

| GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Standard Operating Procedures | | |
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| Subject: Chaplaincy Services Objectives | | |
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I. POLICY:

The chaplain or designated religious staff person will develop and maintain close relationships with community religious resources which facilitate program objectives.

II. APPLICABILITY:

To all State Facilities, Centers, Chaplains and designated staff.

III. RELATED DIRECTIVES:

- A. United States Constitution, First and Fourteenth Amendments.
- B. Department Rules and Regulations, 125-3-1-01.
- C. ACA Standard 3-4456 through 3-4461

IV. DEFINITIONS:

NONE

V. ATTACHMENTS:

NONE

VI. PROCEDURE:

The chaplain conducts and/or coordinates religious services and programs in the institution and community setting. Some areas of responsibility are:

- A. To provide inmates and staff with a practical Scriptural and spiritual opportunity for worship.

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- B. To help inmates experience growth and appreciation for their faith and gain knowledge of other world faiths through religious education.
- C. To promote hope.
- D. To help inmates develop and improve their social, moral, and ethical value systems.
- E. To help inmates and staff to recognize the dignity, worth and potential of the individual.
- F. To help inmates establish a healthy concept of self, world, life, evil and forgiveness.
- G. To help inmates and staff appropriately deal with issues such as death, grief, anger, hostility, celebrations and love.
- H. To help strengthen their interpersonal relationships and give direction toward personal maturity.
- I. To establish and supervise volunteer programs.
- J. To liaison, when appropriate, with family and or community (i.e. Churches; Civic Organizations; Businesses; Government Agencies; Educational Institutions) for the purposes of bridging the gap from pre to post-release.