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Provisions of Programs

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) has established a system of inmate programs that delivers services incorporating the best correctional practices and current correctional theory and technology. The goal of inmate programs is to reduce criminal risk through methods that demonstrate measurable change in inmate behavior, which may in turn reduce recidivism. The provision of programs prohibits discrimination based on an inmate’s race, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or political views in making administrative decisions and in providing access to programs and ensures gender parity and a standardized continuum of treatment based upon assessed needs and risk assessment. (5-ACI-3D-04, 4-ACRS-6B-01)

I. Inmate Programs (2-CO-4F-01)

Core inmate programs consist of education, substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral programming, career and technical training and reentry. Inmates are to be placed in appropriate programs based upon assessed level of need, time to projected release and available resources. (4-ACRS-5A-02)

II. Objective Criteria for Programs (2-CO-5B-01)

A. Education

ODOC will adhere to Title 57 O.S. § 510.7 which requires that inmates are given the opportunity to receive at least a high school equivalency education based upon available resources and in accordance with eligibility requirements. All inmates will have an educational assessment at the first facility placement post reception. Priority will be given to inmates lacking basic literacy skills.

B. Substance Abuse Treatment (SAT)

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Inmates are assessed for substance abuse treatment needs at reception. Priority will be given to inmates having a moderate to high need for substance abuse treatment who have sufficient time to complete a program and who are projected to release upon or shortly after program completion.

C. Cognitive Behavioral

Cognitive behavioral programs address criminogenic factors that increase risk for re-incarceration. These programs are designed to promote positive changes in thinking and behavior. Inmates are assessed at reception. Priority will be given to inmates assessed with a cognitive behavioral need. Placement of inmates into these programs is based upon available resources and sufficient time to complete the program.

D. Vocational Programs

In partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and other vocational providers, ODOC will provide inmates the opportunities to learn a skill before returning to society and to the extent resources are available.

E. Reentry

Every inmate will have the opportunity to receive assistance with reentry resources through a well-developed pre-release plan prior to being released from custody.

III. References

57 O.S. § 504(2) and 510.6

57 O.S. § 510.7

IV. Action

The agency director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The agency director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy statement will require prior written approval from the Oklahoma Board of Corrections.

This policy is effective as indicated.

Replaced: Policy Statement P-090100 entitled "Provisions of Programs" dated July 8, 2021

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