

# A CLOSER LOOK

## What is the definition of an Offender Mentor?

An offender mentor is an offender who supports and inspires other offenders to develop attitudes and skills needed to be successful during their incarceration and in society upon release.



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### FAQ

**Does the Offender Mentor Program offer Performance Incentive Credit (PIC)?**  
*GDC is not offering PIC at this time.*

**Is the Offender Mentor Program only available to offenders with life sentences?**  
*The Offender Mentor Program is open to all offenders who meet the set requirements by GDC.*

**How do offenders start the Mentor Program?**  
*Each offender must meet with their counselor to begin the process.*

**Will this program prevent offenders from transferring to another state facility or transitional center?**  
*No. The participant may opt out of the program at any time.*



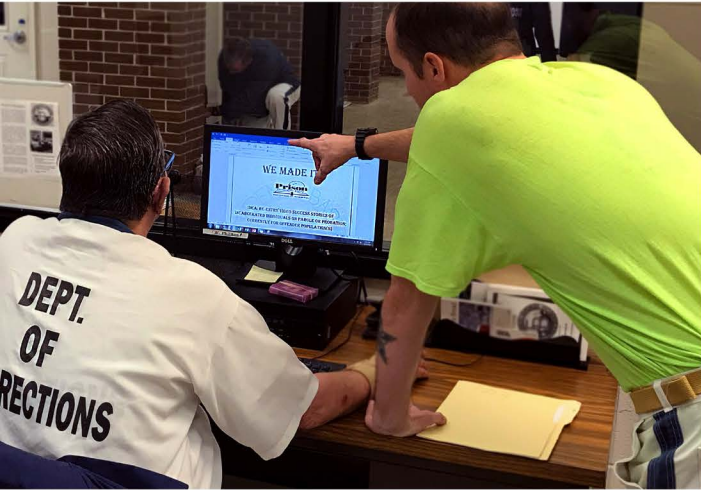
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# PROGRAM VISION



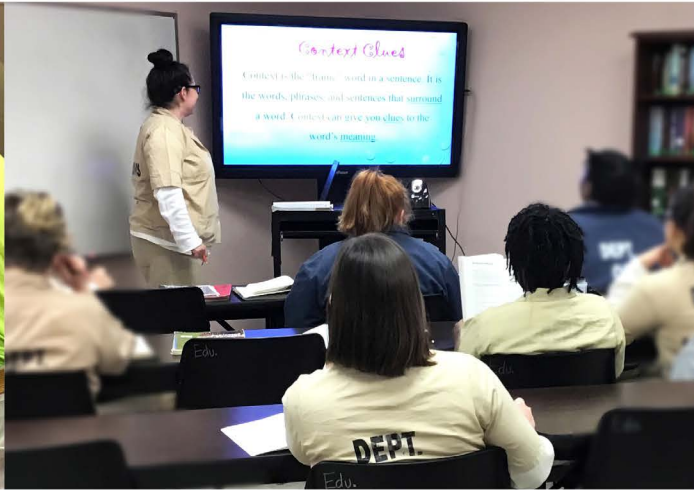
## redefining mentor

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) is redefining the Offender Mentor Program. Qualifying offenders will now have the chance to mentor other offenders in a wide range of areas while incarcerated.

In order to implement the program, Pathfinders Mentoring Training will be required for all selected offender mentors. This 7-to-14-week standardized training course written by Central Georgia Technical College equips attendees with developmental, interpersonal, & facilitation skills.

Upon the completion of Pathfinders, offenders will possess the skills needed to work with other offenders & will be assigned based on their skill level and strengths.

# PATH TO SUCCESS



## PROGRAM CRITERIA

- High School Diploma or GED is obtained
- The Pathfinders Program is pending or completed
- Offender has no high disciplinary report for at least three years
- Offender has no moderate disciplinary report for at least one year
- No documented gang activity for at least five years
- Offender will have completed or is actively engaged in his/her case plan

# FOCUS AREAS\* OF MENTOR DEVELOPMENT



Medical & Mental Health



Academic & Vocational Education



Art



Counseling Services & Programs



Substance Recovery



Recreation



Chaplaincy



Peer Mentors  
*Guidance and Support*

\*Sample of Offender Mentor Assignments