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Community-Based Corrections (District 7)

Purpose

Community-Based Corrections (CBC) is an alternative to incarcerating persons convicted of criminal offenses. This includes persons on pretrial release, probation, or parole who reside in the community under the supervision of a CBC District Department and participate in treatment programs.

Administration

Pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [905](#), each of the eight CBC District Departments is a separate agency under the direction of a board of directors and is administered by a director employed by the board. The CBC staff members are considered State employees only for the purposes of collective bargaining and tort liability. Under Iowa Code section [905.2](#), each of the CBC District Departments is also referred to as a "Judicial District Department of Correctional Services."

Each CBC board sets policy, provides input into budget requests for submission to the Board of Corrections, and oversees program operations. In addition, each CBC District Department has one or more advisory committees. The Department of Corrections (DOC) Central Office has regulatory responsibilities for CBC programs, including statewide planning, budget oversight, establishment of program guidelines, and development of performance measures.

The General Assembly appropriates funds to the DOC and allocates the funds to each CBC District Department. Refer to the *Issue Review* [Community-Based Corrections Funding Levels](#). Approximately 80.0 percent of offenders in the State corrections system are supervised by the CBC District Departments, while approximately 20.0 percent are incarcerated in the State prison system.

Programming

Iowa Code chapter [901B](#) provides for:

- Intermediate criminal sanctions for correctional supervision. In Level One sanctions, offenders are not supervised by CBC District Departments, but are placed on unsupervised probation and report to the Court rather than a CBC District Department.
- A continuum of supervision levels within the CBC District Departments. The CBC District Departments are also authorized by statute to move the supervision level along the continuum from monitored sanctions, such as low-risk diversion programs, to short-term incarceration, such as

More Information

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residential facilities. The Chief Judge of each judicial district approves the Intermediate Criminal Sanctions Plan.

Iowa Code chapter [907](#) permits CBC District Departments to discharge offenders on probation if certain conditions are met.

Field Services

The CBC District Departments operate field offices in local communities that provide administration and staff for a variety of parole and probation programs and supervision levels, as well as staff who conduct presentence investigations and pretrial interviews and supervision. Refer to the ***Fiscal Topics*** [History of Community-Based Corrections](#) and [Community-Based Corrections Field Services](#) for more information regarding services available at the local level. See the ***Fiscal Topic*** [Costs and Uses of Electronic Monitoring](#) for background information on this supervision tool.

Residential Correctional Facilities

The CBC District Departments operate residential facilities as an intermediate sanction for offenders on parole, work release, Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), or probation. Some CBC District Departments also contract with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to house federal prisoners. These nonsecure facilities provide 24-hour supervision of offenders who may leave for approved purposes such as job-seeking, employment, or treatment. Statewide capacity is approximately 1,600 beds. The facilities are usually at capacity, and there is typically a waiting list of hundreds of offenders. Refer to the ***Fiscal Topic*** [Community-Based Corrections Residential Facilities](#) for more information regarding residential placement, programs, and budgets. The map on the next page shows the geographic boundaries of the CBC District Departments. These boundaries correspond to the eight judicial districts in the court system.

The Seventh Judicial District provides community-based correctional services to five counties in eastern Iowa: Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott. The District's stated mission is to use its resources efficiently to build a safe community.

