



ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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I. DIVISION DIRECTIVE:

The Adult Community Corrections Division facilities will follow established procedures to ensure offenders are provided reasonable and equitable opportunities to pursue religious activities.

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.

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. All ACCD facilities must provide offenders the opportunity to voluntarily practice their own religious activities, subject only to those limitations necessary to maintain the order and security of the facility.
- B. Facilities may not require offenders to attend or participate in religious services or discussions.

IV. CLOSING:

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