

Community-Based Corrections Field Services

The state correctional system consists of the state prison system and Community-Based Corrections (CBC). In June 2014, there were 39,100 offenders under state correctional supervision. Of these offenders, 8,200 were supervised in the state prison system while 30,900 were supervised in the CBC District Departments. Iowa relies heavily on the CBC District Departments to be an alternative to incarcerating persons arrested for or convicted of a criminal offense. This includes defendants on pretrial release, and convicted offenders on probation or parole that reside in the community under the supervision of the CBC District Department and participate in treatment programs. Refer to the *Fiscal Topic*, [Budget Unit: Community-Based Corrections](#) published by the LSA in August 2013 for additional information concerning the administration of CBC District Departments, supervision, treatment, and sanction strategies.

Field Service Programs

Of the 30,900 offenders supervised by the CBC District Departments, 28,900 offenders are on field service supervision. 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. Below are brief descriptions of the Field Service programs available in the CBC District Departments.

- **Probation and Parole** - uses community supervision as an alternative to incarceration in prison. Refer to the *Issue Review*, [County Jails and Probation Sentencing](#) published by the LSA in September 2008 for information on the use of county jails in the corrections system.
- **Intensive Supervision** - monitors high-risk offenders more frequently than regular probation or parole supervision. Every CBC District Department provides Intensive Supervision; however, it may not be available in every county.
- **Drug Court** - targets high-risk offenders in a program that blends accountability, treatment, and rehabilitation under the authority of the court. This Program is available in seven of the eight CBC District Departments, although it is not available in every county in those judicial districts. The Second CBC District Department is in the process of establishing Drug Courts in FY 2015. Refer to the *Issue Review*, [Cost-Benefit Analysis of Adult Drug Courts](#) published by the LSA in December 2013 for more detailed information regarding this treatment and intervention program.
- **Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC) Program** - provides coordination between the criminal justice system and the substance abuse treatment system. This Program was funded statewide in FY 1989. Due to budget reductions, the Program is only operating in the Sixth CBC District Department as part of its ANCHOR Center.
- **Domestic Abuse Program** - uses group counseling and education for men and women that abuse partners. The Iowa Code requires offenders convicted of domestic violence to attend treatment education. The Batterer's Education Program (BEP) was in use for several decades but has proven to be ineffective. The Department of Corrections ([DOC](#)) and CBC District Departments worked with the University of Iowa to create a new curriculum, Achieving Change Through Value-based behavior (ACT-V). The program has been implemented in all of the CBC District Departments in FY 2014.
- **Youthful Offender Program** - targets youth age 16-21 that are in the adult system either on pretrial release or adjudicated as adults. The Program refers them to substance abuse treatment in the community and teaches a variety of life skills. This Program is available in the Fifth CBC District Department.
- **Low-Risk Probation** - uses a fast-track system that removes the majority of low-risk offenders from mainstream probation workloads and assigns them to "banked" caseloads. All of the CBC District Departments bank some cases.
- **Pretrial Release** - serves as an alternative to the traditional bail bond system where the accused is released from jail pending trial under the supervision of the CBC District Departments. The CBC District Departments monitor the defendant's whereabouts and ensures their court appearance. All of the CBC District Departments provide this service to the counties.

More Information

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us>

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- **Community Service Sentencing** - requires offenders to perform a specified number of hours of community service as an alternative to incarceration or a fine. This sentencing option is available across the state.
- **Sex Offender Treatment Program** - provides treatment through group counseling and education combined with intensive supervision and electronic monitoring of offenders that commit sex crimes. All of the CBC District Departments offer this Program.
- **Electronic Monitoring** - uses a bracelet with a specially equipped telephone to monitor an offender. There are several systems including voice verification, radio frequency, video display, global positioning system (GPS), and alcohol sensor. The Fifth CBC District Department receives funding in its state appropriation to provide a command center and the bracelet technology. All of the CBC District Departments use electronic monitoring, primarily for sex offenders.
- **Mental Health Services** - provides coordination between the criminal justice system and the mental health treatment system. There are several pilot projects as well as specialized caseloads across the state.

Other CBC Programs

There were approximately 2,000 offenders supervised by the CBC Residential Facilities in June 2014. These facilities serve as an intermediate sanction for higher-risk offenders on parole, work release, Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), or probation. Residential facilities may offer Day Reporting, where an offender may be ordered to a facility by the court or corrections continuum, but placed on day reporting status. This option permits an offender to live at home while abiding by facility rules. This intermediate sanction frees up residential beds for higher risk offenders. The offenders on Day Reporting may be sent back to the residential facility for noncompliance with rules. Refer to the *Fiscal Topic*, [Community-Based Corrections Residential Facilities](#) published by the LSA in January 2012 for more detailed information regarding these facilities. See the *Issue Review*, [Construction Status and Operating Costs of New Corrections Beds](#) published by the LSA in November 2012 for additional information regarding facility capacity and programs.

The CBC District Departments conduct Presentence Investigations (PSIs) to aid the court in determining appropriate sentences and alternatives once a defendant has been found guilty. The PSI staff provide a PSI report to the sentencing judge as provided in Iowa Code section [901.3](#). All of the CBC District Departments provide this service to the court and corrections system. The DOC and CBC District Departments use the PSI report as a tool in determining the treatment and supervision needs of the offender.

Funding

The CBC system is funded by State General Fund and other appropriations, supervision fees, residential rents, specific program fees, direct federal grants, contracts with the federal Bureau of Prisons, and grants administered by State agencies. State General Fund appropriations provide the majority of the funding, budgeted at approximately 80.0% of total revenues for the District Departments. See the *Issue Review*, [Community-Based Corrections Funding Levels](#) published by the LSA in October 2012, for information concerning the funding levels of the CBC District Departments compared to the offender populations, risk and supervision levels, and recidivism rates.

Additional Resources

Refer to the *Fiscal Topic*, [Budget Units: Iowa Corrections Offender Network](#) published by the LSA in August 2012 for an overview of the electronic offender management system used by staff in the CBC District Departments, [Central Office](#), and the [Adult Correctional Institutions](#). Refer to the *Fiscal Topic*, [County Confinement Account](#) for information regarding the State's reimbursement to the counties for holding certain alleged violators in county jails pending a revocation proceeding.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [321J](#), [901](#), [901B](#), [903A](#), [904](#), [905](#), [906](#), [907](#), [907B](#), [908](#), [909](#), [910](#), [913](#), and [915](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [201 IAC](#)