



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION

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PRRS Quarterly Chief's Report

February 13, 2025 (Covering November 14, 2024 to February 12, 2025)

Highlights:

- 1. Accreditation:** On December 27, 2024, the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards issued PRRS a 100% achievement rating for compliance with the 76 state standards required for correctional facilities. After a lengthy process in scanning and uploading documents to prepare for a virtual audit (a process created by MCCS, during the COVID-19 pandemic), a file review was conducted, followed by an in-person, on site visit by the MCCS Audit team, December 10th through December 12, 2025. To date, The Montgomery County Pre-Release Center has passed all three major Accreditation Audits, American Correctional Association (ACA), Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), and Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS).
- 2. Annual Gift giving and Holiday Party for Resident's Children:** On Saturday December 21, 2024, the Pre-Release Center hosted our Annual Gift Giving event in collaboration with Dr. Ellwood Gray of the National Coalition of Prison Ministries. Several donated gifts were handed out to the children of PRC Residents. The Saturday event was well attended to include County Executive Marc Elrich and DOCR Director Ben Stevenson, along with several media outlets. Partner/Donating organizations included Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Theta Omega Omega Chapter; Xerox Corporation, Signal Bank and the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Program. There was even a surprise visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause (Resident Supervisors Richard Austin and Camille Morris). Channel 9 news did a brief story on the event. From the link below you can fast forward to the 38 minute mark to see it:
https://www.wusa9.com/video/news/live_stream/get-up-dc-sunday/65-16ae6b36-5f16-427f-bd55-2ab101772f5e

In addition, All PRRS Residents (74 total) received a holiday gift bag from "Heart in Service", a non-profit organization of which Judge Bernard is a founding member. Each resident received a winter hat, gloves, notebook, writing utensils and various other necessities.

Programs and Services:

- 1. Volunteer contributions:** *Kate Monahan* has been and continues to teach our weekly Job Readiness-Interviewing Techniques, every Friday afternoon as a part of the weeklong Orientation for New Residents. Residents enjoy her enthusiasm and appreciate the skills and techniques she brings to each class.
Catarina Vannucci is a professional classical violinist who has been with us since August of 2024, where she started off teaching a small group of residents, how to play the violin. Since then, she has become a part of our Cognitive Behavior Therapy, orientation class each Tuesday, assisting with teaching a Music and Emotions module of the class.

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“Keys to Success”, Jason Sones and/or Scott Atkinson from Parole & Probation, on February 7, 2025, restarted what will be a biweekly class in which they address pitfalls of being on Parole or Probation and how to avoid them and to be successful in process. They will provide Residents with their Parole or Probation contracts as well as the contact information for their respective agents when known. This will help to initiate the “warm handoff” from DOCR to Parole & Probation.

2. **Intern Activities:** Over the past several months Our current complement of Community Correctional Interns – *Amanda Correia, Cassidy Mussomele, Selena Herrera-Michael, and Ana Maglaque* Have done an excellent job coming up with weekly activities and Recreation Trips for the Residents at PRC. From weekly movie and game nights to weekly trips to the Library for Chess Tournaments, and now a weekly trip to the Tree of Hope for Peer Specialist support for those dealing with addiction. The interns are keeping residents engaged in prosocial activities, that we believe have contributed to a decrease in behavioral and disciplinary adjustments over the past several months.

Personnel:

1. **Promotions:** In December and January, two of our Resident Supervisor IIs, Amnetty Marmolejos and David Luu, were promoted to the rank of Resident Supervisor III – Shift Supervisor. This position directs the day-to-day custody and security operations across all three shifts operating on a 24/7 basis. In addition, they supervise on the job training for new hires, as well as provide training, guidance, and mentoring for junior Resident Supervisors and Community Correctional Interns.
2. **New Hires:** January 26, 2025 PRRS welcomed new Resident Supervisor I – Abraham Abu, on February 9, 2025 both Ester Sobo and Ernest Agwe also joined PRRS as new Resident Supervisor I. All three are former Correctional Officers with Montgomery County DOCR Detention Services Unit. They each bring a wealth of knowledge and education in the Human Services field as well as years of professional experience Correctional Custody and Security. On February 25, 2025 we will welcome a new Intern Jose Iglesia to our current complement of Interns.

Future Initiatives:

- **DOCR awarded 112K+ in grants, through the State of Maryland Computer Labs Program.** We will use these funds to upgrade all computer software/hardware in our Career Resource Lab, and GED Classroom, as well as, add computer kiosks to our Pre-Trial Services area to assist with client intakes and for client to search for various community resources as needed.
- **Pre-Release Center Composting and Gardening program.** In collaboration with DOCR Dietary Staff, we are working with the Office of Agricultural Services to develop a composting system and program in conjunction with our gardening program. We hope to

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generate nutrient rich soil to be used in our garden and flower beds, as well as for use by County Parks and Recreation and Department of General Services for any landscaping project they may have. Our goal is to Pilot the program at PRC in hopes of growing it to both of our larger Detention Facilities.

- **Sweet Release Bakery Program (PRC Cohort).** While the industrial ovens are being replaced at MCCF, PRC welcomed the opportunity to host a cohort here. Currently there are five (5) PRC Residents participating in the program, under the Supervision and tutelage of Dietary Supervisor Robyn Quillens and Dietary Program Manager Ava Givens. This group as received their SERV Safe Certifications and will receive Certificates of completion at the end of their training. Deputy Chief of Programs and Services Tyrone Alexander has made a connection with a local bakery, who is willing to come on site, interview and potentially hire one or more of our Bakery Program Students. Our Work Release Coordinators have scheduled the interviews for next week.

Employment Data:

PRRS Program Exit Statistics															
Month/Year	Exits by Resident Type				Program Exit Type								Median Length of Stay in PRRS	Employment % for Time Served Released	
	Total	Local	Fed	Drug Court	Time Served	%	Revocation	%	Admin Removal	%	Escape	%			
January-24	16	16	0	0	9	56.3%	5	31.3%	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	99	55.6%	
February-24	19	18	0	1	14	73.7%	5	26.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	89	64.3%	
March-24	24	24	0	0	17	70.8%	4	16.7%	2	8.3%	1	4.2%	57.5	64.7%	
April-24	13	13	0	0	9	69.2%	1	7.7%	3	23.1%	0	0.0%	40	66.7%	
May-24	19	19	0	0	16	84.2%	3	15.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	57	56.3%	
June-24	9	8	0	1	9	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	105	55.6%	
July-24	19	17	0	2	18	94.7%	1	5.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31	44.4%	
August-24	20	17	0	3	19	95.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%	75	78.9%	
September-24	22	21	0	0	19	86.4%	3	13.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	58	63.2%	
October-24	20	20	0	0	19	95.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.0%	79	68.4%	
November-24	9	9	0	0	8	88.9%	8	88.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	62	62.5%	
December-24	15	14	0	1	14	1.0%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	69	64.3%	
January-25	22	21	0	1	17	77.3%	1	4.5%	4	18.2%	0	0.0%	61.5	41.2%	



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