

Hall County's First REACT Program Inmates To Arrive Tuesday

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The first ten inmates to be a part of Hall County's new Re-entry Accountability Court Transition (REACT) program are set to arrive around noon Tuesday, March 4 at the Hall County Correctional Institute.

The REACT program, the first of its kind in the state, will focus on state inmates returning to Hall and Dawson counties. Programming will consist of substance abuse treatment, as well as educational and vocational training. Participants will also receive on-the-job experience while working with local businesses once they have progressed to the work release portion of the program. The purpose of the program is to help inmates find gainful employment in an effort to reduce recidivism rates.

Those expected to be on hand for the inmates' arrival include several top officials with the Georgia Department of Corrections, representatives from the Gainesville Probation Office, judges with the Hall County Court System and other various elected officials and administrative staff. The Hall County Correctional Institute serves to meet the workforce needs of Hall County while fulfilling an obligation to the Georgia Department of Corrections by providing safe and secure housing for inmates in compliance with applicable policies. Under contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections, the institution houses approximately 240 inmates and, in return, the state pays Hall County \$20 per day, per inmate, or approximately \$1.7 million annually.

Hall County Correctional Institute provides an inmate labor force to the county, city, municipalities and other government agencies, thereby providing a work force at a significant savings to taxpayers. Some 40 to 50 inmate details work daily for Hall County departments, including Parks and Leisure, Road Maintenance, Resource Recovery and Solid Waste, as well as Gainesville City Public Works and Parks departments, performing a multitude of job tasks.