



ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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I. DIVISION DIRECTIVE:

The Adult Community Corrections Division will establish procedures for a program designed to assist offenders who have been convicted of vehicular homicide while under the influence.

II. DEFINITIONS:

Department or DOC – The Montana Department of Corrections.

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 WATCH Knights Program is a 180-day program for offenders who have been convicted of vehicular homicide while under the influence. The WATCH West program at Warm Springs will provide up to five (5) beds out of their current capacity for offenders in the program.
- B. Pursuant to *ACCD 5.1.102 Length of Stays*, justification for a length of stay will be provided and/or updated on *ACCD 4.1.100(F) Progress/Summary Report*.
- C. Application and screening procedures given in *ACCD 4.1.100 Adult Community Corrections Division Screening and Placement Guide* must be followed.
- D. Offenders participating in the Knights program will have additional programming required to successfully complete the program. This includes addressing the dynamics of their experience resulting in both shame and self-disgust and confronting the use of defense mechanisms to justify their action; realizing the impact of the ripple effect of the homicide in the community; and ultimately taking accountability for their actions. They will participate in public speaking and mentoring others in the WATCH program and will continue “paying it forward” in their community upon release.
- E. WATCH West will be reimbursed at the current per diem rate as other WATCH offenders.

IV. CLOSING:

Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Facility Administrator or the Treatment Facility Contract Manager.

V. FORMS:

[ACCD 4.1.100 \(F\)](#) Progress/Summary Report