The James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC) is a medium-security state prison located in Helena. JCCC houses more than 1,100 male inmates and also has a minimum-security unit. Inmates working at the Agri-Services Food Processing Center at JCCC raise significant quantities of vegetables and melons, which helps feed inmates throughout the prison system.

The facility’s history predates statehood. Built in 1904, it served as a high school, junior college, orphanage, and training school for boys before becoming a prison in 1982. It is named for former Ouachita Correctional Center Warden James Crabtree.

**Education**

Most inmates lack education, a key component in avoiding re-incarceration. JCCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas. College courses (not provided through state funding) are also available to inmates who can pay for them or those who have alternative funding or scholarships.

**Substance Abuse Treatment**

The substance abuse treatment program(s) at JCCC is a 6- to 9-month program designed for individuals who are assessed with a moderate-to-high need in the area of substance abuse. Interventions rely on a cognitive-behavioral approach to teach participants strategies for avoiding substance abuse. The program places heavy emphasis on skill-building activities to assist with cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skills development.

**Criminal Thinking**

JCCC offers Thinking for a Change and Associates 4 Success programs to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal thinking and behavior.

Inmate works on a jewelry box in the woodshop.

Inmate cuts onions harvested at JCCC.