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(Chaplaincy Services)

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- I. Introduction and Summary:** The chaplain or designated religious staff person will develop and maintain close relationships with community religious resources which facilitate program objectives.
- II. Authority:**
- A. United States Constitution, First and Fourteenth Amendments;
 - B. Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. Ch. 21C § 2000cc, *et seq*;
 - C. Ga. Comp. R. & Regs.123-3-1-01; and
 - D. ACA Standards: 5-ACI-7F-03 (ref. 4-4514) and 5-ACI-7F-04 (ref. 4-4516).
- III. Definitions:** None.
- IV. Statement of Policy and Applicable Procedures:**
- The chaplain conducts and/or coordinates religious services and programs in the institution and community setting. Some areas of responsibility are:
- A. To provide offenders and staff with a practical Scriptural and spiritual opportunity for worship.
 - B. To help offenders experience growth and appreciation for their faith and gain knowledge of other world faiths through religious education.
 - C. To promote hope.
 - D. To help offenders develop and improve their social, moral, and ethical value systems.
 - E. To help offenders and staff to recognize the dignity, worth and potential of the

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- F. To help offenders establish a healthy concept of self, world, life, evil and forgiveness.
 - G. To help offenders and staff appropriately deal with issues such as death, grief, anger, hostility, celebrations, and love.
 - H. To help strengthen their interpersonal relationships and give direction toward personal maturity.
 - I. To establish and supervise volunteer programs.
 - J. To be a liaison, when appropriate, with family and or community (i.e., Churches, Civic Organizations, Businesses, Government Agencies, Educational Institutions) for the purpose of bridging the gap from pre to post-release.
- V. **Attachments:** None.
- VI. **Record Retention of Forms Relevant to this Policy:** None.