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SUBJECT: Inmate Records		

I. AUTHORITY:

The Board of Corrections is vested with the authority to promulgate this administrative regulations by Ark. Code Ann. § § 12-27-105.

II. APPLICABILITY:

Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) employees.

III. POLICY:

The ADC shall maintain a full and complete record of every inmate under its supervision and protect the integrity of such records in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 12-27-113(e).

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Inmate Record (a/k/a Institutional File and Inmate Jacket): A full and complete record in written or electronic form of each person committed to the Department of Correction, which shall include but is not limited to a photograph of the convicted person, conviction data, and criminal history. Electronic transmissions and recordings that chronicle the activities and conversations of inmates are part of the institutional record.

V. RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

A. Disclosure or inspection of information contained in inmate records is prohibited unless authorized by this Administrative Regulation or by court order.

B. Only the following information from an inmate record may be released to the general public:

1. Offender's name, aliases, ADC number, photograph, physical description, date of birth, age, race, and gender.

2. Date of incarceration.
 3. Facility (ies) of confinement, work assignments, and program participation (unless it involves drug and alcohol program participation).
 4. The following information regarding current incarceration: offense (s), sentence (s), sentence date (s), county (ies) of conviction, case number (s), total time to serve, parole/transfer eligibility date, movements and behavior.
 5. The following information regarding prior incarceration (s): offense (s), sentence (s), sentence date (s), county (ies) of conviction, case number (s), movements, behavior and parole/clemency history, including date (s) of release and date (s) of return to ADC.
 6. Detainers.
- C. Information from an inmate's record in addition to that in paragraph B of this section may be released to criminal justice agencies and to social service and other governmental authorities unless state or federal law prohibits such disclosure.
- D. Information contained in inmate records in addition to that in paragraph B of this section may be released to appropriate personnel for research purposes.
- E. Access to an inmate's own record may be granted, or information from the record may be released to the inmate and/or his attorney as needed to resolve legitimate questions about the accuracy of information in the record or as required by the rules of discovery in pending litigation. The names of confidential informants and other sensitive or confidential information the disclosure of which might cause harm to any person are exempt from disclosure except pursuant to court order.
- F. An inmate will not be permitted to peruse his file at will. His/her request for access to the file or information contained therein must be made in writing to the Warden or his/her designee; the inmate must state with particularity the information or parts of the file to which access is requested; and the inmate's request must be supported by a showing of compelling need. The decision of the Warden or his/her designee to grant or deny the inmate's request shall be final.
- G. An inmate will not be given access to another inmate's record or any information contained therein.

VI. REFERENCE:

Ark. Code Ann. § 12-27-113(e).

VII. STANDARDS:

American Correctional Association (ACA) Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions

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