



Mack Alford Correctional Center  
Stringtown, Oklahoma

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known as the Vocational Training School, a sub-unit of the main institution. In 1968, the institution erected the current fence and towers and became a medium and minimum security sub-unit. In July, 1973, the unit was separated from the main institution. In November, 1977, the name was changed to Stringtown Correctional Center and the security level was made medium. The center's name was officially changed to the Mack Alford Correctional Center, on March 27, 1986, in honor of Warden Mack Alford, a 30 year veteran of corrections who died on March 10, 1986.

## OFFENDER PROGRAMS

### **Education**

The facility provides a wide range of educational programming from basic literacy, through GED, to college level courses provided by three full time, state certified teachers.

### **Changing Attitudes to Change Habits (CATCH)**

The CATCH program is a long term substance abuse program which provides services for offenders at minimum security, who are within five years or less from discharge. Services include assessment, evaluation, education, therapy, behavior training, counseling, referrals, and after care.



Mack Alford was appointed warden of the Stringtown Correctional Center in September, 1973. His career in corrections started in 1955 as an officer at the Boys Training School in Stringtown, Oklahoma. After several promotions, he moved to Helena, Oklahoma, to work at the Helena Boys Training School and from there to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. Mack Alford served as warden of the Stringtown Correctional Center until his death in March, 1986.

### **Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI)**

Oklahoma Correctional Industries works jointly with the Department of Corrections to provide both offender jobs and to perform services for state contractors. Mack Alford Correctional Center has two Oklahoma Correctional Industries factories assigned, consisting of a furniture renovation factory and a sign shop. Together, these factories employ over 78 offenders supervised and instructed by industrial superintendents under the direction of an industrial coordinator. Offenders are provided meaningful full-time employment and skill development.

### **Agri Services**

MACC's Agri-Services program is operated by two Farm Manager's and eight offenders. The operation consists of a 150 herd cow/calf operation. The farm also produces approximately 500 round bales of hay per year. Of the 1,400 acres on the farm, 250 are leased and 5 are cultivated for the facility garden.

### **Medical**

The medical unit provides clinically appropriate and necessary medical, dental and mental health care for offenders at the facility.

### **Mental Health**

Psychological services provide individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, assessment, consultation and evaluation as requested by staff.

### **Religious Services**

A full time chaplain coordinates religious programming at the facility. Volunteers provide a comprehensive schedule of services of various faiths seven days a week.