South Dakota Department of Corrections
Our Mission

To protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts, to provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.
Our Vision

A national leader in corrections that enhances public safety by employing evidence based practices to maximize the rehabilitation of offenders.
Our Values

• We value our staff as our greatest asset.
• We value a safe environment for staff and offenders.
• We value community support and collaboration.
• We value public trust in the operation of our department.
• We value the use of evidence-based practices to maximize offender rehabilitation.
Our Values

- We value diversity and the respect for all individuals.
- We value professionalism, teamwork and the highest standard of ethics.
- We value investment in our staff through training in sound correctional practice and through the provision of opportunities for development and career advancement.
Crime vs. Imprisonment
“The simple way to think about the Risk Principle is that if half of the people coming out of prison never go back again, which half are we worried about? We’re worried about the half that do.”

Dr. Ed Latessa,
Professor and Director,
University of Cincinnati
Core Correctional Practices

- Effective use of Authority
- Effective Case Management
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions
- Effective Disapproval
- Problem Solving
- Reinforcement of Pro-Social Behaviors
- Pro-Social Modeling
- Relationship Building
- Effective Reinforcement
For FY 17 – the DOC is anticipating the following institutional numbers:

- 3,295 male
- 500 female
- 3,795 total

The DOC manages an additional 380 juveniles and 2,349 parolees
Security Positions - Adult Facilities

Correctional Officer
Corporal
Sergeant
Lieutenant
Captain
Major
Other Institutional Positions

- Warden
- Deputy Warden
- Associate Warden
- Unit Manager
- Case Manager
- Unit Coordinator
- Physical Plant

- Secretary/Senior Secretary
- Finance Operations
- PI Shop Foreman
- Teacher
- Training Specialist
- Sex Offender Management
- Cultural Activities Coordinator
Parole Services Careers / Juvenile Careers

Parole Agent
Transitional Case Manager
Correctional Analyst
Corrections Specialist
Central Records Staff
Juvenile Corrections Agent
Juvenile Corrections Agent Supervisor
Supporting State Contract and Agencies
Department of Health

RN
Charge Nurse, Patient Care Tech
LPN
Clinical Supervisor
Clinical Coordinator
Medical Doctor
Radiation Tech
Dental Assistant
Dental Hygienist
Dentist
Supporting State Contract and Agencies
Department of Social Services

Mental Health Therapist
Mental Health Supervisor
Chemical Dependency Counselor
Support Staff
Supporting State Contract and Agencies
Other Agencies

Bureau of Human Resources
Food Service / Commissary
Bureau of Information Technology
Department of Education (State Archives)
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