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Mid America Health to Provide Dental Services to Indiana Inmates

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Indianapolis-based Mid America Health, Inc. says it has signed a deal with the Indiana Department of Corrections to provide dental services to more than 23,000 inmates.

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This is the company's 20th year of working with the Department of Corrections.

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Press Release

Mid America Health, Inc. has signed a contract with the Indiana Department of Corrections to provide dental services to the 23,000 inmates of the state's correctional institutions.

Mid America, of Indianapolis, continues the patient work it has provided as a subcontractor to companies that perform medical services. Mid America (MAH) now will serve as a direct contractor to the DOC.

"We are proud to be working with the Department of Corrections for our 20th year," says William Mathews, president of Mid America Health.

MAH employs 19 dentists and 23 technicians who perform a full line of dental care including exams, teeth cleaning, restorations and denture work, according to Mathews.

MAH operates permanent dental clinics in all of Indiana's large institutions and brings mobile dental equipment, which the company introduced twenty years ago, to other locations.

"The State of Indiana gains significant advantages by contracting dental services rather than operating its own clinics," says Mathews. "Contracting with a private company eliminates the need for the state to buy and maintain equipment and large quantities of often perishable supplies.

"We do all our work within the institutions, thus eliminating the risk of transporting prisoners outside for dental services," Mathews adds.

"Mid America has been a partner with our Department for years in the delivery of dental services, and we are equally excited about our continued partnership," says Corrections Commissioner David Donahue.

The Department of Corrections employs 8,000 people and houses 22,350 adult offenders and more than 973 juveniles in 32 facilities.

The Department of Corrections website notes that the state constitution requires that corrections be "founded on principles of reformation, not vindictive justice.

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