

**2960.0550 PROGRAM CERTIFICATION APPROVAL.**

Subpart 1. **Certification authority.** Correctional program services must be approved and certified by the Department of Corrections.

Subp. 2. **Certification applicability.** Group residential settings and family foster settings may be certified to provide correctional program services according to parts 2960.0540 to 2960.0570.

Subp. 3. **Program certification approval.** A license holder who wishes to be certified to offer correctional program services must apply for certification to the certifying authority on forms approved by the certifying authority. The certifying authority must decide whether to approve the license holder's application for certification based on the information provided on the completed application and on an inspection of the program and facts gathered by the certifying authority. The certification document must state how long the program will care for residents in the program and describe the program content and types and amounts of services offered to residents.

Subp. 4. **Minimum criteria for certification.** The certificate holder must meet the requirements of items A to D.

A. The license holder must identify specific, measurable outcomes that indicate that the license holder will meet the needs of the target population served by the facility's program. The measurable outcomes must be directly related to the program objectives stated in the license holder's correctional program services certification application.

B. The certification applicants must offer at least the services in subitems (1) to (4) in their correctional services program:

(1) social and interpersonal skills development to achieve the outcomes in units (a) to (d):

(a) the resident resolves conflict in an appropriate manner;

(b) the resident develops and maintains supportive relationships;

(c) the resident communicates and interacts appropriately with peers and adults; and

(d) the resident is aware of race and gender bias issues;

(2) chemical use and abuse awareness;

(3) correctional programming to achieve the outcomes in units (a) and (b):

(a) the resident makes reparations for past behavior; and

(b) the resident addresses relationships with the resident's family, community, and school; and

(4) transition and life skills development to achieve the outcomes in units (a) and (b):

- (a) the resident practices age appropriate self-care and self-reliance; and
- (b) the resident is released with a place to live, a plan for constructive daily activity, a means of financial support, and a system to support continued progress in the community.

C. The license holder must notify the placement agency that the license holder cannot meet the resident's needs if the license holder's program of correctional program services inadequately addresses the resident's needs that were identified through screening or assessment. The license holder must document notification of the placement agency and the action taken by the placement agency in response to notification from the license holder.

D. The license holder must implement a plan that provides opportunities for physical exercise and recreational activities for residents. The plan must include at least the following requirements:

(1) regulations that are reasonable and necessary to protect the facility's security and the resident's welfare;

(2) at least two hours daily of organized and supervised physical exercise and recreational activities and leisure time activities for residents, excluding time spent watching television. Organized and supervised physical exercise and recreational activities include preplanned exercise or activities that are supervised and directed by qualified or trained staff;

(3) provisions for indoor space and equipment for active recreation; and

(4) provisions for outdoor recreational space, equipment, and supportive staff for outdoor recreational program services.

**Statutory Authority:** *L 1995 c 226 art 3 s 60; MS s 241.021; 245A.03; 245A.09*

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