

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
543**

TRANSITION CENTERS

Supersedes: AR 543 (09/16/14); 091614; (Temporary, 4/25/2017)
Effective date: 05/16/17

AUTHORITY: NRS 209.341; NRS 209.401; NRS 209.425-209.427;
NRS 209.481; NRS 209.4827 – 209.4829; NRS 209.4871-209.4889; NRS 176A.780

PURPOSE:

To provide guidance to staff involved in the selection and placement of individuals in the transitional centers. The purpose of the *Transition Center* is to provide inmates and/or other designated individuals with the opportunity to successfully transition back into the community.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Deputy Director of Programs is responsible for the administration of the Offender Management Division and respective policies.

The Offender Management Administrator (OMA) is responsible for classification of offenders to transition centers.

The Warden is responsible to ensure compliance with this regulation.

The Facility Manager/Administrator is responsible for the implementation of regulations, operations and management of the Transition Center.

543.01 DEPARTMENT CANDIDATES

1. The department may house inmates in facilities designated for transitional housing and services.
2. The inmate must meet the following criteria to be housed in a transition center:
 - A. The inmate must be within 18 months of probable release.
 - B. The inmates serving an active felony DUI sentence(s) may be considered for transitional housing if the inmate is within 24 months of probable release.
 - C. The inmate is otherwise eligible for Community Trustee per AR 521.

D. The inmate must have six (6) months with no institutional violence and/or major violations of Departmental rules (AR 707) and must have performed their assigned duties.

E. The inmate cannot have been convicted of a violent felony offense or felony involving the use or threat of violence, pursuant to NRS 209.481.

F. The inmate can never have been convicted of a sex offense that is punishable as a felony.

G. The inmate cannot have escaped or attempted to escape from the NDOC, pursuant to NRS 209.481

H. On a case-by-case basis, with Director/Designee approval, inmates who have been granted parole on their last sentence(s) and have no consecutive sentence(s) pending, who have no felony holds/detainers and who have no convictions for sex offenses that are punishable as a felony, regardless of whether they meet the standard AR 521 and/or AR 543 criteria for Transitional Housing.

I. Minimum custody inmates who may be selected to work inside the perimeter of the facility shall eventually be eligible for Community Trustee Status.

543.02 PAROLE AND PROBATION COMMITMENTS

1. The Department may accept referrals from outside agencies to provide appropriate pre and post release transitional housing and services.

A. Refer to Administrative Regulation 550 (Classification and Management of Safekeeping and Boot Camp Inmates) for further information with regard Regimental Discipline Program participation in Step-Down Program.

B. Opportunity for Probation with Enforcement in Nevada (O.P.E.N) program is designated as an intermediate sanction for the Division of Parole and Probation.

1) Probationers received into the program are to be entered into the Nevada Offender Tracking (NOTIS) system.

2) When a probationer is released from CGTH, the probationer is to *Return to Committing Authority* (RTCA) respectively.

C. Nevada Community Re-entry Program is for NDOC inmates who have been granted parole and are past their parole eligibility dates. Beds designated for the Parole and Probation transitional housing program are located Casa Grande Transitional Center (CGTH) and the inmate(s) imprisonment status is referred to as Parole Housing Unit (PARHU).

- 1) Inmates from the Overdue for Parole release list shall be reviewed and the designated P&P staff member will make the final decision on whether an inmate(s) is appropriate and eligible to be accepted into one of these CGTH PARHU beds.
- 2) Inmates are only eligible for the Parole and Probation transitional housing program at the CGTH under the following conditions:
 - a) The inmate cannot have been convicted of a violent felony offense or felony involving the use or threat of violence, pursuant to NRS 209.481.
 - b) The inmate can never have been convicted of a sex offense that is punishable as a felony.
 - c) The inmate cannot have escaped or attempted to escape from the NDOC, pursuant to NRS 209.481
- 3) Even though on parole, the inmate(s) share space with NDOC inmates and if they elect to participate in the CGTH program, the inmate(s) are required to abide by the housing rules, in addition to any other condition(s) of his or her parole.
- 4) Any inmate who is released from this program to a P&P approved residence in the community must have their imprisonment status changed from "PARHU" to CGTH, or applicable institution if returned from this program, prior to being put out to a standard "PAR" (Parole) status.

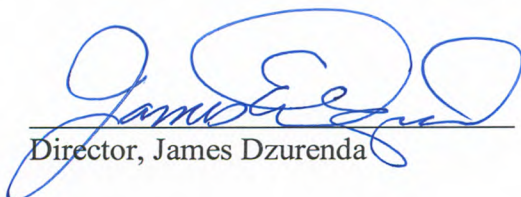
543.03 CENTER OPERATIONS

1. The Department will notify the referral agency in the event that the individual violates any law, or rule of the Department.

APPLICABILITY

1. This Administrative Regulation requires Operational Procedures within the transitional centers.
2. This Administrative Regulation requires an annual audit.

REFERENCES: ACA 4TH edition: 4-4295; 4-4442;



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5/25/17

Date