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OPR: VICTIM AND
CONSTITUENT SERVICES

VICTIM/OFFENDER MEDIATION PROGRAM

I. GENERAL

This Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) Administrative Regulation (AR) establishes responsibilities, policies, and procedures for a Victim/Offender Mediation Program.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the ADOC to provide the victims of violent crime the opportunity to have a structured, face-to-face meeting with their offenders in a secure, safe environment to facilitate a healing recovery and reconstruction process.

III. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

- A. **Mediation**: A face-to-face meeting between the victim and offender.
- B. **Mediator**: A person trained in Victim/Offender Mediation who has been assigned the case for a face-to-face mediation meeting between the victim and offender.
- C. **Offender**: An individual who has committed a crime against another person, been convicted, and is serving a sentence for that crime.
- D. **Victim**: An individual who has had a crime committed against them or a member of the individual's family.
- E. **Victim/Offender Mediation (VOM)**: The process of preparing for and conducting a structured, face-to-face meeting between the victim and offender in a secure, safe environment to facilitate a healing recovery and reconstruction process.