

Oklahoma Accreditation

The [American Correctional Association](#) and the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections are private, non-profit organizations which administer the only national accreditation program for all components of adult and juvenile corrections. The purpose of these organizations is to promote improvement in the management of a voluntary accreditation program and the ongoing development and revision of relevant, useful standards.

More than 1,500 correctional facilities and programs are involved in accreditation, a process that began in 1978. Approximately 80 percent of all state departments of corrections and youth services are active participants. Also included are programs and facilities operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the US Parole Commission, the District of Columbia, and the private sector.

For these agencies, the accreditation program offers the opportunity to evaluate their operations against national standards, to remedy deficiencies and to upgrade the quality of correctional programs and services. The recognized benefits from such a process include improved management, a defense against lawsuits through documentation and the demonstration of a "good faith" effort to improve conditions of confinement, increased accountability and enhanced public credibility for administrative and line staff, a safer and more humane environment for personnel and offenders, and the establishment of measurable criteria for upgrading programs, personnel practices, and physical plant on a continuous basis.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections' involvement in the accreditation process began in 1979. Oklahoma became one of the first states to begin the accreditation process for all institutions and probation and parole. This was followed by the Community Corrections Centers and Central Office.

The Department of Corrections has continued its quest for excellence by maintaining the accreditation of its major institutions, Probation and Parole Field Services and Community Corrections Center. Today the following facilities and programs are accredited:

Division of Institutions

Lexington Assessment and Reception Center
Joseph Harp Correctional Center
R. B. Dick Conner Correctional Center
Bill Johnson Correctional Center
Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center
Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center
Mack Alford Correctional Center

Jackie Brannon Correctional Center
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Oklahoma State Reformatory
William S. Key Correctional Center
Taft Unit (Jess Dunn Correctional Center / Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center)
John Lilley Correctional Center
Howard McLeod Correctional Center
James Crabtree Correctional Center

Division of Community Corrections

Enid Community Corrections Center
Union City Community Corrections Center
Lawton Community Corrections Center
Oklahoma County Residential Services
Muskogee Community Corrections Center
Probation and Parole