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PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES

The Psychology Services department at FMC Devens consists of seven doctoral-level Psychologists, one doctoral level Psychologist Trainee, three Psychology Interns, four Drug Treatment Specialists, and one secretary. The Psychology department is responsible for, among other things, the Drug Abuse (treatment) Program, the coordination and administration of all forensic evaluations, the Suicide Prevention Program, and the Employee Assistance Program.

Furthermore, psychologists play a vital role in assisting institution crisis teams such as the Hostage Negotiation Team and the Crisis Support Team. The Psychology department is frequently called upon to provide ongoing individual and group psychotherapy, conduct suicide risk assessments, intervene in crisis situations, consult with other staff members, provide feedback on applicants for employment, and conduct intake interviews.

At FMC Devens, the Psychology department is housed in its own area with an ample supply of office space. The department has its own secretary who is available to interns as well as to Psychologists and Drug Treatment Specialists. Each member of the Psychology department has his or her own office, a computer, and access to

various computer programs such as Groupwise for e-mail access, Psychology Data System for inputting client and session data, and Corel Wordperfect. Interns have their own offices and computers as well as access to the computer programs mentioned above. Also, interns can utilize the Psychology FAX machine and photocopier. Additionally, the department has a fairly large conference room where didactic presentations and staff meetings are held. Many professional books and several related video tapes are housed in the conference room and are easily accessible.

Following is a list and description of the psychologists working at FMC Devens:

Thomas Patenaude, Psy.D. - Forensic Psychologist

Thomas Patenaude received his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the [Illinois School of Professional Psychology](#) in 1997 with a subspecialty in Forensic Psychology. He completed his internship in Clinical and Forensic Psychology at the [Northeast Florida State Hospital](#) and his post-doctoral fellowship in Correctional Psychology with the BOP. **Dr. Patenaude** began full-time employment with the BOP in 1997, beginning as a Staff Psychologist at the the [Federal Correctional Institution in Beaumont, Texas](#). **As a Forensic Psychologist, Dr. Patenaude is responsible for completing competency, criminal responsibility, and dangerousness evaluations, providing expert testimony in court, and providing treatment designed to restore inmates to competency.** His professional interests include psychopathy, personality disorders, and the assessment of dangerousness and malingering. His theoretical orientation is eclectic. **Dr. Patenaude** is licensed in Minnesota.

Mental Health

Dr. Patenaude serves as the supervisor in this area and provides weekly individual supervision. Consistent with the Practitioner-Scholar model, the majority of training here is experience-based. As the above paragraphs illustrate, interns' experience at FMC Devens revolves primarily around individual and group therapy, assessment, consultation, and crisis intervention activities. Interns have the opportunity to observe supervisors in each of these roles with the goal of increasing competence and autonomy in all areas. The department conducts two

days of orientation prior to interns beginning their clinical work aimed at assisting with adjustment and learning procedural components of the internship.

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