



Coffee Correctional Opens New Training Center

Keeping offenders from returning to prison begins the day an individual enters our care. Now Coffee Correctional Facility is offering new ways to help prepare inmates for the day they will head home.

Coffee Correctional Facility in Nicholls recently commemorated the opening of their new Inmate Vocational Training Center building.

The new building will house vocational programs in welding and diesel maintenance – both high-demand fields that can provide good career opportunities once inmates are released. The training center is 6,300 square feet and took just seven months to complete.

The new programs are possible through a partnership between CoreCivic and the Georgia Department of Corrections, with support from Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

In addition to the new programs, the facility provides a variety of training in other fields like masonry, carpentry, horticulture, office technology and truck-driving along with life skills programs and GED classes. Coffee Correctional was ranked among the highest for the number of GEDs issued to inmates in the state of Georgia for the fiscal year ending in July 2016.

"Time in prison can often be a time of reflection and change for these guys," said Hilton Hall, warden at Coffee Correctional. "Education and vocational training provides opportunities for a better life and a new beginning."