

Mission Statement:

Utilizing Evidence Based Practices and accountability to improve client outcomes and create opportunities for safer communities.

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of community based corrections is to assist adult clients in meeting their legal responsibilities, in becoming self sufficient within their community when consistent with public safety and to make the best possible use of financial and physical resources in providing correctional supervision.

FIELD SERVICES

Pretrial:

Pretrial Interviews determine, by objective criteria, those individuals who are most likely to appear for court allowing them to be released from jail in the interim. Level of contact with the clients between jail release and court varies based on the objective criterion.

Presentence Investigations:

This service has become established as a primary tool in assisting judges to determine appropriate sentencing alternatives, which most effectively serve the accused and utilize

correctional resources wisely. The report that is submitted to the court includes an extensive history of the defendant's criminal, social, family and psychological background along with needs to address and positive support in place.

Probation/Parole:

Clients on probation/parole supervision undergo assessments to determine risk level, case planning and treatment needs. In addition, the PPO monitors progress of clients on supervision by focusing on core correctional practices.

- **Probation**

Probation is an alternative to incarceration. Probation supervision is the largest service provided by community corrections.

- **Parole**

The Board of Parole determines when inmates are eligible for transitional release from prison to continue on supervision in the community for the remainder of their sentence.

PROGRAMS

Iowa Domestic Abuse Program:

Provides a group education process for clients who engage in domestic abusive behavior.

High Risk Supervision Program:

Designed to supervise high-risk probation and parole clients providing a more comprehensive

form of supervision through increased monitoring, quicker treatment intervention and enforcement of stringent conditions of release.

Monitoring Systems:

Monitoring systems assist with managing and monitoring a specific target client population. Technology is used to monitor curfew restrictions, alcohol use, drug use, cell phone use and 24/7 location.

Informal Probation:

These programs are designed for clients who meet minimum supervision requirements. They are monitored to ensure fulfillment of their court ordered obligations.

Specialty Court:

Designed to provide a structured alternative to traditional probation for clients accused of substance abuse-related crimes or other crimes where usage was a factor.

- **Drug Court**

Drug Court is composed of a team of representatives from the judiciary, corrections, and the community.

- **Veteran's Court**

Veteran's court is comprised of the judiciary, corrections, VA personnel and veteran mentors. Our district is the first in the state of IA to offer Veteran's Court.

Sex Offender Treatment Program:

Multiple staff in the Department are certified through the Iowa Board for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. Services for sex offenders include evaluations, intensive treatment, aftercare treatment, and individual sessions.

Cognitive Classes:

These classes help clients identify their thinking patterns in relation to unhealthy decisions and behavior.

OWI/Work Release/Residential:

Residential services provide 24-hour supervision of clients demonstrating a need to live in a structured environment. Work Release services provide institutional inmates a transitional period to become adjusted to working and living in the community. The OWI Continuum provides the opportunity for those convicted of driving while under the influence to serve their sentence in a structured community environment instead of going to prison, while connecting them with treatment services in the community. All residents are assigned a counselor and complete a caseplan specifically designed to address their criminal behavior and other needs.

A Historical Perspective

Community based corrections emerged in Des Moines in the 1960's with a pretrial release project. In the early 1970's, this was expanded to include presentence investigations, probation and pre-institutionalized residential services. Simultaneously, programs began to develop across Iowa in urban centers. In 1974, enabling legislation was passed establishing community corrections statewide as locally administered programs funded through and monitored by the Department of Corrections. During the next ten years all eight judicial district department of correctional services grew to become mature programs providing a full range of pre-institutionalized services. In 1984 with the transfer of post-institutional community correctional programs, namely parole and work release, supervision of clients transferred from state operation to the community-based system.

Our District

The Department of Correctional Services in the Third Judicial District is one of the eight judicial district correctional programs currently existing within the State of Iowa. The pre-institutionalized corrections program is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of a county supervisor from each county in the district, a judicial appointee, and a citizen advisory representative.

The Third Judicial District is composed of 16 counties in northwestern Iowa,

including Buena Vista; Cherokee; Clay; Crawford; Dickinson; Emmet; Ida; Kossuth; Lyon; Monona; O'Brien; Osceola; Palo Alto; Plymouth; Sioux; and Woodbury.

The district has two office locations: In Sioux City, IA - Administration, Field Services, a 57 bed Residential Facility, and a 42 bed Residential Facility. Probation/Parole Officers in Sioux City serve the counties of Crawford, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, Sioux and Woodbury.

In Sheldon, IA - The Sheldon Field Services office serves Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola and Palo Alto.

We Value

- Collaboration and community partnerships
- Promoting public safety
- Best utilization of resources
- Supporting diversity
- Teamwork and encouraging professional staff development, growth and achievement
- Client accountability and success
- Promotion of health, safety, dignity, and rights of our clients.
- Evidence-based decision making

Department of Correctional Services

Third Judicial District

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