

Department of Corrections

➤ *Mission and philosophy*

The Wyoming Department of Corrections, while exercising reasonable, safe, secure and humane control, contributes to the protection of society and actively encourages and assists offenders to become law-abiding citizens.

➤ *Results of outcomes*

Goal 1: Objective A.01

All inmates have been appropriately classified at security levels. For several years the department has had a classification document that is based on risk of the inmate within the correctional setting. In August 1997, it was determined by an interim management team, set in place by Director Judith Uphoff, that the classification document was not being utilized at the Wyoming State Penitentiary. This was corrected and the four classification levels: maximum, close, medium and minimum, as well as various statuses within the classifications, are fully implemented at all four institutions.

Goal 1: Objective A.02

Seventy-five percent (1 percent decrease compared to FY96) of probationers successfully completed community supervision; 69 percent (8 percent increase compared to FY96) of parolees and 57 percent (9 percent increase compared to FY96) of Intensive Supervision Program participants also successfully completed community supervision.

The term "successfully" in this context is defined as not being revoked by a court or by the Board of Parole. The Department of Corrections (DOC) is aware that the current definition has limitations. For example, there could be a smaller group of individuals who were not successful in any agreed upon sense, but who were not revoked. It is anticipated that for the next annual report the definition for "successfully" will have been refined and thoroughly clarified.

Goal 1: Objective B.01

The baseline has not been established for percentage of offenders housed in facilities equipped with appropriate security measures consistent with classification status. DOC is in the process of reviewing national and professional standards in light of Wyoming's individual approach to correctly identify security measures appropriate for each institution. One of the strategies under this objective includes environmental health and safety audits. These have been undertaken, even though an outcome measure has not been established.

Goal 1: Objective C.01

The percentage of inmates who satisfactorily complete case plan objectives at point of discharge from custody or supervision has not been determined. For approximately 2,000 probationers and parolees terminated in FY97, 42 percent (2 percent more than in FY96) completed case plan objectives, 13 percent (1 percent fewer than in FY96) almost completed them,

General information

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Year established and reorganized

Established 1991 under state reorganization combining entities of the Board of Charities and Reform, created in 1889, and the Department of Probation and Parole, created in 1941.

Statutory references

W.S. 25-1-104

Number of authorized personnel

627

Organization structure

Operations, Division of Prisons and
Division of Field Services

Clients served

Offenders sentenced by the courts to serve prison sentences, released to parole by the Parole Board or to be placed on probation.

Budget information

General funds	\$35,738,696
Federal funds	69,884
Trust/agency	233,879
Other	1,815,227
Total	\$37,857,686

22 percent (same as in FY96) partially completed them, and 23 percent (1 percent fewer than in FY96) completed none.

Case planning is an approach that is being taken with offenders in the community to ensure compliance with court order and to work toward creating a law-abiding citizen. Case planning identifies risk factors and areas of need that relate to each offender's criminality. DOC is working toward making case planning a continuous process from probation to intake of the inmate into an institution through the incarceration system to parole. Relative to inmates, accurate collection of data continues to be a problem. For the next annual report, DOC will have tried to implement a process in all institutions.

Goal 1: Objective D.01

The percentage of victims satisfied with services of DOC has not been established. The department continues, by statute and process, to be involved with notification of the victim regarding the offender's status changes, regarding parole hearings, and requesting input into parole hearings. The department is also involved with victims services coordinated by the Attorney General's Office and victim groups. The one piece that has not yet been identified is level of satisfaction of the victim with services of the department, as well as further elaboration on the department's complete responsibility in this area.

• *Strategic plan changes*

Please refer to the agency strategic plan submitted Sept. 2, 1997.

Department of Corrections organization chart

