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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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I. AUTHORITY. The Board of Corrections is vested with the authority to promulgate this administrative regulation by Ark. Arkansas Code Ann. Sections 12-27-105, 16-93-1203, and 16-93-1205.

 II. **POLICY.** It is the policy of the Arkansas Community Correction (ACC) policy to operate community service programs that which administer sanctions appropriate to the seriousness of offenses/violations, hold offenders accountable for violations of release conditions, increase offenders' employment skills through community service work, and provide for community involvement in the corrections process, thus, increasing the community resource availability to assist in interrupting the crime cycle.

III. APPLICABILITY. Offenders under the jurisdiction of the ACC; and ACC employees.

## IV. DEFINITION COMMUNITY PROGRAM DESCRIPTION.

The Community Service Program- A program whereprovides meaningful work for offenders, perform a specified number of hours of work or service as a basic, special, or enhanced condition of supervision. Programs include work-site agreements with non-profit agencies or organizations, and governmental entities. Offenders are placed at work-sites assignments where there is no foreseeable danger to the offender, work-site staff, clients or members of the public.

- V. ACCESS TO THE PROGRAM. Community Service Program participation must be approved or implemented in one of the following ways:
  - Gained by Court order
  - <u>or order of the Arkansas Parole Board order</u>
  - Sanction generated by the Offender Violation Guide (OVG) process
  - Conversion of supervision fees to Community Service Work hours pursuant to ACC policy.

VI. COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK HOURSHOUR VALUE. Each hour of community service work performed shall-must be equivalent to the State minimum wage per hour, when substituting hours for supervision fees owed; however, a credit in excess of money owed is not allowed.

VII. PROCEDURES. Operational procedures shall be established in an administrative directive.