

Volunteers of America

Work Release/ Residential Reentry Centers

Offer *hope*

Restore *dignity*

Transform *lives*



Who Are Our Contractors?

Brandon Hall – 611 N. Capitol

Theodora House – 927 North Pennsylvania

- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Marion County Community Corrections

Hope Hall – 811 E. Franklin, Evansville

- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Indiana Department of Correction

Work Release Current-(min. security facilities)

Bureau of Prisons

- Serving executed sentences-85% of time including time in W/R
- Level System-I to V
- Community Movement privileges are associated with Levels – 5th level is Home Confinement
- Use a program review team to move up and down in levels

MCCC

- Serving executed sentences – most 2 for 1 credit class
- Sentence is dictated on how much time they have – can be moved down into the other MCCC programs or may require judicial modification
- Passes are more limited - mostly religion, medical, work – hygiene and family once every month

Fee Structure

Bureau of Prisons

- Daily rates vary by specific geographic area- can range from \$50-80 per day
- The BOP guarantees the agreed upon daily rate – subsistence collections are deducted from the amount billed to BOP
- 25% of gross is subsistence formula

MCCC

- Daily rates from MCCC range from \$25-\$27
- MCCC pays their daily portion and requires collection of subsistence from offender
- 50% of net pay is subsistence formula (minimum \$105-\$175)
- In February 2013 our collections averaged:
 - \$3.46 per day for men
 - \$5.94 per day for women
- Charged from first day of verified employment
- Turn in checks- We refund balance w/i 5 days

Other Variables

Bureau of Prisons

- Placement in RRC is a privilege, ultimately approved by warden after clients is near completion of sentence – often we are notified over a year in advance of placement
- Providers are paid additional fees to provide alcohol, drug and mental health treatment to BOP clients

MCCC

- Is an alternative to IDOC sentence; work is a program requirement (14-21 days)
- Could improve the use of IRAS to determine appropriate clients
- Must access community supports for other necessary services, such as alcohol, drug, mental health
- Work Release becomes a “bill collector” which is often adversarial to treatment

Concerns

- Need a better process – prior to assignment of program orientation, better assessment of client suitability, client expectations
- Assess how to improve client’s internal motivation to change
- Because the client is serving an “executed sentence” their status as a community resident is often questioned – thus their access to normal community benefits can be sporadic (i.e. SSI, health programs, Medicaid, ATR, disability, etc.)
- Current format does not allow for the clients to be afforded the opportunity to complete programs that could contribute to more long-term success, i.e. CBT, Employment Readiness, Trade Skills
- Recommend a level system which addresses programming as indicated by IRAS; followed by greater community passes (including employment); and then supported aftercare

Concerns

- Employments “trumps” all other programs –so treatment for most clients is an “after-thought”- Also – for consideration for other MCCC program components – typically the two factors are 1) job and 2) verified residence with landline
- We need special programs for those with violent offenses and mental illness - they need a different set of program standards (Frequently clients will not be suitable or ready for employment – at least not initially)
- Clients need to be mandated to programs – and STAY in work release long enough to complete programs, etc. CTP often interrupts placement, modifications interrupt placements...bed space dictates not client readiness

Concerns

- Need greater range of internal disciplinary sanctions that can be implemented – along with corresponding rewards incentives
- In increasing technological times, we need to re-assess our restrictions to cell phones, internet, etc. Very difficult to receive work messages for 140 offenders

Questions?