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Christine Gutherz Appointed MDOC Community Services Director for Region II

Jackson—Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Commissioner Chris Epps announced Friday the appointment of Christine Gutherz as Community Services Director of Region II. Gutherz begins her official duties as Community Services Director on Monday, March 3, 2003. In the role of Community Services Director, Gutherz will oversee all functions of the Community Services Division in Region II, which includes all community work centers, restitution centers, and probation and parole field offices in 25 counties.

Gutherz has worked in corrections for 14 years, beginning her career at MDOC as a case manager at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss. Gutherz later worked in the community corrections division as a probation and parole officer in Rankin county. Gutherz most recently held the position of compliance officer for regional correctional facilities at MDOC, before her appointment to community services director.

Gutherz, a Raymond resident, received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Delta State University. Gutherz is a member of the Southern States Correctional Association and is a past president of the Mississippi Association of Professionals in Corrections. In addition to these memberships, Gutherz earned the Certified Supervisory Management designation through the Mississippi State Personnel Board last year and is scheduled to receive the Certified Public Managers (CPM) certificate in June 2003. The CPM program provides management training for department heads within state government.

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