

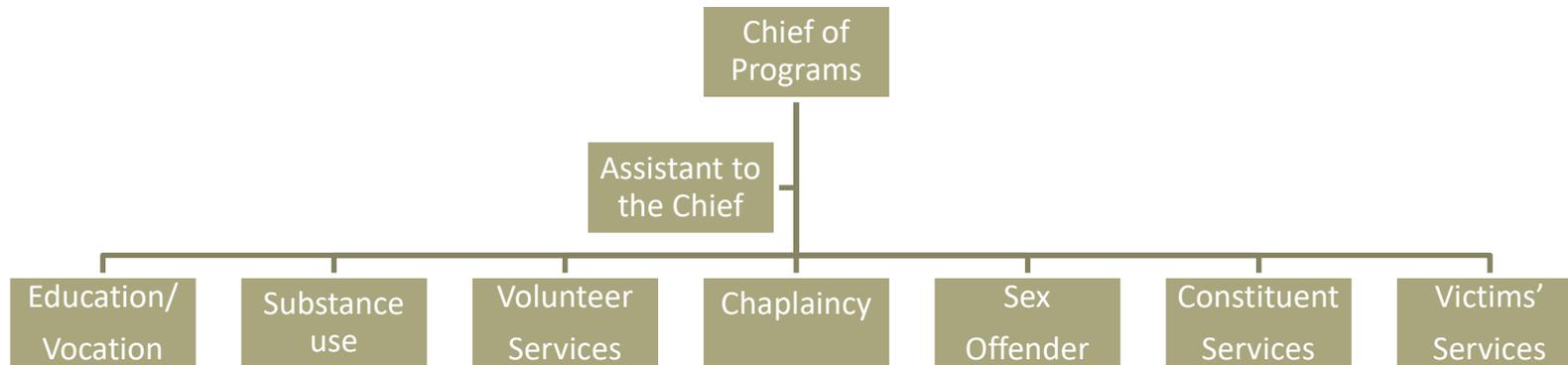
Programs and Support Services

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Programs and Support Services Mission

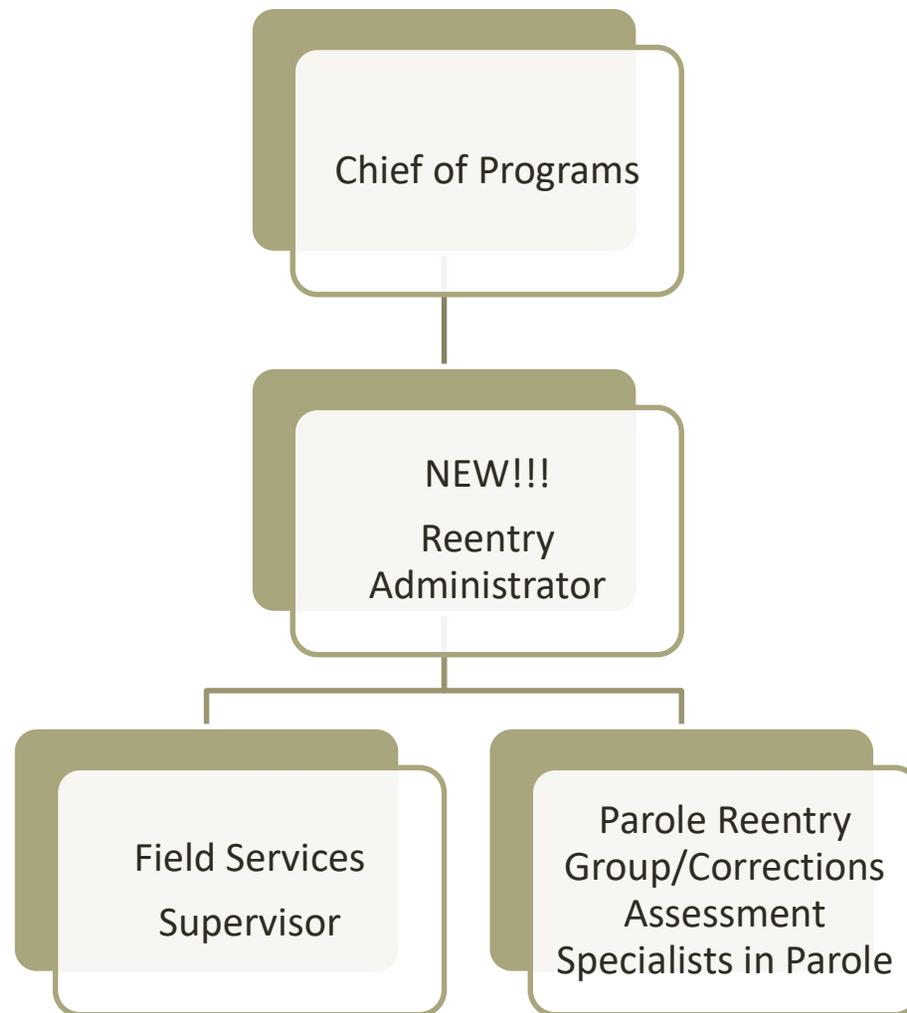
The mission of the Division of Programs and Support Services is to provide a continuum of service for those committed to the Department of Corrections from the point of incarceration to discharge from parole by providing a system for the delivery of consistent and effective programs that meet the needs of the committed offender and that enhance their ability to become a productive member of society upon release.

Program Reorganization



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Program's Focus

- Reporting Structure Re-alignment
- Risk, Assets, and Needs Assessment - Changes
- Statewide Programs Committee Continues with a New Focus
- Continued Roll-Out of Earned Program Sentence Credit
- Staff Training on Program Delivery
- High-Quality Evidenced-Based Programming

Offices Within the Division

Addiction Recovery Management Services

- In the Women & Family Services Division, all of the treatment programs provided are gender specific and utilize a modified therapeutic community model of treatment. We are currently looking to expand service delivery for the female population as Substance Use is the highest determined need category to target for women.
- Sheridan is a dedicated treatment facility with services that bridge the gap between incarceration and the community. With state, community, and local service providers, Sheridan provides intensive substance abuse treatment to offenders identified as in need of treatment in a multi-modal therapeutic milieu.
- Southwestern Illinois Correctional functions as a 200-bed Meth Prison and Reentry Program.

Addiction Recovery Management Services

Baseline services provided throughout the agency are:

- Drug Education – All sites are providing the Hazelden Curricula for drug education. This is a voluntary 12 week long group for baseline drug information.
- Substance Abuse Screenings – All sites are able to provide the standardized Texas Christian University Screening Tool to identify offenders who are in need of substance abuse treatment. In addition, all offenders coming in to the Department of Corrections are being screened with this tool by TASC and/or other vendor/staff. There is a statewide substance abuse wait list that is generated through the Reception and Classification Units as a result of the front end identification of offenders who need substance abuse treatment.
- Support Groups – Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Adult Children of Alcoholics. There is some type of 12 step/support programming is available at all sites.

Educational Programming

- Adult Basic Education – An open-entry program designed to provide individual instruction in basic math, reading and life skills to those who test below a 6.0 on the TABE test.
- Pre-GED – An open-entry program designed to improve individuals' basic math, reading and life skills to improve TABE test results from 6.0 to 9.0 for entry into GED program.
- General Education Development (GED) – An open entry-program which will prepare an individual for the GED test as well as life skills. Program entry is based upon a TABE score of 9.0 or above.

Vocational Programming

- Auto Body
- Auto Technology
- Construction Occupations
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Custodial Maintenance
- Horticulture
- Industrial Maintenance
- Restaurant Management
- Warehousing
- Welding
- Career Technology
- Culinary Bridge Program

College Programming

- College programming is offered at various institutions.
- College degree programs allow the student to obtain an Associate's by earning 60 college credits through acceptable performance in college classes offered by Community Colleges under contract with the Department at each facility.
- Universities such as Northwestern and North Park are now offering advanced degrees for the population.

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy services are available in each facility to meet the religious needs of the offender population. Special programming for those who are incarcerated includes religious services following the guidelines of 20 Illinois Administrative Code, Ch. 1 Part 425.

Sex Offender Services

The Illinois Department of Corrections contributes to the protection of communities by managing the risk of re-offense through identification, assessment, evaluation, treatment, and specialized supervision programs for sex offenders. To this extent, the Sex Offender Services Unit is tasked with the following:

- The Unit provides supervision to the sex offender therapy programs in the community provided by IDOC – East St. Louis Sex Offender Treatment Program and Chicago Special Needs Sex Offender Treatment Program.
- Per Illinois Statute, IDOC is tasked with completing pre-release evaluations on sex offenders prior to mandatory supervised release. The Sex Offender Services Unit monitors this evaluation process.
- IDOC has the responsibility per 725 ILCS 207 to review certain offenders for civil commitment as a sexually violent persons. The Sex Offender Services Unit ensures that all evaluations are completed and the staff serve as liaison to the Attorney General's Office and State's Attorney's Offices regarding this process.
- The Sex Offender Services Unit serves as administrator for the Sexually Dangerous Persons Civil Commitment Program at Big Muddy River Correctional Center and liaisons with the court systems.
- The Sex Offender Services Unit develops and conducts statewide trainings for IDOC staff, vendors, law enforcement, state agencies, and others in the community regarding sex offender management and related topics.

Volunteer Programs

At IDOC, volunteers assist in various ways, ranging from mentoring and meeting the religious needs of offenders to offering alcohol and drug rehabilitation such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Volunteers tutor, hold church services and Bible studies as well as parenting, art, music, poetry and literacy classes. At IDOC, thousands of volunteers provide programs and services that otherwise would not be available to the incarcerated men and women.

Victim's Services

The Victims Services Unit will provide information, assistance and support to victims of crime whose victimizers are remanded to the custody or control of IDOC, and to victimized employees. These services will be administered with respect, compassion and confidentiality.

The Victim Services Unit will enhance victim's rights in Illinois through public forums, needed legislation, and joint efforts with other victim services agencies, departments and organizations. This page will serve as an information center for victims and their families.

Constituent Services

- The Office of Constituent Services serves as a bridge between the Illinois Department of Corrections and the community by providing information to address concerns regarding conditions of confinement and the distribution of timely information. The office serves to build community relationships and enhance public awareness, while promoting positive change. The office supports the department's interaction with the public by improving its communication with offender families, advocacy groups and other concerned citizens and the office provides information as permitted by law regarding individual offenders and department activities and outcomes.

Questions

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