

Howard McLeod Correctional Center



The **Howard McLeod Correctional Center (HMCC)** is a minimum-security, male facility located 30 miles southeast of Atoka. The facility houses more than 650 inmates, and its property spans across approximately 5,300 acres. ODOC Agri-Services division uses the land to produce cattle, hay, pecans, small grains, and firewood.



Education



Many inmates lack education, a key component in avoiding re-incarceration. HMCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas. College courses, which are not provided with state funding, are available to inmates who can afford them or those who have alternative funding or scholarships.



CareerTech

HMCC inmates can get technical training through a CareerTech Skills Center, which trains them for workforce reentry after release. CareerTech also helps inmates find skill-related employment after release. Courses include Precision Machining, Transportation Distribution & Logistics for Warehouses, and Welding.



Criminal Thinking

HMCC offers Thinking for a Change, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Ideas for Better Communications, Unlock Your

Thinking, Open Your Mind, Building Your Social Network, and Victims Impact programs to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal thinking and behavior.



HMCC was built in 1962 by inmates from nearby Mack Alford Correctional Center (then Stringtown Correctional Center). The facility is named after Howard C. McLeod, a former warden at Oklahoma State Penitentiary known for his interest in providing inmates meaningful work opportunities. The prison is also known in the state paleontology community, as 14 dinosaur skeletons have been found on its grounds.

HMCC utilizes a multitude of programming resources to effectively change behavior. By providing educational opportunities, technical training skills through our CareerTech Program, and cognitive behavior instruction for our inmates, we create an environment conducive to positive change. Positive role modeling and relationship development allows us to expose inmates to a pro-social atmosphere, which is needed to initiate a seamless transition back into society.



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