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RPD Director Madeline Ortiz retires

Madeline Ortiz retired from her position as director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Rehabilitation Programs Division (TDCJ - RPD), effective June 30, 2017. Ortiz served as TDCJ - RPD director since 2004.

Ortiz began her agency career in 1990 as an Administrative Technician III at the Mountain View/Gatesville Unit, where she worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor and Clinical Social Worker. During her tenure, she has served in various positions, to include Clinical Social Worker, unit warden, and assistant director of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs. Ortiz oversaw the first Texas women's In-Prison Therapeutic Community and later spent six years with the National Institute of Corrections in Washington, D.C. as a Correc-



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tional Program Specialist. In March 2004, she returned to TDCJ when she was selected as the director of the Rehabilitation Programs Division.

Ortiz holds a bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of Maryland – College Park, a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a J.D. from Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier lauded Ortiz's service with the agency, saying, "Madeline has developed and enhanced many offender treatment programs during her tenure, and her commitment and dedication to effective programming will have a long-lasting positive impact."

Asked to comment on her long and successful criminal justice career, Ortiz thanked the agency and added "This has been a wonderful journey." ●