institution

D-2 Shift (Lt. Marcus Bowman); Medical Staff (Ms. Sandra Ross and Mr. Robert Sanders); Sgt. Brian Lee (Lt. Corey Brown); Ofc. Tarell Brown (Sgt. Cornelius Miles)

Attentiveness
Dependability
Enthusiasm
Flexibility
Honor
Initiative
Orderliness
Patience

Punctuality **Responsibility** Self-Control **Thoroughness** Tolerance **Wisdom**

Can Do Club Awards Continued

Turbeville Correctional Institution

Cpl. Kiajuana McKnight (Sgt. Icee Brown); Ofc. Andrew Gleason, Ofc. Michael Lynch, and Ofc. Wiley McElveen (Assoc. Warden Gary Leamon); Lt. Lashon June, and Ofc. Linda Miller (D-1 Shift SMU Staff); Lt. Latoya Duncan, Ofc. Janet Junius, and Ofc. Quinton Scott (Sgt. Kathy Jennings)

Wateree River Correctional Institution

Lt. Robert Cole, Lt. Roger Hood, Sgt. Timothy Hodge, Ofc. Robert Hood, Ofc. Naomi Owens, Ofc. Alma Cantey, Ofc. Hank Ardis, Ofc. Dale Formica, Ofc. Chantele Meace, and FSS Laura English (Warden Don Beckwith)

Awards given for the month of **March 2019** are listed below:

CAN DO CLUB AWARDS

Central Bus Terminal

Cpl. Darnetta Murrell, and Cpl. Juana Washington (Maj. Willie Leggins)

Goodman Correctional Institution

Ofc. Vincent Morris, Ofc. Robert Gamori, Ofc. Myrtis Smith, Ofc. Brittney Cannick, Nurse Jorge Alva-Ferrana, Nurse Norah Ezike, and Nurse Kristen Wathen (Maj. Carol Scott)

Evans Correctional Institution

Ofc. Robbie Jones (Sgt... Tyrone Parnell); Sgt. Takya Williamson, Sgt. Quinones McCall, Sgt. Devin Johnson, Sgt. Timothy David, Sgt. Jonathan Harrington, Cpl. De'Shawnda Glover, Ofc. Donnell Short, and Ofc. Valerie McCoy (Lt. Michael Watson); Ofc. Nicole Hibbert (Sgt. Hubert Moses)

Livesay Correctional Institution

Cpl. Tammy Houston (Capt. Paul Young)

MacDougall Correctional Institution

Coach Michael Arnold (Warden Edsel Taylor); Sgt. Teresa Rainey, and Ofc. Marshall Troublefield (Lt. Devin Gadson)

Perry Correctional Institution

Perry Medical Department (Maj. Jonathan Bennett and Sgt. Beverly James); Capt. Megan Toth, Lt. Thomas Jackson, Sgt. Beverly James, Ofc. Thomas Lite, FNP Amy Enloe, RN Katherine Burgess, RN Donna Ashley-Harouff, RN Lindsey Harris, RN Jamie Russell, RN Jennifer Rodriguez, LPN Casina Giella, and LPN Catherine Gonzalez (Capt. Daniel Harouff and RN Lisa Sobowale); RN Lisa Sobowale (RN Lindsey Harris); Lt. Thomas Jackson, Sgt. Beverly James, Ofc. Thomas Lite, RN Donna Ashley-Harouff, RN Lindsey Harris, RN Jamie Russell, and LPN Catherine Gonzalez (Capt. Megan Toth); Mr. Steven McCarthy and Mr. Torian Ware (Lt. Brent Blakeley); Ms. Kameika Killingsworth (Sgt. Kevin Borem); Ofc. Renea Burnside, Ofc. Michael Maiato, Ofc. Alanis Williams, and Ofc. Jacob Churray (Lt. Donna Wessinger); Ofc. Chanze Harris, Ofc. Joseph Zapolla, Ofc. Dominic Rowe, Ofc. Renea Burnside, and Ofc. Michael Maiato (Ofc. Jacob Churray)

Trenton Correctional Institution

Trenton C-Card, Trenton E-1 Shift, Trenton E-2 Shift, Trenton D-1 Shift, and Trenton D-2 Shift (Lt. Corey Brown); Ofc. Marshall Hopkins (Sgt. Cornelius Miles); Sgt. Reginal Weaver (Lt. Ronald Snyder); Ofc. William Wright (Sgt. Clayton Chisolm)

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Attentiveness Dependability Enthusiasm Flexibility Honor Initiative Orderliness Patience

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