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Cornell Companies  
Adult Secure Institutional Services  
**D. Ray James Prison**  
Folkston, Georgia

## Background

- Located in the southeast county of Charlton, Georgia, operations for D. Ray James Prison, a 500-bed medium-security facility for adult male felons, commenced in October 1998.
- Situated on approximately 94 acres of Georgia farmland, the design of the prison incorporated simplicity, security, and easy expansion.
- The facility has since expanded to 1,640 beds, making it the largest private prison in the state.
- Security measures include state-of-the-art electronic controls, closed circuit television and perimeter detection systems.
- A staff-training center, which includes a firing range, is situated adjacent to the facility and outside the security fencing.

## Programs

The following voluntary programs and services help prepare offenders to return to their local communities and provide for their well-being while at the facility.

- Educational offerings include GED, Adult Basic Education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer training and lab. Courses include writing, literature, science, social studies and math.
- A partnership with the Okefenokee Technical Institute allows offenders to take courses in horticulture, computer technology and small engine repair. Offenders earn Technical Certificates, which are recognized by the Georgia Dept. of Technical and Adult Education.
- Employment training and assistance includes interview techniques, resume writing and completing applications.
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) provide substance abuse and addiction counseling.
- The Counseling Department offers GDC mandated classes such as Motivation for Change, Victim Impact, Corrective Thinking and Pre-Release.
- Community ministers provide various religious services and counseling.



- In partnership with Glynn Co. Children’s Advocacy Center, we provide an in-depth Family Violence Curriculum. The Class provides inmates insight on becoming good parents, as well as breaking the chain of violence within the family.
- Ten Inmate Contract Work Details support local communities. Past projects include building sidewalks and renovating a historic home.
- Dining, laundry, dental and medical services are provided along with recreational and physical activity opportunities.

## Accreditation

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) first accredited the facility in 2000 with a 100% on the review. Re-accreditation was earned again in 2004.
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) has also accredited the facility, including reaccreditation earned in 2002.

## Location

D. Ray James Prison is a few miles north of Folkston, Georgia, in southeast Charlton County.

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Service Capacity:	1,640
Custody Level:	Medium-security adult male offenders
Contracting Agency:	Georgia Dept. of Corrections
ACA Accreditation:	2000, 2004
Year Cornell Commenced Operations:	1998

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