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For Office Effective Date 1/8/93 Code Number 004.00.92 -- 013 Use Only: Name of Agency Arkansas Department of Correction Department of Correction Contact Person Roger V. Endell, Director Statutory Authority for Promulgating Rules Act 50 of 1968, First Extradordinary Session, Administrative Regulation 1210 Pre-Release Acquam Date Intended Effective Date Emergency Final Date for Public Comment 11/10/92 20 Days After Filing Filed With Legislative Council. 10-20-92 Other Please date received 12-18-92 Reviewed by Legislative Council 11-12-92 & effective date 1-8-93 Adopted by State Agency 12-17-92 CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER I Hereby Certify That The Attached Rules Were Adopted In Compliance with Act 434 of 1967 As Amended.

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I. AUTHORITY:

BY

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

II. PURPOSE:

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:

To all staff and especially those involved in the pre-release selection and/or program; and inmates.

IV. 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.

V. 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; 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
 - 1. All inmates selected to participate in the program shall not be more than the maximum number of days as established by the appropriate



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- administrative directive from their parole eligibility or release date.
- 2. Inmates convicted of certain crimes or serving specific sentences shall not be eligible to participate in the program.
- 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
- D. Release Procedures
 - 1. The parole officer assigned to the Pre-Release Program will coordinate with institutional parole officers and field officers to assure a continuity of parole services for each inmate



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scheduled to be released from the program on parole.

2. The Supervisor of the Pre-Release Program will be responsible to the warden/center supervisor of the pre-release unit/center for administering and coordinating proper procedures for 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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Choir Engagements

I. POLICY:

To permit selected inmates to participate in worthwhile community and civic functions which can benefit the inmate, the Department of Correction, and the community.

II. EXPLANATION:

- A. The Warden/Center Supervisor of each unit/center that has been authorized a choir by the Director may permit off-premises choir engagements whenever such engagements do not unduly burden the overall mission and security of the unit/center, and provided the inmate's custodial status allows him/her to leave the unit/center.
- B. Choir engagements are permitted for community, public, and church functions but shall be restricted from appearing or participating in political or private functions. The choir will not be permitted to appear in places where alcoholic beverages are consumed or sold.
- C. The Warden/Center Supervisor shall assure that appropriate security measures are taken for any choir trip.
- D. The promoter of the event shall make all necessary arrangements with the Warden/Center Supervisor of the respective unit/center.
- E. Any donation to the choir shall be made payable, by check or money order, to the Department of Correction/Inmate Welfare Fund Choir, and will be forwarded to the Central Office Business Division after the performance is completed.