



**ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

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I. DIVISION DIRECTIVE:

The Adult Community Corrections Division programs and facilities will implement the programs determined by the Department of Corrections to be beneficial to offenders' rehabilitation and reentry to the community.

II. DEFINITIONS:

ACCD-Adult Community Corrections Division Program/Facility – The Division includes the Adult Interstate Bureau; the Probation and Parole Bureau which provides the Day Reporting Programs (DRP), Intensive Supervision Programs (ISP), and Enhanced Supervision Program (ESP); the Missoula Assessment and Sanction Center (MASC); and the Facilities Program Bureau which includes Treasure State Correctional Training Center (TSCTC), and the contracted facilities of Prerelease Centers (PRC), Sanction Treatment Assessment Revocation & Transition (START), Warm Springs Addiction Treatment and Change Program (WATCH), Connections Corrections Program (CCP), Passages Alcohol and Drug Treatment (Passages ADT), Passages Assessment Sanction & Revocation Center (Passages ASRC), NEXUS Correctional Treatment Center (NEXUS), and Elkhorn Treatment Center (Elkhorn).

Department or DOC – The Montana Department of Corrections.

Prerelease Facility Contract Manager – The Department's employee who acts as the liaison for services and monitors the contractual agreements between the Department and prerelease centers: Alpha House PRC, Gallatin County Re-entry Program, Butte PRC, Great Falls Transition Center, Helena PRC, and Missoula PRC.

Reentry – The transition of an offender from prison back to the community.

Treatment Facility Contract Manager – The Department's employee who acts as the liaison for services and monitors the contractual agreement between the Department and ACCD contract treatment facilities: START, CCP, Passages, Elkhorn, Nexus, and WATCH.

III. PROCEDURES:

- A. The Department requires ACCD programs/facilities to implement a cognitive-behavioral Criminal Thinking Errors program/curriculum for offenders.
- B. The purpose of the program is to introduce and explore the concept of negative and antisocial thinking errors which lead to criminal behavior. Offenders will become aware of their criminal thinking patterns, work on changing those thinking patterns by identifying old core beliefs and replacing them with new core beliefs.

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IV. CLOSING:

Questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Facility Administrator or the Prerelease Facility or Treatment Facility Contract Manager.