

Department of Corrections

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

Mission: The Wyoming Department of Corrections contributes to public safety by exercising reasonable, safe, secure and humane management, while actively providing offenders opportunities to become law-abiding citizens.

Philosophy: “We, the management and staff of the Wyoming Department of Corrections, express the following core values, which are built around our commitment to public safety and rehabilitation, to guide our performance in carrying out our mission:

“We recognize the importance of our staff as being the Department of Corrections’ strength and major resource in achieving our objectives, and that human relationships, which are principled, ethical and reasonable, are the cornerstone of our commitment to our mission.

“We recognize that the offender has the potential to live as a law-abiding citizen, and we encourage the assuming of responsibility for one’s actions.

“We are committed to developing partnerships throughout our communities, to include victims, relevant groups, and public and private agencies. We recognize the importance of the community’s, the victim’s and the offender’s roles in a successful criminal justice system. This is essential to the achievement of our mission.

“We commit to managing the Wyoming Department of Corrections with openness, honesty and integrity; as well, we are accountable to the mission statement, the director of the department, the Governor and elected state officials and to the public.”

❖ *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 in place that is based on risk of the inmate within the correctional setting. The DOC is currently in the process of re-validating the classification document to make it as accurate as possible.

Goal 1: Objective A.02: The DOC is interested in using success and failure during community supervision as a measurement. However, to ensure that this accurately reflects the actual situation, the department is having to reevaluate the collection and assessment of data. The term “successfully” in this context is defined as not being revoked by a court or by the Board of Parole. The DOC is aware that the current definition has limitations.

Goal 1: Objective B.01: The construction of a new high security/special needs prison in Rawlins, as well as major construction projects at the Wyoming State Penitentiary

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Other locations

Afton, Buffalo, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Green River, Greybull, Jackson, Kemmerer, Lander, Laramie, Newcastle, Rawlins, Riverton, Sheridan, Torrington, Wheatland and Worland

Year established and reorganized

The Department of Corrections was established in 1991 under state reorganization, combining entities of the Board of Charities and Reform, which was created in 1889, and the Department of Probation and Parole, which was created in 1941.

Statutory references

W.S. 25-1-104

Number of authorized personnel

628

Organizational structure

Operations, Division of Prisons, Division of Field Services

Clients served

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

Budget information

General funds	\$38,810,069
Federal funds	1,539,365
Trust/agency	1,325,748
Other	1,915,627
Total	\$43,590,809

and at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp and Boot Camp all address security in part. This particular outcome measure will be more accurately reflected at the conclusion of these construction projects.

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 2,400 probationers and parolees terminated in FY99, 42 percent (same percentage as in FY98) completed case plan objectives, 13 percent (same percentage as in FY98) almost completed them, 23 percent (1 percent increase over FY98) partially completed them, and 22 percent (1 percent fewer than in FY98) completed none.

Case planning is an approach that is being taken with the offender in the community to ensure compliance with the court order and to work toward creating a law-abiding citizen. Case planning identifies the 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 the 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.

Goal 1: Objective D.01: The percentage of victims satisfied with the services of the DOC has not been established. The department continues, by statute and process, to be involved with notification of registered victims regarding offenders' status changes and parole hearings and to request victims' input into parole hearings. The DOC is also involved with victims' services coordinated by the Attorney General's Office and victims' groups. The one piece that has not yet been identified is level of satisfaction of victims with services of the department, as well as further elaboration on the department's complete responsibility in this area.

Goal 1: Objective D.03: This is a new outcome measure for Objective D and involves the role of privatized services with the DOC's delivered services. During FY99 and this biennium, 14 percent of the department's budget is used for privatized services. These include assistance to the Intensive Supervision Program; health services, including the Intensive Treatment Unit (drug/alcohol issues), and the adult community corrections program.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

Please refer to the agency strategic plan submitted November 1998.

Department of Corrections organization chart

