

- The Correctional Center reflects state-of-the-art architecture and space utilization. The design allows for the direct supervision method of managing the inmate population, providing correctional officers with greater control through direct interaction with inmates.

FY2003 HIGHLIGHTS

- Twenty-one new Correctional Officers and three civilian personnel graduated from the Correctional Entry Level Training Academy.
- Over 88,000 arrestees were processed at the Department of Correction's three Regional Processing sites. This allowed police officers to return to street patrols much sooner.
- The Department provided training for agencies participating in the Regional Processing Initiative Shared Staffing Operation.
- The Department secured certified cross training of one of our K-9 teams. This training enables the teams to detect illegal drugs within the facility.
- Four new Correctional Treatment Coordinators were added to the Pre-Trial Investigative Unit in order to provide the court with enhanced investigations.
- The Department's first Community-Based supervision site, staffed with a case manager, was established in conjunction with a local church in order to provide supervision for both pre-trial and sentenced offenders.
- In collaboration with the Department of Social Services, the Department established a manicurist/nail technician program in order to prepare detainees to pass the Maryland State Manicurist License examination prior to their release. The program also places participants in jobs upon release.
- A new Correctional Information Management System was selected. The new system will enhance efficiency and provide for heightened data/information sharing among criminal justice agencies.
- The Department expanded its inmate transportation program providing on-demand transportation for those released from the Central Booking facility during early morning hours.
- Construction of a new infirmary was completed, providing a greater area in which to provide medical services to our inmate population.

FY2004 OVERVIEW

The Department's Phase I expansion program, comprised of two new housing units, an expansion of the medical unit, and construction of a Central Booking Facility at the current site has been completed. Phase II of the construction, scheduled to begin in the spring of 2003, includes a new administrative building and internal renovations for security administration, records, special operations, and training. Recruitment and retention continues to be a priority with the Department.

Along these lines, an Adult Treatment Drug Court Program has been developed. The Circuit Court will be providing judicial supervision and diversion, while the Department of Corrections will handle case management services, drug testing and home visits. The State Division of Parole and Probation will perform job site checks. The Drug Court, which began operations on August 31, 2002, employs innovative judicial supervision to decrease drug related crime and violence, reduce recidivism, and provide need-specific treatment and services for substance abusers.

A program designed specifically for juveniles, who have often presented correctional challenges over the years, has been operational since early 2001. It is called JACS (Juveniles in Adult Correctional Settings), and is a

comprehensive program designed to occupy their day from morning to night and includes enhanced meals, anger management instruction, exercise, special projects, religious instruction and more. A juvenile coordinator oversees the program, which includes educational instruction provided by the Board of Education.

The Department has located alternative funding sources to ensure an expansion of inmate programming. Specifically the Department has received grants for jail-based substance abuse programming in the pre-trial units, a women's empowerment program, expanded home detention capabilities, and expansion of mental health services. Recently, the Correctional Center was selected as a technology test site for a facial recognition program from the Department of Defense.

Aside from the Facial Recognition System currently in operation in the reception area, the County just entered into a contract for a new Correctional Inmate Management System (CIMS). This system will be interfacing with other systems and applications. There are several modules that will address a number of functions within the Department, such as processing, pre-trial screening, inmate classification, records management, inmate services, facilities management, supervised release, release processing, and personnel management. Key to the CIMS will be its ability to generate and produce required reporting data as well as the capability to generate ad-hoc reports using data query routines.

The Department will continue to meet the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association, the requirements of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards, along with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations. Achievement of such compliance ensures effective jail management, lessens inmate grievances, provides a safe, healthy quality of life, and decreases the risk of legal exposure.