

Patricia May

Patricia May holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology, Magna Cum Laude, from Florida State University. She has over 40 years of related work experience in the field of corrections. Patricia has worked for the Attorney General's Office for the State of Delaware; Public Defender's Office; Department of Correction, Community Services and Bureau of Prisons; Juvenile Corrections; Treatment Foster Care; a women's Transitional Living Program and Substance Abuse Treatment programs. Patricia retired from the State of Delaware, Department of Correction in 2018.



While employed with the Delaware Department of Correction, Patricia wrote, implemented and directed My Brother's Keeper Mentorship Program, a 100-bed, 18-24 month residential treatment program at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center. This program also included a re-entry section, which supplied mentors and guidance, for men returning back to the community. Patricia also was staff advisor for the Monday Night section of the program, for men who were not able to be housed in the residential program. My Brother's Keeper was a faith-based program, which emphasized the use of mentors, education, substance abuse recovery treatment and other aspects of restorative justice. My Brother's Keeper's Program required no additional funding from the State, other than the normal housing and security costs. The belief, purpose, and end result of My Brother's Keeper, is that most people with criminal behavior can become productive, contributing members of society, if given the opportunity to learn pro-social values and employment skills.

Patricia has been involved in outdoor vegetable and flower gardening for over 40 years and small scale hydroponic and full-spectrum light, indoor gardening for 4 years. Patricia has hoped for years to be able to infuse a horticulture program with a restorative justice program; therefore, her interest in volunteering with Second Chances Farm.

Patricia currently serves on the Board of Directors of Prison Ministries of Delaware, Inc. and the Advisory Board for The First Alliance Church, Hockessin, Delaware.