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SUBJECT: Pre-Release Program		

I. AUTHORITY:

The authority of the Board of Correction to promulgate this administrative regulation is vested in Act 50 of 1968, First Extraordinary Session.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this administrative regulation is to make available to inmates information and assistance in release planning; to provide each inmate the opportunity to discuss anxieties and solve problems relating to his or her release and future adjustment; and to describe the pre-release programming available.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This administrative regulation applies to all staff and especially those involved in the pre-release selection and/or program; and inmates eligible for release.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Pre-Release Program: This shall be defined as a program within the Department of Correction designed to give information to inmates to help them make a successful transition from the Department back to the community.

IVV. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Department of Correction to provide inmates the opportunity to participate in a program designed specifically to prepare the inmate for release from the Department.

VVI. PROCEDURE:

Programs to prepare inmates for release may include, but will not be limited to, the following: lectures and discussions that address the concerns of soon-to-be released inmates; and, individual counseling that focuses on each inmate's particular needs; ~~and short furloughs for completing a release plan.~~

A. Eligibility Criteria for Benton Pre-Release Coordinator

A Pre-Release Coordinator shall be designated and shall be responsible for maintaining and monitoring a current list of inmates who are eligible for the pre-release program. The transfer of inmates to a designated pre-release program shall be coordinated through the Pre-Release Coordinator.

B. Eligibility Criteria for Pre-Release

1. All inmates selected to participate in the program ~~shall~~ should not be more than the maximum number of days as established by the appropriate administrative directive from their parole/transfer eligibility or ~~release~~ discharge date.

2. ~~Inmate convicted of certain crimes or serving specific sentences shall not be eligible to participate in the program.~~ Additional specific eligibility criteria shall be identified in the appropriate administrative directive.
3. ~~Additional specific eligibility criteria to include but not be limited to security risk, medical status, and disciplinary status shall be identified in the appropriate administrative directive.~~ The transfer of the inmate to a pre-release program must be approved by the appropriate staff at the receiving unit Classification Committee.

~~B. Selection Process and Transfer to the Benton Unit Pre-Release Center~~

- ~~1. A screening committee shall review the institutional file of the inmates determined to be eligible for transfer to the program.~~
- ~~2. The transfer of the inmate to the pre-release program must be approved by appropriate staff.~~
- ~~3. All records of each inmate and a supply of prescribed medication(s) shall be forwarded to the Benton Unit at the time of transfer.~~

~~C. Pre-Release Programs Other Than Benton Unit~~

- ~~1. Pre-Release programs may be conducted at other units/centers for those inmates ineligible for transfer to the Benton Unit.~~

~~DC. Release Procedures~~

1. ~~The parole officer assigned to the~~ designated ~~Pre-Release Program staff~~ will coordinate with institutional parole officers and institutional release officers and

field officers to assure a continuity of parole services for each inmate scheduled to be released from the program on parole.

2. The ~~Supervisor of the Pre-Release Program~~ staff will be responsible to the warden/center supervisor of the pre-release unit/center for ~~administering and coordinating proper procedures for release~~ assisting as necessary in the release of inmates assigned to the program, ~~including the provision of proper attire and transportation to the nearest public conveyance.~~

~~Inmates who become eligible for immediate release or whose release dates do not allow for completion of the pre release program, will not be required to enroll and/or complete the pre-release program.~~

~~VI. —~~ A.C.A. REFERENCES:

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