



# **Arkansas Community Correction**

## **Annual Report 2016**

Arkansas Community Correction



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## Message from Director Sheila Sharp



Always a fast-paced agency, the employees of Arkansas Community Correction stepped even faster and farther during FY2016 to meet the challenges of growth and change. Their commitment and professionalism are unparalleled. It is with great pride and appreciation that I submit ACC's annual report of agency activities and accomplishments on their behalf.

ACC staff spent much of the year working with the Council of State Governments, whose skilled researchers are examining the state's continued prison growth so they can make recommendations to the Task Force on Criminal Justice on how to slow the growth, lower recidivism and enhance public safety. Their work will be completed prior to the start of the 2017 General Assembly.

This in-depth research came while more changes were underway at ACC. The 350-bed community correction center located at Pine Bluff was closed, and the residents were transferred to a facility at West Memphis that holds great promise. It is located in what used to be the Crittenden Regional Hospital, which is far newer and more sound than the cottages of the Pine Bluff location. And for the first time, the residents are located within the confines of a single building. At the new location, there is space for additional programming and beds. Our lease with the county, which is \$1 per year, includes the professional building next to the hospital, where the area's parole and probation office soon will be located.

Also during the fiscal year, ACC opened its first reentry beds for state inmates soon to be released from prison. By year's end, more than 200 inmates were in reentry beds and more reentry centers were in the works. ACC is proud to say that so far, all reentry graduates have left the program with a full time job.

Our accomplishments would not be possible without the support we have received from you, the legislature and the Board of Corrections. We look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead as we work together to make Arkansas's criminal justice system more effective and efficient.

Sincerely,

*Sheila Sharp*  
Sheila Sharp

# Accomplishments

- At the request of the governor, legislative leadership and other state officials, Arkansas received a technical assistance grant from the Council of State Governments to study the state's growing prison population and recommend changes to its criminal justice system. The CSG's researchers presented their findings to the Legislative Criminal Justice Task Force several times during the fiscal year. Their research indicates that from 2004 to 2014, Arkansas' prison population increased 30% and much of the growth was due to parole revocations, which quadrupled from FY2009 to FY2015. In addition, the number of felony sentences handed down by the courts has increased 24% since 2012, despite the state's falling crime rate and a drop in the number of arrests. Andrew Barbee, Research Manager of CSG, has told the task force that prison is the most frequently used felony disposition in Arkansas. Of those sent to ADC in 2014, 82% were for a drug, property or related offense. The numbers also show 1,015 offenders were sentenced for crimes whose presumptive sentences did not include prison. Contrary to misconceptions, only about a quarter of felony defendants in 2014 were on probation or parole at the time of their new offense. The CSG's final report, including its recommendations for controlling growth and lowering recidivism, is expected in October.
- A new community correction center, which has been named the East Central Community Correction Center, was opened in West Memphis at the previous site of the Crittenden Regional Hospital. The first Residential Services Basic Training for center officers started in May, and relocation of property and equipment from the Pine Bluff site also began in May. Residents were transferred from Pine Bluff to West Memphis in June. The center houses 350 female offenders. ACC is leasing the former hospital and the professional building next door from the county for \$1 a year.
- The first reentry residents completed ACC's reentry program on February 28, 2016, and were presented with certificates. At the close of the fiscal year, 216 offenders were participating in the program and 74 had graduated. All of them had full-time employment in the community when they graduated.
- The official launch of The Good Grid, ACC's online reentry portal for returning offenders, took place January 13. The Good Grid was developed in partnership with Protech Solutions, Inc. at no cost to the agency. It has a public search directory of service providers in Arkansas divided by location and category, such as food assistance and substance abuse treatment. Additionally, offenders returning to the community have access to an online resume builder that matches skills to current job openings with local employers. ACC and Protech Solutions, Inc. also have incorporated online skills training to help offenders prepare to reenter the workforce. The trainings include components from basic computer skills to intermediate MS Office Suite. The Good Grid is available to all offenders and service providers. Features for service providers include volunteer recruitment, micro-site management, and a task management system.
- ACC implemented centralized banking operations for center residents. Only one bank account is being utilized, and all money orders for resident's deposits are processed at the central office. This eliminates the need for segregation of duties at the six centers of receipting, posting and deposit, as well as separate bank reconciliations. This move also allowed online resident deposits via INA, making it easier and faster for friends and family to place money on their loved one's account as well as expediting the deposit process. Using the Self-Funded eGovernment Services Contract, INA provided development, design and project management services valued at \$19,250 at no cost to the State, allowing ACC to offer this online service that meets citizen demand without the investment of state funds.
- Governor Hutchinson's Restore Hope Summit was held August 25-26 in Little Rock. Approximately 500 individuals attended representing faith-based and non-profit organizations across the state. Director Sharp, Chief Deputy Director Kevin Murphy, Assistant Director for Reentry Carrie Williams, Reentry Manager Patricia Sims, and Mentor

# Accomplishments

Coordinator Tena Hauk addressed summit participants regarding mentoring, employment, and reentry facilities. Ninety-five summit participants expressed interest in helping with some aspect of reentry via contact cards designed for that purpose.

- The ACC Central Office was reaccredited by the American Correctional Association with scores of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards. Auditors commented that staff members were professional and highly motivated. They also noted that ACC's electronic files are the best they have ever seen. The Omega Technical Violator Center in Malvern, the Northeast Center in Osceola, the Southwest Center in Texarkana and the Central Arkansas Center in Little Rock also received reaccreditation scores of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards and were reaccredited. ACC's Parole and Probation Services earned reaccreditation with perfect scores of 100% on the mandatory and 100% on the non-mandatory standards.
- The Accountability Court Grant Funding Program, which was created by Act 895 of 2015, authorized competitive grants intended for juvenile drug courts and adult specialty courts willing to implement evidence-based programs and sanctions that divert offenders from commitment into community-based programs. Sixty-four juvenile and adult specialty court programs applied for the grants. In January, three juvenile drug courts were approved for base grant funding totaling \$15,000 and 12 Adult specialty courts were approved for base grant funding totaling \$121,000.
- To advance the implementation of a Pay for Success program as authorized by Act 895 of 2015, the Harvard Kennedy School Social Impact Bond Lab placed a Government Fellow at the ACC Central Office for most of FY2016. The Fellow assisted with feasibility studies and cost benefit analyses and is available to assist with future contract negotiations. Potential Pay for Success projects explored include pre-adjudication services, reentry facility beds and programming, drug and alcohol treatment, Oxford houses, mentoring, employment services, case management and caseload reduction strategies. The assistance of the Government Fellow was the result of a technical assistance grant awarded to ACC by the Harvard Kennedy School.
- ACC's online absconder list was enhanced to feature additional data on each absconder including aliases, current sentences, prior sentences, risk assessment history, program referrals and revocation reasons. The additional information complies with the transparency requirements of Act 1265 of 2015. In addition to providing more publicly available information on absconders, eOMIS is generating letters to victims whenever an offender absconds or evades supervision, is revoked, or is held for parole hold/sanction days. The notices are also required by Act 1265.
- A new Substance Use Disorder Assessment Tool has been implemented statewide at no cost to the agency. It is the Texas Christian University Drug screen, which quickly identifies individuals with a history of heavy drug use or dependency. It is widely used in criminal justice settings to identify offenders eligible for treatment services. Because the tool is validated and listed as a Best Practice, it increases the credibility of our assessments.
- The first ever ACC Community and Volunteer Awards ceremony was held in March. The Pillar Awards are presented to the volunteers and community service organizations that provide significant contributions to ACC's mission. This year, awards were handed out to 13 individuals and organizations from across the state. The awards recognize those who excel in providing much-needed services and support.



# The Board of Corrections

There are seven members on The Board of Corrections. Each is appointed by the governor for a term of seven years.



Benny Magness - Chair  
 Dr. Mary Parker Reed - Vice-Chair  
 Dr. William "Dubs" Byers  
 Rev. Tyrone Broomfield  
 Senator Bobby Glover  
 Buddy Chadick  
 John Felts

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**Sheila Sharp, Director**

# **ACC Management**



**Kevin Murphy, Chief Deputy Director**



**Dan Roberts, Deputy Director**



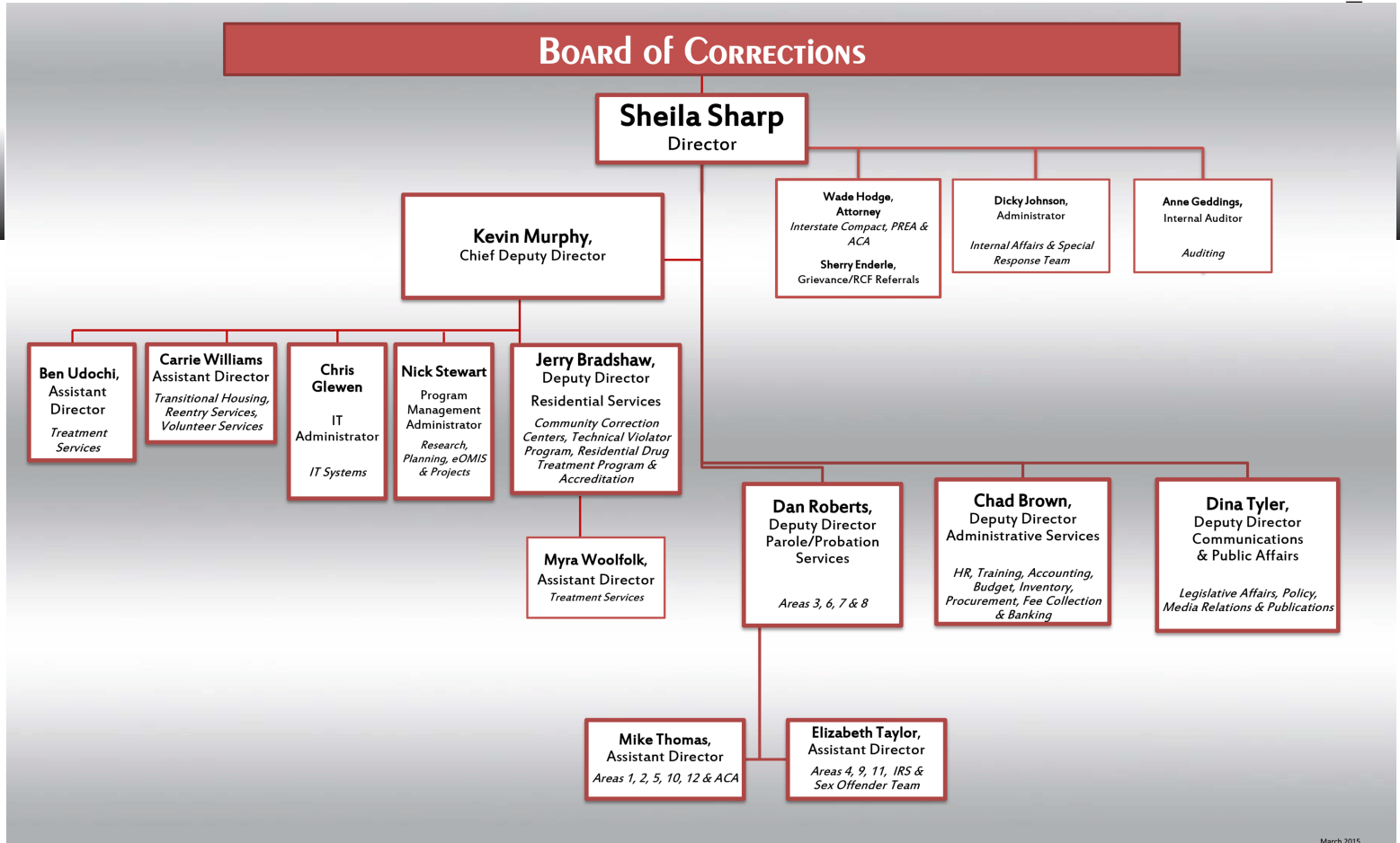
**Dina Tyler, Deputy Director**



**Jerry Bradshaw, Deputy Director**



**Chad Brown, Deputy Director**



**Vision** - Public safety is paramount in our supervision, sanctions and services that facilitate positive change in offenders.

**Mission** - To enhance public safety by enforcing state laws and court mandates through community partnerships and evidence-based programs that hold offenders accountable while engaging them in opportunities to become law-abiding, productive citizens.

**Motto** - Serving Justice

**Philosophy** - We place priority on public safety while providing opportunities for positive change.

### Guiding Principles and Core Values:

- Accountability – We accept responsibility and consequences for our actions.
- Integrity – We exhibit professional conduct with the highest ethical standards.
- Honor – We serve the public in a manner that exhibits good qualities and character.
- Justice – We employ equitable processes ensuring fair outcomes that promote public safety.
- Loyalty – We support and show allegiance to the ACC mission, goals, and objectives.
- Duty – We fulfill the responsibilities of our jobs in accordance with laws, policies, and procedures.
- Teamwork— We work together as “one team” for the success of the agency.



# Fiscal

## Arkansas Community Correction FY16 Fiscal Year Expenditures

	General Revenue	Special Revenue	Best Practices	Residential Services	County Jail Reimb.
Salary	45,487,084	1,883,769			
Extra Help	7,782				
Overtime	16,927				
Match	17,234,721	754,984			
Maintenance and Operations	12,604,889	2,127,839	3,335,439	1,844,617	
Conference/Travel	2,331	37,881			
Professional Fees	6,077,267	1,400	13,829	98,361	
Capital Outlay	668,303	518,653			
Refunds/Reimbursements					1,306,828
Grants/Aid			100,000		
Parking - War Memorial		10,000			
	82,099,305	5,334,525	3,449,268	1,942,978	1,306,828

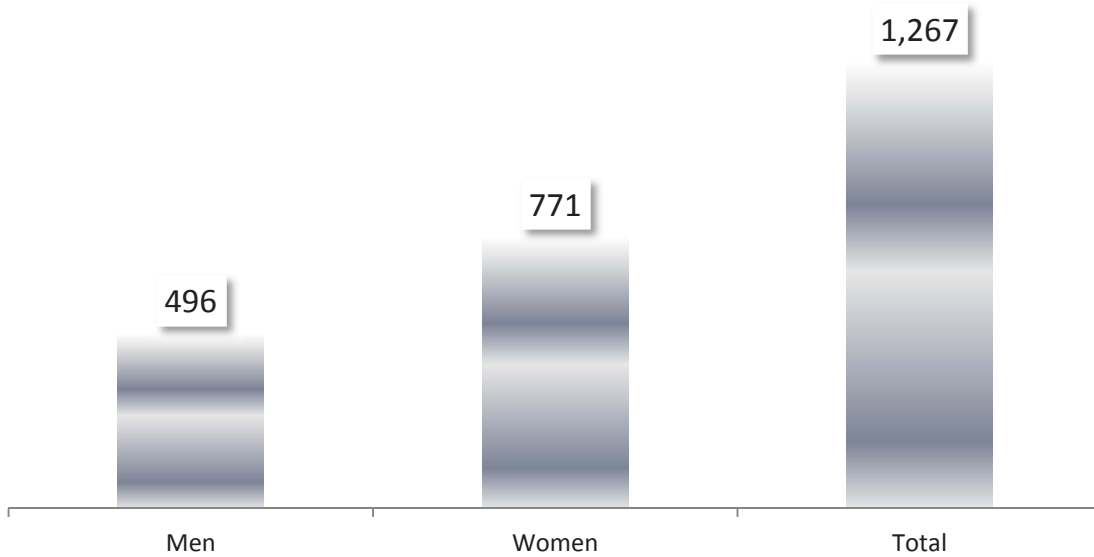
## Supervision Fees & Restitution FY16

Parole Supervision Fees	3,034,307
Probation Supervision Fees	4,262,370
Best Practices Fees	2,909,660
Electronic Monitoring Fees	36,126
Annual Reporting Fees	232,819
Treatment Fees	128,473
Interstate Compact Fees	26,353
Other	1,828
Victim Restitution	748,594
	11,380,530

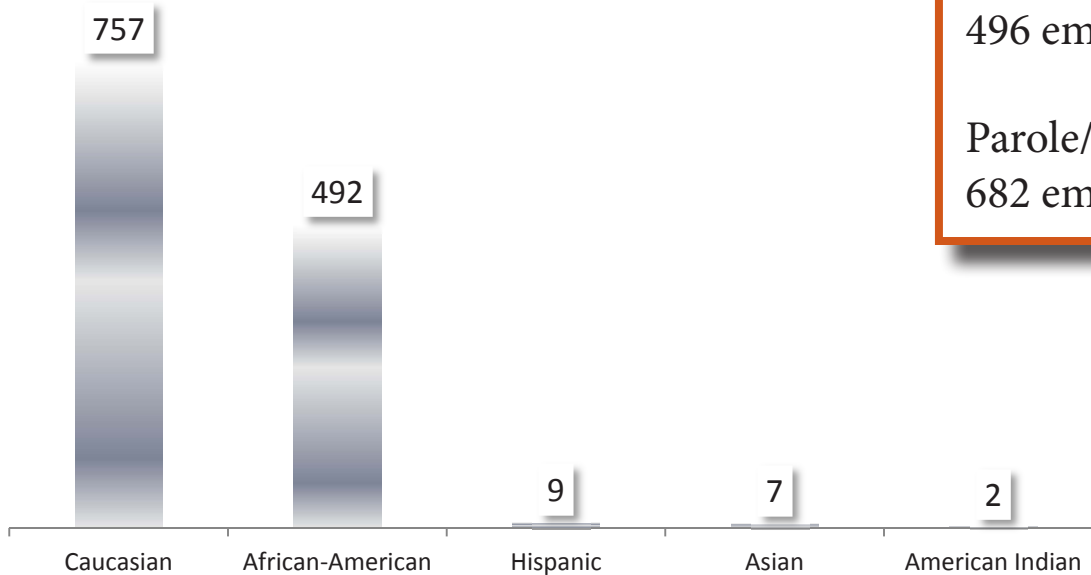
# Human Resources

The ACC had 1,267 employees during FY16.

## Employees



## Employee Race

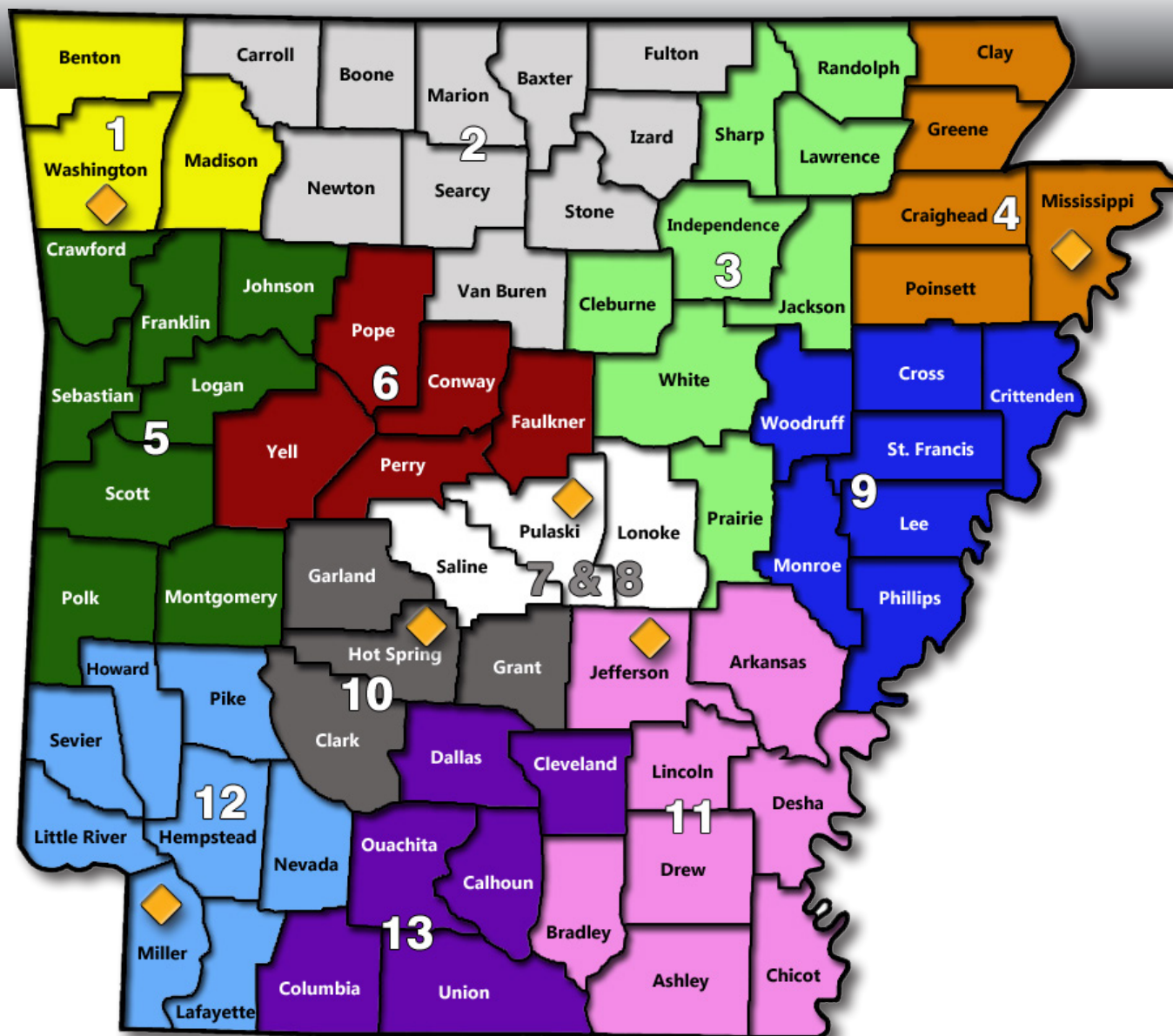


Administration  
89 employees

Residential Services  
496 employees

Parole/Probation  
682 employees

# The State by Area



## Parole/Probation Areas:

- 1 - Ricky Hogg - Area Manager
- 2 - Brian Zini - Area Manager
- 3 - Kris Honey - Area Manager
- 4 - Cindy Richardson - Area Manager
- 5 - Kent Kamm - Area Manager
- 6 - Dana Alberson - Area Manager
- 7 - Shawanna Willis - Area Manager
- 8 - Jim Cheek - Area Manager
- 9 - Brian Holt - Area Manager
- 10 - Jenna Smith - Area Manager
- 11 - Kim Knoll - Area Manager
- 12 - Tomekia Williamson - Area Manager
- 13 - Haley Hudson - Area Manager

## Community Correction Centers:

Jimmie Zimmerman  
 Central Arkansas Center - Little Rock  
  
 Steve Arnold  
 Southwest Center - Texarkana  
  
 Phyllis Silas  
 Southeast Center - Pine Bluff (closed June 2016)  
 East Central Center - West Memphis (opened June 2016)  
  
 Kathy Brown  
 Omega Center - Malvern  
  
 Jerry Campbell  
 Northeast Center - Osceola  
  
 Maggie Caple  
 Northwest Center - Fayetteville

# Programs & Services

## **Probation & Parole**

Community-based supervision that allows offenders to live at home under strict conditions. All parolees have been granted a conditional release from prison prior to end of their sentence and are placed under ACC supervision. Probationers have been allowed by a judge to remain in the community under ACC supervision. All offenders are placed on minimum, medium or maximum levels of supervision in accordance with a validated risk assessment. Throughout their supervision, their risk levels can and often do change.

## **Community Correction Centers**

Community-based residential settings offering structure, supervision, drug and alcohol treatment, educational and vocational programs, employment counseling, socialization and life skills programs, community work transition and other treatment programs.

## **Day Reporting Centers**

Day Reporting Centers are comprehensive, non-residential programs designed to promote public safety; provide offender accountability and control through intense supervision; and facilitate offender rehabilitation through behavior modification, substance abuse counseling and education; and develop employment skills. Offenders may participate as a condition of supervision or as a sanction for non-compliance with the terms and conditions of supervision.

## **Specialty Courts**

Specialty courts include Drug Courts, Veterans Courts, HOPE and Swift Courts, and Mental Health Courts. They handle probation cases through intense and tailored supervision, monitoring, and treatment. Offenders receive outpatient and/or inpatient treatment and counseling and are subject to sanctions, frequent drug testing and court appearances. Successful completion of the program results in dismissal of the charges, reduced or set-aside sentences, lesser penalties, or a combination of these.

## **Institutional Release Services**

IRS is the element of the Arkansas Community Correction that is responsible for identifying when an inmate is eligible for parole consideration, scheduling the inmate for a parole hearing when eligible, and releasing those inmates approved by the Arkansas Parole Board.

## **Substance Abuse Program Leaders**

ACC employs 26 Substance Abuse Program Leaders to provide substance abuse and co-occurring disorder services statewide. Services include outpatient substance abuse and mental health related counseling, life and social skills, employment readiness, health education, and referral services.

## **Technical Parole Violator Program**

The Technical Parole Violator Program is an alternative sanction for offenders who commit technical parole violations that provides confinement without returning them to traditional prison. Offenders sent to the TVP stay for 90 or 120 days during which they receive treatment and are given work assignments. The parolees also work with counselors to identify factors contributing to their parole violations and to develop strategies for achieving and maintaining compliance.

## **Sex Offender Aftercare Program**

This program uses a team approach to sex offender management in the community. The team includes 42 supervision officers, four aftercare coordinators, five polygraph examiners, two voice stress analysts and an Assistant Area Manager. All positions were trained as specialized parole/probation officers in managing sex offenders. The staff are located in six regions of the state and worked closely with Department of Correction staff to supervise high risk sex offenders in the community. The program's goal is to increase public safety and provide offender accountability.

## **Volunteer Program**

Volunteers provide services to parolees, probationers and offenders housed in ACC Community Correction Centers. Volunteers are not paid but provide vital services to or on behalf of ACC. Their contributions greatly expand and enhance the agency's services and opportunities for offenders.





# Parole & Probation

## Populations by Supervision Type

Supervision Status	Supervision Type Category				Total
	Parole	Probation	Pre-Trial	Suspended	
Active (Direct)	15,542	20,408	126	3	36,079
Electronic Monitoring (Direct)	286	49	1	0	336
Absconded	2,186	4,801	22	3	7,012
Incarcerated	717	1,521	8	3	2,249
Non-Reporting	1,338	1,733	23	8	3,102
Out to Other State	1,819	1,325	0	0	3,144
Unsupervised	1,628	706	3	6	2,343
Suspnd Imposition of Snt (SIS)	2	4	0	414	420
Total	23,518	30,547	183	437	54,685

## Populations by Supervision Type and Gender

FEMALE POPULATION	Supervision Type Category				Total
	Parole	Probation	Pre-Trial	Suspended	
Asian	8	15	0	0	23
Black	742	2,248	25	23	3,038
Caucasian	2,811	7,093	44	100	10,048
Hispanic	62	169	0	3	234
NA Indian	18	44	0	1	63
Native Hawaiian	0	9	0	0	9
Other	0	20	0	1	21
Total	3,641	9,598	69	128	13,436

# Parole & Probation

## Populations by Supervision Type and Gender

	Supervision Type Category				
MALE POPULATION	Parole	Probation	Pre-Trial	Suspended	Total
Asian	84	76	1	0	161
Black	8,023	6,520	34	113	14,690
Caucasian	10,878	13,240	74	177	24,369
Cuban	3	4	0	0	7
Hispanic	792	913	3	18	1,726
Mexican	28	16	0	0	44
NA Indian	45	61	0	1	107
Native Hawaiian	9	23	0	0	32
Other	15	96	2	0	113
Total	19,877	20,949	114	309	41,249

## Populations by Supervision Type and Gender - Totals

Gender	Supervision Type Category				Total
	Parole	Probation	Pre-Trial	Suspended	
Female	3,641	9,598	69	128	13,436
Male	19,877	20,949	114	309	41,249
Total	23,518	30,547	183	437	54,685

## The Average Age of Offenders under Supervision

Supervision Type	Mean
Parole	39.45
Probation	30.75
Pre-Trial	35.88
Suspended	37.81

# Parole & Probation

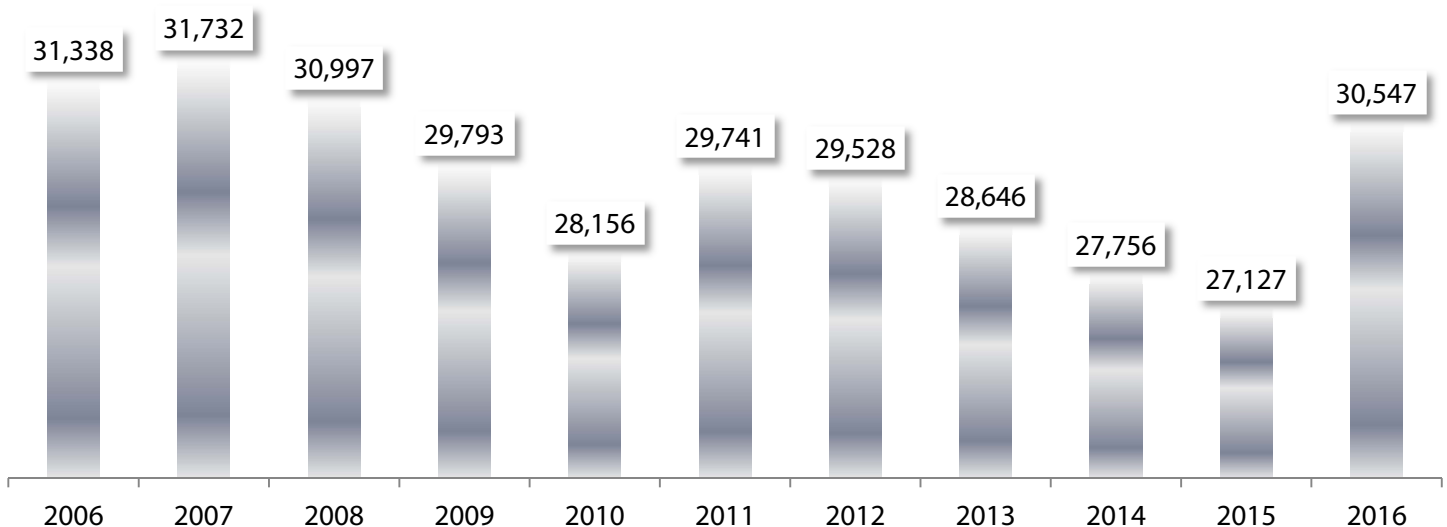
## Populations by Supervision Type and Race

Race	Parole	Probation	Pre-Trial	Suspended	Total
Caucasian	13,689	20,333	118	277	34,417
Black	8,765	8,768	59	136	17,728
Hispanic	854	1,082	3	21	1,960
Asian	92	91	1	0	184
NA Indian	63	105	0	2	170
Other	15	116	2	1	134
Mexican	28	16	0	0	44
Native Hawaiian	9	32	0	0	41
Cuban	3	4	0	0	7
Total	23,518	30,547	183	437	54,685

## Probation

The supervision of adult felony offenders who have been placed under the supervision of ACC by a circuit judge. Specialty Courts operate under the probation model.

## Probation from 2006-2016

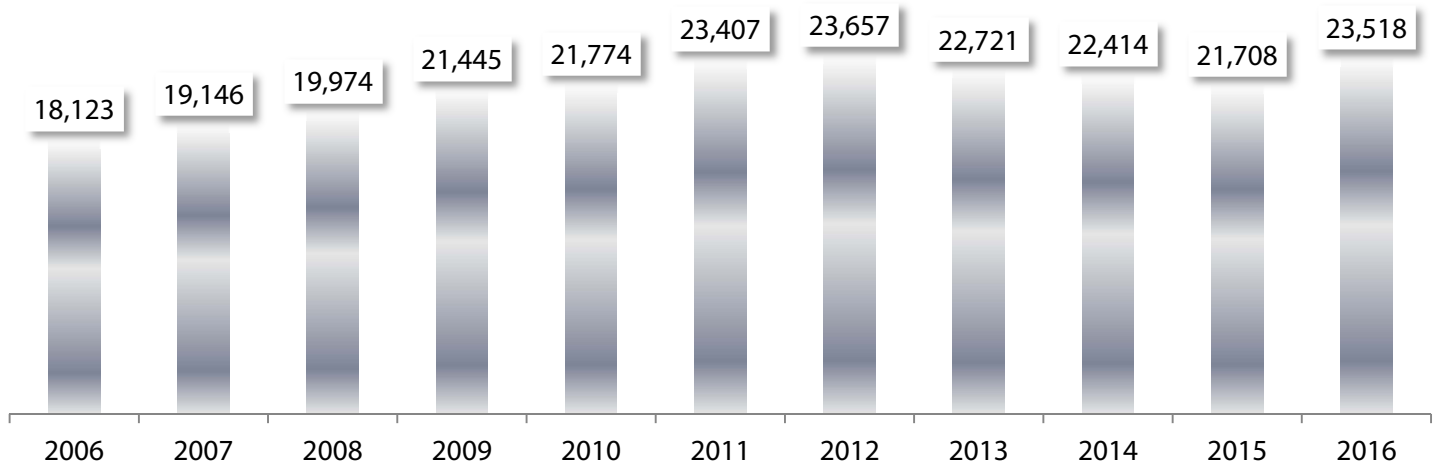


# Parole & Probation

## Parole

The supervision of adult felony offenders who have served a prison sentence and prior to the end of their sentence are released by the Arkansas Parole Board to the supervision of the ACC.

### Parole from 2006-2016



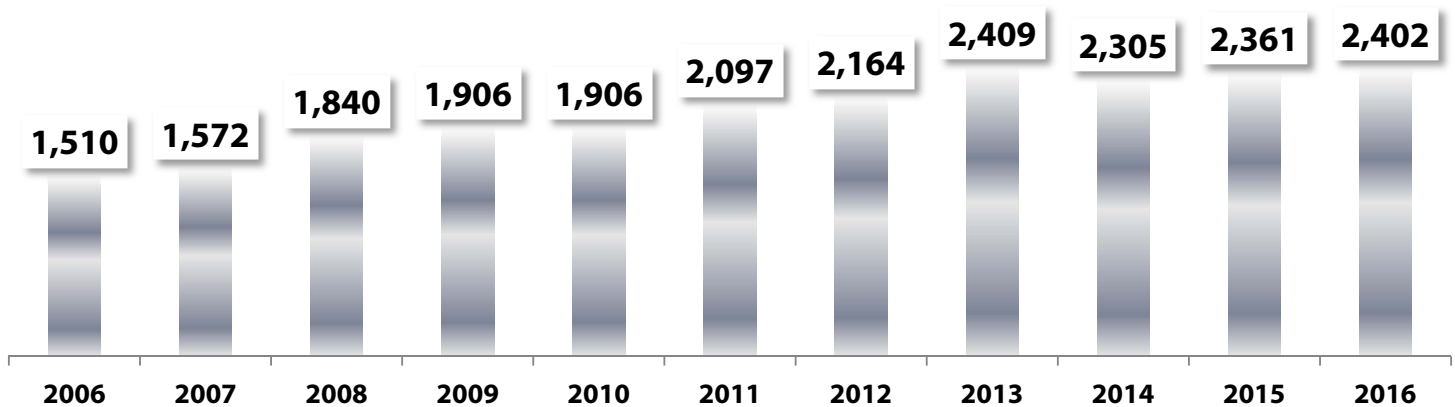
## Specialty Courts

Area	Supervision Type Categories											Total
	Drug Court	Hope Court	Mental Health Court	Pre Adjudicated	Pre Trial/Non Specialty Courts	Pre Trial/Drug Court	Pre Trial/Mental Health Courts	Pre Trial/Pre-Adjudicated	Pre Trial/Veterans Court	Veterans Court	Swift Courts	
Fayetteville	419	0	0	0	10	16	0	0	3	45	0	7,231
Mountain Home	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2,417
Searcy	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15	3,668
Jonesboro	127	0	25	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	0	4,591
Fort Smith	270	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	1	17	0	3,879
Conway	190	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	4	0	3,406
LR Probation (Saline P&P)	610	124	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	65	0	6,281
Little Rock Parole	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5,065
Hot Springs	66	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	23	2,534
West Memphis	43	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,543
Pine Bluff	71	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3,878
Texarkana	118	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	30	4,403
El Dorado	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	31	2,309
Area SOS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	619
C.O. Interstate Compact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,861
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>54,685</b>



# Parole & Probation

## Drug Courts from 2006-2016



**DRUG COURTS** - ACC staffed 43 adult Drug Courts across the state that maintained an average caseload of 2,402 during the fiscal year. ACC provides for services and associated costs of each court, including staffing, to male and female drug court offenders. There are contracts for treatment services used by the courts to address addiction behavioral issues through a team of professionals who collaborate and facilitate activities of individuals through swift application of appropriate incentives, sanctions and services.

**VETERANS COURTS** – There are nine Veterans Courts in Arkansas. ACC partners with the Veterans Administration where participants attend treatment and counseling. Offenders plead guilty and are placed on probation. They are required to attend court, meet with a supervision officer and a counselor and attend group sessions nine times a month.

**SWIFT/HOPE COURTS** - These courts are located in six areas of the state - Benton, Monticello, Malvern, Hope, El Dorado and Batesville. They provide swift and sure sanctions to offenders who violate the rules. Supervision is highly structured with frequent office, home and community visits. Offenders are required to remain employed and abstain from drugs and alcohol.

**MENTAL HEALTH COURTS** - There are Mental Health Courts in Jonesboro and W. Memphis that are operated in conjunction with Mid-South Health Systems. These treatment-oriented courts primarily target misdemeanor probationers who have a psychosis disorder. The courts model Drug Courts and are presided over by a Circuit Judge.

**ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAM** - The 13th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office, which covers Columbia, Ouachita and Union Counties, and other stakeholders including education, health providers and law enforcement partnered to establish the evidence-based Smarter Sentencing Program. Established in 2011, this pre-trial/non-adjudicated program requires court appearances and hearings. It employs swift sanctions that are sure and certain. At graduation, most participants have their plea withdrawn or expunged. Similar programs are in Fordyce and Arkadelphia.

# Sentencing by Judicial District

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Excludes Pre-Trial and Suspended Imposition of Sentence (SIS)

Sentencing Court	State Prison	Percent	Judicial Transfer to CCC	Percent	Probation Plus (at CCC)	Percent	Probation	Percent	Pre-Adjudicated	Percent	# Sentences Imposed
<b>1st Circuit Court</b> (Cross, Lee, Monroe, Philips, St Francis, Woodruff)	128	39.51%	6	1.85%	7	2.16%	183	56.48%			324
<b>2nd Circuit Court</b> (Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Green, Mississippi, Poinsett)	562	23.26%	159	6.58%	37	1.53%	1,547	64.03%	111	4.59%	2,416
<b>3rd Circuit Court</b> (Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp)	235	40.17%	93	15.90%	7	1.20%	246	42.05%	4	0.68%	585
<b>5th Circuit Court</b> (Franklin, Johnson, Pope)	359	41.70%	37	4.30%	35	4.07%	410	47.62%	20	2.32%	861
<b>4th Circuit Court</b> (Madison, Washington)	410	23.99%	107	6.26%	55	3.22%	982	57.46%	155	9.07%	1,709
<b>6th Circuit Court</b> (Pulaski, Perry)	1,166	33.25%	86	2.45%	67	1.91%	2,186	62.33%	2	0.06%	3,507
<b>7th Circuit Court</b> (Grant, Hot Spring)	143	44.00%	11	3.38%	19	5.85%	143	44.00%	9	2.77%	325
<b>8N Circuit Court</b> (Hempstead, Nevada)	58	36.48%	2	1.26%	13	8.18%	85	53.46%	1	0.63%	159
<b>8S Circuit Court</b> (Lafayette, Miller)	173	28.74%	32	5.32%	8	1.33%	389	64.62%			602
<b>9E Circuit Court</b> (Clark)	64	47.06%	11	8.09%	20	14.71%	38	27.94%	3	2.21%	136
<b>9W Circuit Court</b> (Howard, Little River, Pike, Sevier)	335	62.04%	21	3.89%	48	8.89%	125	23.15%	11	2.04%	540
<b>10th Circuit Court</b> (Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew)	224	45.16%	65	13.10%	20	4.03%	187	37.70%			496
<b>11E Circuit Court</b> (Arkansas)	56	37.09%	11	7.28%	8	5.30%	76	50.33%			151
<b>11W Circuit Court</b> (Jefferson, Lincoln)	239	41.35%	24	4.15%	28	4.84%	287	49.65%			578
<b>12th Circuit Court</b> (Sebastian)	667	81.54%	20	2.44%	22	2.69%	109	13.33%			818
<b>13th Circuit Court</b> (Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union)	267	33.09%	60	7.43%	27	3.35%	419	51.92%	34	4.21%	807
<b>14th Circuit Court</b> (Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton)	151	26.73%	19	3.36%	39	6.90%	319	56.46%	37	6.55%	565
<b>15th Circuit Court</b> (Conway, Logan, Scott, Yell)	160	27.68%	52	9.00%	31	5.36%	318	55.02%	17	2.94%	578
<b>16th Circuit Court</b> (Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Stone)	231	33.82%	57	8.35%	63	9.22%	332	48.61%			683
<b>17th Circuit Court</b> (Prairie, White)	199	37.83%	43	8.17%	2	0.38%	282	53.61%			526
<b>18E Circuit Court</b> (Garland)	215	51.19%	12	2.86%	8	1.90%	185	44.05%			420
<b>18W Circuit Court</b> (Montgomery, Polk)	82	38.86%	20	9.48%	29	13.74%	58	27.49%	22	10.43%	211
<b>19E Circuit Court</b> (Carroll)	32	22.07%	8	5.52%	10	6.90%	93	64.14%	2	1.38%	145
<b>19W Circuit Court</b> (Benton)	275	21.55%	60	4.70%	68	5.33%	813	63.71%	60	4.70%	1,276
<b>20th Circuit Court</b> (Faulkner, Searcy, Van Buren)	255	37.61%	40	5.90%	10	1.47%	373	55.01%			678
<b>21st Circuit Court</b> (Crawford)	156	48.00%	78	24.00%	10	3.08%	74	22.77%	7	2.15%	325
<b>22nd Circuit Court</b> (Saline)	193	28.05%	22	3.20%	45	6.54%	428	62.21%			688
<b>23rd Circuit Court</b> (Lonoke)	215	30.85%	68	9.76%	10	1.43%	404	57.96%			697
<b>TOTAL BY SENTENCE TYPE</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>34.84%</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>5.84%</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>3.58%</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>53.35%</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>2.38%</b>	<b>20,806</b>

# Parole & Probation

## SIS Sentencing by Judicial District

Suspended imposition of sentence (SIS) means that no sentence is pronounced, and the court will retain the jurisdiction to impose any sentence within the full statutory range of punishment in case of revocation.

Sentencing Court	Suspended Sentences Imposed
1st CirCt(Cross, Lee, Monroe, Philips, St Francis, Woodruff)	13
2nd CirCt(Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Green, Mississippi, Poinsett)	655
3rd Cir Ct(Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp)	343
5th Cir Ct(Franklin, Johnson, Pope)	327
4th Cir Ct(Madison, Washington)	469
6th Cir Ct(Pulaski, Perry)	473
7th Cir Ct(Grant, Hot Spring)	18
8N Cir Ct(Hempstead, Nevada)	21
8S Cir Ct(Lafayette, Miller)	91
9E Cir Ct(Clark)	52
9W Cir Ct(Howard, Little River, Pike, Sevier)	190
10th Cir Ct(Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew)	190
11E Cir Ct(Arkansas)	8
11W Cir Ct(Jefferson, Lincoln)	21
12th Cir Ct(Sebastian)	680
13th CirCt(Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union)	181
14th Cir Ct(Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton)	38
15th Cir Ct(Conway, Logan, Scott, Yell)	122
16th Cir Ct(Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Stone)	121
17th Cir Ct(Prairie, White)	49
18E Cir Ct(Garland)	29
18W Cir Ct(Montgomery, Polk)	21
19E Cir Ct(Carroll)	26
19W Cir Ct(Benton)	301
20th Cir Ct(Faulkner, Searcy, Van Buren)	142
21st Cir Ct(Crawford)	216
22nd Cir Ct(Saline)	47
23rd Cir Ct(Lonoke)	198
<b>Total Suspended Sentences</b>	<b>5,042</b>

# Parole & Probation

## Pre-Trial Supervision by Judicial District

Court-ordered supervision of adults who have not been adjudicated on pending felony charges.

Sentencing Court	Pre-Trial	Offender Count
2nd CirCt(Clay,Craighead,Crittenden,Green,Mississippi,Poinsett)	4	4
4th Cir Ct(Madison,Washington)	2	2
6th Cir Ct(Pulaski,Perry)	3	3
8S Cir Ct(Lafayette,Miller)	1	1
9W Cir Ct(Howard,Little River,Pike,Sevier)	13	13
10th Cir Ct(Ashley,Bradley,Chicot,Desha,Drew)	1	1
11E Cir Ct(Arkansas)	1	1
12th Cir Ct(Sebastian)	14	14
13th CirCt(Calhoun,Cleavelan,Columbia,Dallas,Ouachita,Union)	62	60
15th Cir Ct(Conway,Logan,Scott,Yell)	4	4
16th Cir Ct(Cleburne,Fulton,Independ,Izard,Stone)	1	1
17th Cir Ct(Prairie,White)	1	1
19W Cir Ct(Benton)	23	23
21st Cir Ct(Crawford)	30	29
22nd Cir Ct(Saline)	4	4
23rd Cir Ct(Lonoke)	1	1
<b>TOTAL BY SENTENCE TYPE</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>162</b>

## Supervision by Area

Area	Supervision Type Category				Total
	Parole	Probation	Pre-Trial	Suspended	
Fayetteville P&P (Area 1)	2,270	4,908	29	24	7,231
Mountain Home (Area 2)	776	1,632	0	9	2,417
Searcy (Area 3)	1,511	2,081	0	76	3,668
Jonesboro (Area 4)	1,319	3,164	2	106	4,591
Fort Smith (Area 5)	2,245	1,596	23	15	3,879
Conway (Area 6)	1,361	2,027	9	9	3,406
LR Probation (Area 7)	518	5,722	6	35	6,281
Little Rock Parole (Area 8)	4,297	761	0	7	5,065
West Memphis (Area 9)	1,195	1,347	0	1	2,543
Hot Springs (Area 10)	1,172	1,349	7	6	2,534
Pine Bluff (Area 11)	1,807	2,043	1	27	3,878
Texarkana (Area 12)	1,794	2,488	10	111	4,403
El Dorado (Area 13)	1,061	1,142	96	10	2,309
Sex Offender Supervision	331	287	0	1	619
C.O. Interstate Compact	1,861	0	0	0	1,861
Total	23,518	30,547	183	437	54,685



# Parole & Probation

## Parole Revocation

When an offender on parole violates the conditions of release, the Parole Board through its Hearing Judges can revoke the parole and return the offender to state prison. Offenders may waive their right to a hearing and choose to return to prison.

Parole Revocation Hearing Outcome	Laws and Technical	Laws Only	Technical Only	Total By Hearing Outcome	%
Revoked	750	435	504	1,689	31.03%
Waived	2,133	339	1,282	3,754	68.97%
<b>Total By Violation Type</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>5,443</b>	

(EXCLUDING deferred, reinstatements and revoked to TVP)

## Probation Revocation

A circuit judge has the authority to revoke a probationer's community supervision if the offenders fails to abide by the conditions ordered by the court.

### FY 2016 Probation Revocations

Revocation Event	New Charges	Technical	Totals By Revocation Types
Revoked (Other*)	88	1,167	1,255
Revoked (Sent to ADC)	353	1,440	1,793
Revoked (Sent to CCC)	37	560	597
<b>Total By Revocation Reasons</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>3,645</b>

Revoked (Other\*) includes actions such as a new term of probation (including Drug Court) or a short-term sentence to a county jail.

FY 16 Month	Revocations
July	317
August	319
September	329
October	298
November	279
December	230
January	313
February	310
March	312
April	315
May	292
June	331
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,645</b>

# Residential Services

ACC operates five community-based centers for offenders and the Omega Technical Violator Center that provide significant structure, supervision, drug and alcohol treatment, educational programs, employment counseling, socialization, life skills, community work transition and other services.

Facility	Population	Males	Females
Central AR CCC - Males	109	109	0
Central AR CCC - Short Term Drug Court Treatment	49	49	0
East Central AR CCC	182	0	182
East Central AR CCC Technical Violators-Female	42	0	42
East Central AR CCC-Females Drug Treatment	21	0	21
NE AR CCC	234	234	0
NW AR CCC	115	0	115
Omega Technical Violator Center	268	268	0
SW AR CCC	473	411	62
Total	1,493	1,071	422

Reason for Release (From CCC Facility)	Release Facility Type			
	CCC	Short-Term Drug Trmt	TVP	Total
ACC Released to Supervision	489	10	184	683
ACC To Probation/SIS	375	39	0	414
ACT 682 Release	723	0	0	723
Death	1	0	1	2
Discharged	33	22	1	56
Released by Court	3	0	0	3
Short Term Drug Treatment Release	0	299	0	299
Transferred to ADC	76	0	31	107
TVP Sanction Release	0	0	1,023	1,023
Total	1,700	370	1,240	3,310

# Residential Services

## **The Central Arkansas Center**

Location: Little Rock

Capacity: 150 men

Short-Term Drug Court Treatment Program

Capacity: 50 men

## **Northeast Arkansas Center**

Location: Osceola

Capacity: 240 men

## **Northwest Arkansas Center**

Location: Fayetteville

Capacity: 100 women

## **Omega Technical Violator Center**

Location: Malvern

Capacity: 300 men

## **Southeast Arkansas Center (closed in June 2016)**

Location: Pine Bluff

Capacity: 350 women

Short-Term Drug Court Treatment Program

Capacity: 35 women

Technical Violator Program

Capacity: 55 women

## **East Central Arkansas Center (opened in June 2016)**

Location: West Memphis

Capacity: 350 women

Short-Term Drug Court Treatment Program

Capacity: 35 women

Technical Violator Program

Capacity: 55 women

## **Southwest Arkansas Center**

Location: Texarkana

Capacity: 475 men

Technical Violator Program

Capacity: 44 men

Primary Offense	Frequency	Percent
Poss Cont Sub Sched I,II Meth Cocaine < 2g	149	13.39%
Residential Burglary	85	7.64%
Poss Drug Paraphernalia Meth Cocaine	78	7.01%
Breaking And Entering	54	4.85%
Forgery	49	4.40%
Theft Of Property	47	4.22%
Commercial Burglary	46	4.13%
Manu/Delv/Poss Control Subs.	39	3.50%
Poss Drug Paraphernalia Man Meth Cocaine	34	3.05%
Theft of Property >= \$1,000 < \$5,000	30	2.70%
Poss Cont Sub Sched III => Excluding Meth Cocaine <2g	28	2.52%
Failure To Appear	27	2.43%
Deliver Meth Cocaine < 2g	25	2.25%
Poss W Purpose Del Meth Cocaine < 2g	24	2.16%
Poss W Purpose Del Meth Cocaine => 2g < 10g	21	1.89%
Poss Cont Sub Sched I,II Meth Cocaine => 2g < 10g	19	1.71%
Theft by Receiving > \$1,000 <= \$5,000	18	1.62%
Deliver Meth Cocaine => 2g < 10g	15	1.35%
Theft of Property >=\$5,000 < \$25,000	15	1.35%
Advertise Drug Paraphernalia	14	1.26%
Theft By Receiving > \$5,000 < \$25,000	14	1.26%
Poss. Firearm Certain Person	13	1.17%
Viol Of Omb DWI Act 4th Offens	13	1.17%
Deliver Cont Sub Sched I,II Excl Meth Cocaine < 2g	12	1.08%
Fail to Appear Regarding Order Issued Before Revocation Hearing	11	0.99%
Poss W Purp Del Cont Sub Sched VI => 4 oz < 25 lbs	11	0.99%
Theft By Receiving	11	0.99%
Criminal Attempt	10	0.90%
Furnishing Prohib. Articles	10	0.90%
Poss W Purp Del Cont Sub Sched VI > 14g < 4oz	10	0.90%
Theft of Property (Credit/Debit Card)	10	0.90%
Poss Drug Paraphernalia Man Cont Sub	9	0.81%
Theft by Receiving (Credit/Debit Card)	9	0.81%
Hot Check Violation	8	0.72%
Poss Cont Sub Sched I,II Ex Meth Cocaine => 2g< 28g	8	0.72%
Fail to Appear on Felony (FTA)	7	0.63%
Non-Support	7	0.63%
Tampering With Physical Evid.	7	0.63%
Theft of Property > \$25,000	7	0.63%
Criminal Mischief-1st Degree	5	0.45%
Forgery 2nd Degree	5	0.45%
Fraudulent Use Of Credit Card	5	0.45%
Maintain Drug Premises Drug Free Zone	5	0.45%
Theft Of Leased Property	5	0.45%
Criminal Mischief-1st Degree (Damage > \$1,000 <= \$5,000)	4	0.36%
Deliver Cont Sub Sched VI > 14g < 4 oz	4	0.36%
Filing A False Report	4	0.36%
Poss W Purp Del Cont Sub Sched I,II Excl Meth Cocaine < 2g	4	0.36%
Theft of Property (Firearm) < \$2,000	4	0.36%
Criminal Conspiracy	3	0.27%
Del Cont Sub Sched Ex Meth Cocaine=> 2g < 28g	3	0.27%
Drug Fraud - Fradulent Practices	3	0.27%
Financial Identity Fraud	3	0.27%
Poss Cont Sub Sched III => 2g < 28g	3	0.27%
Arson	2	0.18%
Criminal Mischief-1st Degree (Damage>\$5,00<\$25,000)	2	0.18%
Deliver Controlled Substance Sched III < 28g	2	0.18%
DWI - 6th or subsequent within 10 years of prior offense	2	0.18%
Fradulent Use of a Credit Card or Debit Card >\$1,000<=\$5,000	2	0.18%
Hindering Apprehension Or Proc	2	0.18%
Maintain Drug Premises	2	0.18%
Manufacture Controlled Substance Sched VI > 14g < 4 oz	2	0.18%
Poss Cont Sub Sched I,II Meth Cocaine => 10g < 200g	2	0.18%
Posses W Purpose Del Meth Cocaine =>10g <200g	2	0.18%
Theft of Property Obtnd by Threat of Serious Physical Injury	2	0.18%
Theft of Services > \$1,000 <= \$5,000	2	0.18%
Burglary	1	0.09%
Computer Fraud	1	0.09%
Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree	1	0.09%
Defrauding Secured Creditors	1	0.09%
Del Cont Sub Sched III => 28g < 200g	1	0.09%
Deliver Cont Sub Sch I,II Exclud Meth Cocaine=> 28g < 200g	1	0.09%
Deliver Manufacture Counterfeit Cont Sub Sched I,II	1	0.09%
Drug Fraud - Non-Controlled Subs Rep as Sched III,IV,V	1	0.09%
Expose Child to Chem Substance	1	0.09%
Fail To Stop Acc. W/Inj/Death	1	0.09%
Fleeing	1	0.09%
Forgery 1st Degree - Written instr with purpose to defraud	1	0.09%
Forgery 2nd Degree-Written Instr with Purpose to Defraud	1	0.09%
Manufacture Methamphetamine < 2g	1	0.09%
Obtain Narcotic - Fraud/Deceit	1	0.09%
Pos W Purp Del Contr Sub Sched I,II Excl Meth Coc=>28g<200g	1	0.09%
Poss Cont Sub Sched IV,V => 28g < 200g	1	0.09%
Poss Counterfeit Controlled Substance Sched I,II	1	0.09%
Poss W Purp Del Cont Sub Sched I,II Exc Meth Cocaine=>2g<28g	1	0.09%
Poss w Purp Del Cont Sub Sched IV,V < 200g	1	0.09%
Poss W Purp Del Contd Sub LSD=> 160 DU < 200g	1	0.09%
Theft By Receiving >= \$25,000	1	0.09%
Theft by Receiving Firearm Value is <\$2500	1	0.09%
Theft Of Public Benefits	1	0.09%
Video Voyeurism	1	0.09%
Total	1,113	100.00%

**Primary Offenses for  
the offender  
population on  
June 30, 2016, at the  
Community  
Correction  
Centers  
located in  
Little Rock  
Texarkana  
Pine Bluff  
Osceola  
and  
Fayetteville**

**This listing does not  
include offenders at the  
Technical Violator  
Program at the  
Omega Center in  
Malvern nor  
offenders in the Short  
Term Treatment  
program**





# There are four types of residents in a Community Correction Center

1. Judicial Transfer
2. Probation Plus
3. Short-term Drug Court Treatment
4. Technical Violator Program

# Residential Services

## Length of Sentences by days - averaged - in a Community Correction Center

Facility Type	Resident Type	Facility	Average Length of Sentence Per Facility and Resident Type (DAYS)
CCC	Judicial Transfer	Central AR CCC - Males	1,065
		East Central AR CCC	1,076
		NE AR CCC	1,010
		NW AR CCC	976
		SW AR CCC	1,168
<b>CCC</b>	<b>Judicial Transfer</b>	<b>Average Length of Sentence (in days)</b>	<b>1,091</b>
	Probation Plus	Central AR CCC - Males	301
		East Central AR CCC	347
		NE AR CCC	333
		NW AR CCC	242
		SW AR CCC	317
<b>CCC</b>	<b>Probation Plus</b>	<b>Average Length of Sentence (in days)</b>	<b>307</b>
	Probation Plus	Central AR CCC - Short Term Drug Court Treatment	83
		East Central AR CCC-Females Drug Treatment	89
<b>Short Term</b>	<b>Probation Plus</b>	<b>Average Length of Sentence (in days)</b>	<b>85</b>

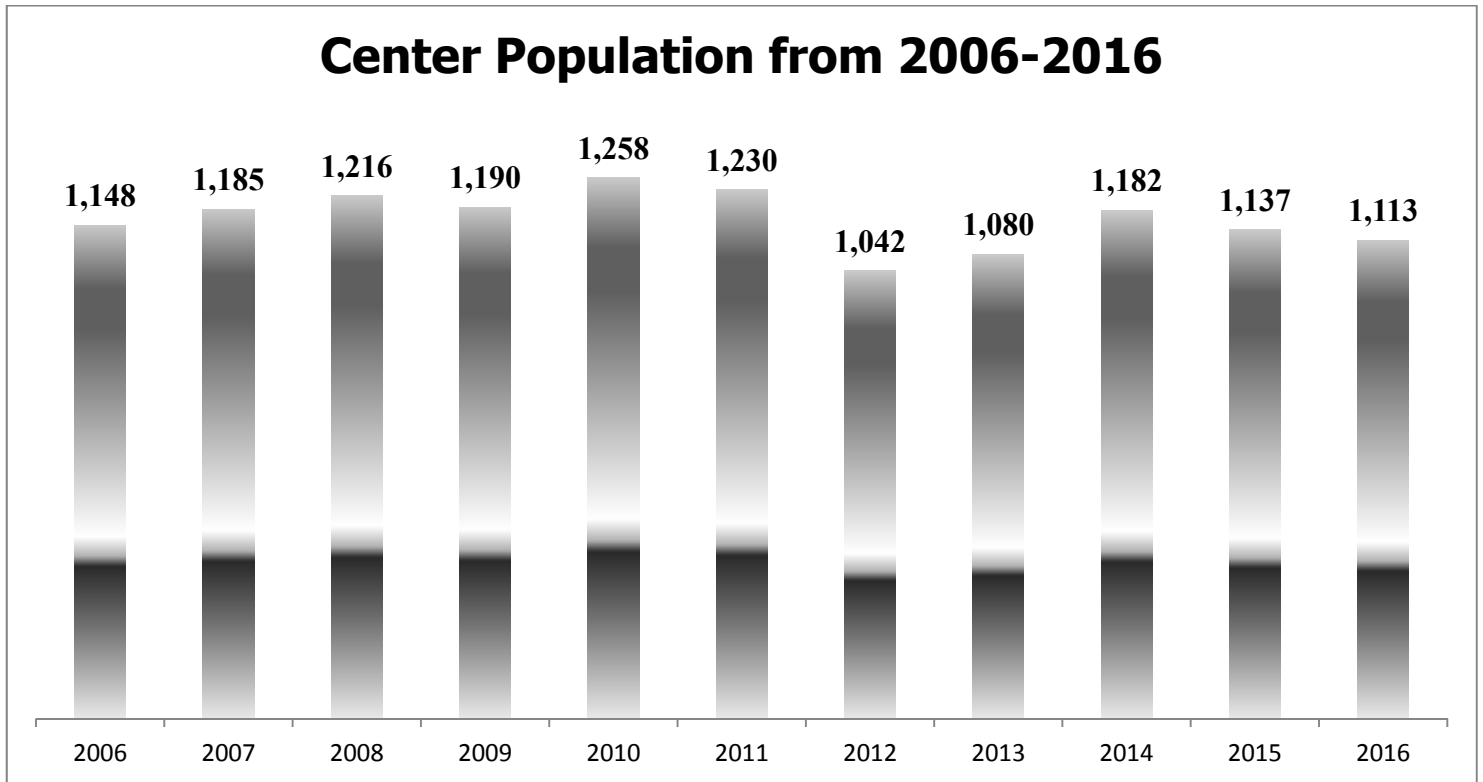
Excludes TVP facilities

## Offender Racial Profile

Facility Type		American Indian	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Other	White	Total
<b>CCC</b>	Population	2	4	144	24	5	934	1,113
	% within Facility Type	0.20%	0.40%	12.90%	2.20%	0.40%	83.90%	100%
<b>Short Term</b>	Population	0	0	13	1	0	56	70
	% within Facility Type	0.00%	0.00%	18.60%	1.40%	0.00%	80.00%	100%
<b>TVP</b>	Population	0	1	93	3	0	213	310
	% within Facility Type	0.00%	0.30%	30.00%	1.00%	0.00%	68.70%	100%
	Total Population	2	5	250	28	5	1,203	1,493
	% of Total	0.10%	0.30%	16.70%	1.90%	0.30%	80.60%	100%

# Residential Services

## The History



Excludes residents in the short-term Drug Court treatment program and in the Technical Violator Program.

## The Program

For more than 20 years, Arkansas Community Correction has consistently improved community correction services through the operation and management of residential centers and treatment services for offenders participating in Modified Therapeutic Community programs.

ACC operates five community-based centers for offenders and the Omega Technical Violator Center that provide significant structure, supervision, drug and alcohol treatment, educational and vocational programs, employment counseling, socialization, life skills, community work transition, and other services.

# Residential Services

Each facility is accredited by the American Correctional Association and the five residential centers are licensed as substance abuse treatment facilities by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Services' Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAP). The centers have the lowest recidivism rate in Arkansas.

The Modified Therapeutic Community program has three phases that are progress driven. The normal length of stay is nine months to one year. As soon as the resident enters the program, an extensive assessment is completed and the resident is placed in the Phase System.

The goal is to create a positive peer culture and facilitate overall lifestyle changes. These lifestyle changes are demonstrated by residents remaining drug-free and having the ability to interact in society without further criminal activity, while taking responsibility for ongoing recovery and contributing to their communities.

Treatment staff providing services are fully credentialed as:

- Certified Clinical Supervisors
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
- Advanced Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselors
- Certified Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselors
- Certified Anger Management Specialists
- Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professionals
- Certified Prevention Specialists
- Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselors
- Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists.

## **Special Needs Program (SNP):**

The SNP is a 60-bed male and two 50-bed female units for co-occurring disorders. These offenders have histories of substance abuse and mental health and/or medical issues. The programs operate within Modified Therapeutic Communities at the Southwest Arkansas Community Correction Center in Texarkana (males) and in the East Central Arkansas Center in West Memphis (females). The program is designed for long term treatment, with an average completion of six to 12 months.

## **Short Term Program:**

Drug Court judges can place a Drug Court offender in an ACC Community Correction Center for a 30- to 90-day intensive residential treatment program provided by skilled, experienced and certified treatment specialists. Offenders participate in 25-28 hours of treatment each week. Staff work closely with them to make sure each one has a workable plan that addresses individual needs, which strengthens the recovery process.



# Residential Services

## Technical Violator Program

The Omega Technical Violator Program (TVP), which opened in March 2005, is a 300-bed all male facility for offenders who violated a condition of their parole without committing a new crime. Eligible offenders may sign a waiver to the program in lieu of being locked up in jail or returning to the Arkansas Department of Correction. Initial confinement is for a 90-day period. Offenders who return to Omega for a second admission into the program are held for 120 days.

The intent of the program is to teach, promote and encourage positive cognitive and behavioral change that will result in a crime-free lifestyle. The program's goal is to create a safe environment where residents will be provided the opportunity to examine their lifestyles, identify problem areas and practice new behaviors. The Omega TVP targets alcohol and drug addiction and the addictive criminal lifestyle. Emphasis is placed on acknowledging past problems, accepting responsibility for negative actions and practicing new behaviors that will lead to long-term change.

The staff at Omega interact as a team, with each member being involved in the security and treatment processes. This consistency allows the offender to have a more structured base for recovery.

Month	TVP Sanction	Technical Violator at TVP	Total
Jul-15	97	21	118
Aug-15	103	21	124
Sep-15	100	20	120
Oct-15	78	16	94
Nov-15	55	12	67
Dec-15	65	11	76
Jan-16	66	9	75
Feb-16	74	14	88
Mar-16	96	14	110
Apr-16	73	13	86
May-16	85	12	97
Jun-16	101	9	110
Totals	993	172	1,165

Race	Offender Gender		Total
	Female	Male	
Asian	0	1	1
Black	31	341	372
Caucasian	129	640	769
Hispanic	2	18	20
NA Indian	2	1	3
Total	164	1,001	1,165

# Reentry

## Reentry Facilities

ACC Reentry Services licensed its first reentry facilities in FY2015. Legislation passed during the 2015 General Assembly authorized ACC to transfer eligible ADC inmates up to 18 months prior to release on parole to licensed reentry facilities to complete a six month reentry program.

The programming requirements include employment assistance and placement, adult education and higher education, family reunification, substance abuse, mental health, housing, thinking patterns and finances. Reentry facilities are responsible for assisting residents with preparing for life in the community by providing these programs and additional resources as necessary.

As of June 30, 2016, ACC had 179 reentry residents and 68 graduates of the reentry facility program. There are eight licensed reentry facilities in Arkansas located in Little Rock, Newport (2), Jonesboro, Hot Springs (2), Pine Bluff, and Malvern. Five facilities house men and three facilities house women.

## The Good Grid

Continued development and implementation of The Good Grid occurred throughout FY2016. The Good Grid is an online reentry portal for offenders, service providers, and community organizations. This project and partnership started more than two years ago in 2014, and Arkansas is starting to see the results of a reentry portal that brings together all of the partners necessary for the creation of a strong reentry system, including the offenders returning to the community. The Good Grid provides an online platform for integrated services to take place. It is divided into two separate sections that are connected by a state-of-the-art collaborative case management system. The first section is Social Hub, which

	Gender		
Race	Female	Male	Total
Asian	0	1	1
Black/African American	3	44	47
Hispanic or Latino	1	2	3
White	25	113	138
Total	29	160	189

Reentry Facility	# Reentry Participants
Covenant Recovery Reentry Facility	56
Harmony House Quapaw Reentry Facility	8
Hidden Creek Quapaw	42
Mulligan Road Reentry Facility	39
Project New Start Esther Reentry Facility	12
Project New Start Gideon Reentry Facility	6
Reclamation House	9
Safe Harbor Reentry Facility	17
Total	189

# Reentry

allows service providers, state agencies, volunteers, and community organizations to communicate and collaborate regarding services, events, jobs, and other opportunities. The second section is MyPortfolio, which is solely for returning offenders to organize their various needs for reentry. MyPortfolio is organized into various subsections that allow individuals to compartmentalize different tasks while still being able to zoom out and see the whole picture. At the end of FY2016, The Good Grid had 1,033 accounts created on the Social Hub. ACC also established an interface with eOMIS and The Good Grid to send daily and weekly information for creating MyPortfolio accounts for offenders on supervision. Continued development between Protech Solutions and ACC will bring additional features to The Good Grid.

## **Affordable Care Act: Health Insurance Sign Up**

ACC established an agreement with a local insurance agency to assist residents and offenders with applications for health insurance. All residents preparing for release receive direct assistance with completing their application for health insurance, either through Arkansas Works or traditional Medicaid. Offenders on supervision who do not have health insurance receive an application packet and assistance from their parole officers. At the end of FY2015, ACC had assisted 17,409 residents and offenders complete an application for insurance. Out of those applications, 14,819 were approved (13,338 Arkansas Works and 1,481 traditional Medicaid).

## **Driver's License and State ID Program**

The Criminal Justice Reform Act of 2015 requires that a program through which eligible residents are assisted with obtaining a driver's license or state issued identification card while still incarcerated. A resident must be within 120 days of release from incarceration and must have held an Arkansas license or ID in the past. Furthermore, eligible reinstatement fees are waived through this program. ACC developed procedures with the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles, to accomplish these goals. ACC provides the DMV with daily information regarding eligible residents and the DMV returns records that match in their database. Residents are able to obtain their driver's license or State ID card prior to release. This can assist with overcoming various barriers that are present after release, such as employment, transportation, housing, finances, and education. All ACC residential facilities and licensed reentry facilities are assisting residents through this program.

## **Transitional Housing**

ACC licenses transitional housing vendors to provide housing assistance for offenders on supervision. ACC provides reimbursement for 60 days for high and moderate risk offenders staying at a transitional house. The transitional housing vendors are required to provide programming to assist with employment, education, and substance abuse treatment, such as support groups or 12-Step programs. In FY2016, ACC had licensed 24 transitional houses across Arkansas.

## **Department of Workforce Services Partnership**

ACC Reentry Services and the Department of Workforce Services entered into a partnership during FY2015 to provide monthly job search workshops at the area parole offices. Offenders who are unemployed or underemployed receive resources and guidance on resume writing, job search techniques, training opportunities, and interview skills. The Reentry Officer in each area is responsible for coordinating each workshop with the area parole officers and the DWS staff.

## **Reentry Officers**

ACC dedicated 13 positions to serve as Reentry Officers in FY2016. The officers are responsible for community resource development, employer relations, job search workshops, resource fairs, and community engagement. The officers also receive referrals from parole officers for employment assistance and job placement with offenders.

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