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Denise Gelsinger Named Facility Administrator For Harold E. Donnel Pre-Release Unit At MCTC

TOWSON, MD (November 23, 2009)---Denise Gelsinger, an 18-year veteran of Maryland Division of Correction prisons, has been named Facility Administrator of the Harold E. Donnel Pre-release Unit of the Maryland Correctional Training Center. Ms. Gelsinger has been Acting Facility Administrator since March.

Ms. Gelsinger began her career as a case manager at the now-closed Maryland House of Correction in Jessup. She then took a similar position at Roxbury Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, where she spent nearly 16 years as a case manager, case management supervisor, and volunteer activity coordinator. Her goal has always been to become a warden. (Unlike prisons, pre-release centers do not have wardens; the facility administrator is in charge.)

The Donnel unit houses 340 male inmates who are in the last stages of incarceration. Virtually all of the men work, many of them on outside details. Approximately two hundred inmates leave the facility daily to work on 18 road and maintenance crews, and on community projects (such as in Williamsport, the first municipality to employ a fulltime inmate crew).

"I am very happy to have this assignment," says Ms. Gelsinger. "We have a very good facility here with excellent staff. We have a zero tolerance policy on gang activity, and work hard to get the men ready for their transition back home."

The Harold Donnel Unit is not part of the DOC's pre-release system per se, but falls under the auspices of MCTC, the State's second-largest prison.

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