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Community-Based Corrections (District 5)

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. Approximately 80.0% of offenders in the State corrections system are supervised by the CBC District Departments, while approximately 20.0% are incarcerated in the State prison system.

Structure

Iowa has eight CBC District Departments, also referred to as “Judicial District Departments of Correctional Services.” The geographic boundaries of the CBC District Departments correspond to the eight judicial districts in the court system.

The CBC District Departments are under the direction and control of the Department of Corrections (DOC), which has responsibility for CBC programs. Pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [904](#), each CBC District Department has a director who is appointed by the Director of the DOC and a board of directors that operates in an advisory-only capacity. The director of a CBC District Department administers the CBC District Department. Employees of the CBC District Departments are employees of the DOC.

Funding

The General Assembly appropriates funds to the DOC for each CBC District Department. The CBC District Departments are funded approximately 80.0% through the General Fund and approximately 20.0% through local fees.

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 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.

More Information

Department of Corrections: doc.iowa.gov

Fifth Judicial District: doc.iowa.gov/find-facility/fifth-district

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Field Services and Residential Correctional Facilities

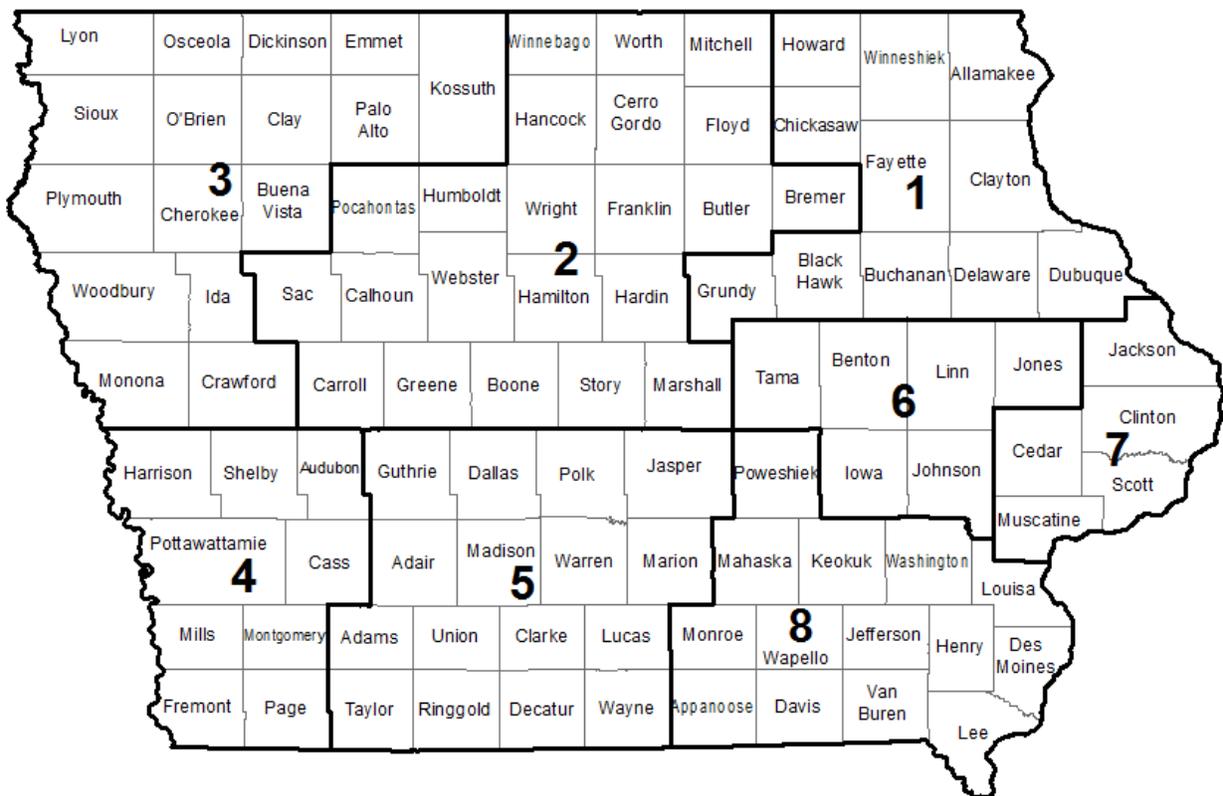
The CBC District Departments operate field offices in local communities that provide administration and staff for a variety of parole and probation programs and supervision levels as well as staff that conduct presentence investigations and pretrial interviews and supervision.

The CBC District Departments also have residential facilities as an intermediate sanction for offenders on parole, work release, the Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) Continuum, or probation. CBC District Departments may also house federal prisoners, offenders on special sentences, or interstate compact offenders. 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.

CBC District 5

The Fifth Judicial District serves 16 counties in south central Iowa: Adair, Adams, Clarke, Dallas, Decatur, Guthrie, Jasper, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Polk, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Warren, and Wayne. The Fifth Judicial District offers the following services: pretrial interviews and supervision, presentence investigations, probation and parole supervision, residential placement, drug treatment court, mental health and sex offender programming, electronic monitoring, State work release, second- and third-offense drunk drivers, federal clients, and a fugitive unit.

Geographic Boundaries of CBC District Departments



Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [321J](#), [901](#), [901B](#), [903A](#), [904](#), [906](#), [907](#), [907B](#), [908](#), [909](#), [910](#), [913](#), and [915](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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