

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
801**

CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMS/CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

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RESPONSIBILITY

The Director is responsible for the establishment of all Departmental programs for inmates.

The Deputy Directors are responsible for approving and monitoring all Department programs/classes/activities for inmates.

Wardens are responsible for daily management and operation of correctional program, classes, and activities for inmates, including direct staff supervision, within their institution and facilities.

The Psychologist IVs are responsible to provide the clinical and administrative supervision of assigned staff.

The Education Program Professional is responsible for monitoring and developing educational programs.

The Quality Assurance Manager is responsible for overall quality control of evidence based programs monitoring the delivery of these programs.

The Re-Entry Coordinator is responsible for implementing and monitoring re-entry programs.

801.01 CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMS/CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

1. The Department should provide inmates with correctional programs/classes designed to reduce recidivism through methods that may demonstrate or result in measurable changes in inmate behavior.
2. Authorized correctional programs consist of Core Programs, Optional Classes or Activities.
 - A. Core Programs - Evidence Based Programs, include but are not limited to treatment programs, educational/vocational programs and evidence based behavioral programs. Core Programs are eligible for meritorious credits.

B. Optional programs/classes includes but are not limited to, psycho-educational, re-entry, and life-skills programs/classes. Optional classes may be eligible for meritorious credits.

C. Activities include but are not limited to, support groups, volunteer sponsored groups (i.e. Veterans, Pups on Parole, God Behind Bars, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.) and religious activities (excluding regular religious services or religious literature study groups). Activities are not eligible for meritorious credits.

3. Every three years, a survey may be conducted to determine the programming needs and interests of inmates.

801.02 CORE PROGRAMS

1. Core Programs are grounded in scientific research and have been shown to improve outcomes for inmates. To be considered for a core program, an inmate may have been assessed by staff using a validated instrument.

A. Inmates may be prioritized for programming based on their risk to re-offend.

B. A criminogenic risk/needs assessment may be used by staff to refer inmates to appropriate programs.

C. The result of the criminogenic risk/needs assessment may be addressed on an individual case plan (ICP).

2. Core Programs should follow evidence-based practices and use standardized curricula recommended by the Program Review Committee. The committee will consist of a minimum of 3 members from the following:

A. Designated Deputy Director

B. Psychologist IV

C. Education Programs Professional

D. Quality Assurance Manager for Behavioral Services

3. All proposed Core Programs and optional programs will be submitted to the Program Review Committee using Form 2060. All Evidence based program proposals must also include DOC Form 2061.

A. Wardens must review and approve program proposals (DOC 2060) specific to their facilities prior to formal submission to the Program Review Committee. These program proposals will be subject to final approval by the Deputy Director.

4. New Core Programs should undergo a pilot period of a minimum of 90 days at an NDOC facility approved by the Deputy Director, to test new interventions, modalities and processes before the program is introduced system-wide.

5. Core Programs should have program and participant manuals, established schedules, and attendance requirements.

A. INMATES WILL NOT TEACH OR FACILITATE ANY CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM/CLASSES APPROVED FOR MERITORIOUS CREDITS.

B. Core Programs will be conducted only by qualified facilitators.

C. Core Programs may be evaluated every three years by qualified individuals, and the results will be reported to the Program Review Committee.

6. Meritorious credits will be issued to core programs, pursuant to statute.

A. Meritorious Credits will only be awarded once upon completion of each core program. This applies during the current incarceration and any subsequent incarceration under the same booking number.

7. The satisfactory completion of a Core Program should be documented via DOC 3077, in NOTIS, and reported on the Parole Board report.

8. An approved Merit Credit Program list will be established and revised as necessary to reflect the addition and removal of programs. See AR 803 for further details.

801.03 OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

1. Optional programs are classes or groups, taught by approved staff or volunteers, on topics that include, but are not limited to psycho-educational programs, life-skills programs and re-entry programs.

A. INMATES WILL NOT TEACH OR FACILITATE ANY CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM/CLASSES APPROVED FOR MERITORIOUS CREDITS.

2. Optional programs/classes may be eligible for meritorious credits.

801.04 ACTIVITIES

1. Activities include but are not limited to, support groups, volunteer sponsored groups (i.e. Veterans, Pups on Parole, God Behind Bars, Alcoholics Anonymous etc.) and religious activities (excluding regular religious services or religious literature study groups).

2. Activities are not eligible for meritorious credits.

3. No inmate may teach or facilitate an activity without prior written approval of the Warden.

4. All activity proposals will be submitted on DOC 2060 for review and approval by the Warden, with final approval by the Deputy Director.

801.05 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY FACILITATORS

1. Community volunteer Facilitators must first be approved as Department Volunteers in accordance with the requirements of AR 802.
2. Community volunteers will submit Volunteer Program Proposals (DOC 3501) to the Warden. Upon approval by the Warden, the program will be reviewed by the Program Review Committee, with final approval by the Deputy Director.

801.06 MONTHLY PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

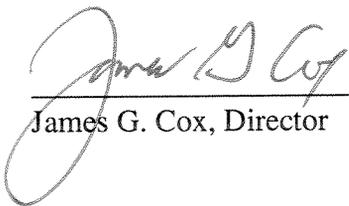
1. The Associate Warden over Programs will provide a Monthly Program Activity report (DOC 3524) to the Warden and Deputy Director Designee including, but not limited to, the number of participants and the number of completions year-to-date. Monthly Program Activity Reports will be submitted in accordance with the established time frame.

APPLICABILITY

1. This AR requires an Operational Procedure (OP) for each institution/facility governing program classes, substance abuse classes, and reentry.
2. This AR requires an audit.

REFERENCES:

ACA Standards 4-4377, 4-4465 through 4-4471, 4-4474



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Date