

Admission to the Residential Corrections Facility shall not be denied on the basis of a client's race, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or political views. If, however, a client's medical or mental health care requirements present a greater need for care than can be provided by facility resources admission may be denied. Denial will be based upon the impact placement of the special needs offender would have upon the well-being and safety of the offender and staff.

The Residential Classification Committee, consisting of the facility managers, facility counselors, and field PO, will determine the level of supervision needed to obtain maximum benefits.

Contact Us

Please send referrals to Jennifer Kimbrough PPOIII for review and approval to determine the level of supervision needed to obtain maximum benefits. The client will then be placed into the most appropriate program that fits their needs and criteria.

Admission reviews completed by:

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Residential & Substance Abuse Program
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Commonly Asked Questions

Q. Can I send someone to the Fort with a Voluntary Commitment Order?

A. Yes, probation clients can be sent here with a voluntary commitment order approved by Fort Staff on a case by case basis.

Q. Can I do an out of custody hearing?

A. Yes an out of custody hearing for Parolee's can be set up to obtain and order to sentence the offender to our Program.

Q. How much is rent per day for each program?

A. \$18 per day for Treatment Program and \$16 for all other programs.

Q. How long is each program?

A. Full program averages 3-4 months, but it is dependent on progress and needs. Half-way In is 30 days and Transitional will be reviewed at 60 days.

Q. Are probation and parole clients eligible for all programs?

A. Yes



FORT DES MOINES MEN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Our Mission:

We protect the public, employees and offenders from victimization and we seek to help transform offenders into productive and responsible Iowa citizens.

Our Vision:

An Iowa With No More Victims



Fort Des Moines Men's Residential Programs and Admission Criteria

Full Residential Programming

This full program is designed to offer clients more structure than can be given through probation or parole supervision. Our facilities offer a phase/level system designed to measure and reward behavior change and progress toward goals.

A residential supervisor or designee determines appropriateness of placement based on the following admission criteria:

Criteria

- The resident has ties to the community to include supportive family/persons in the area of the facility and has a COURT ORDER to the facility.
- The facility is the closest halfway house to the resident's former residence and in the district the resident was convicted.
- Must have a current Iowa Risk Revised of a score of 8 or higher. and a Sexual Violence Propensity Assessment done prior to acceptance to the facility.
- Able to work but has a need for structure, stability, transition and/or employment.
- Referrals with severe physical or mental health issues which would prohibit successful program completion will need to be screened and approved in advance to determine if the physical and/or mental disability may impair, or prohibit, the resident's participation in facility programming, or may require a level of "nursing care or psychiatric care" which facility staff are not trained to provide.
- A referral with current mental health diagnosis or with active mental health symptoms must be evaluated, stable and taking any prescribed medication and have the means to refill their prescriptions. Residential is not a nursing or a psychiatric facility and staff is not trained, to manage chronic mental health or medical issues. Placement could be a detriment to the resident.
- IF on SSI must be verified that it will not be affected due to being in residential placement.
- Must have a minimum of 6 months remaining on supervision with the exception of deferred judgment must have a minimum of 90 days of their sentence remaining.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must not be related to staff member or have had a relationship with a staff member. (these will need prior approval from Assistant Director.
- Must not have a current enemy or victim currently residing at the facility.

Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Intensive substance abuse treatment services that include individual group and family counseling as well as aftercare services. The primary focus is the treatment of substance abuse issues while allowing the client to be involved with pro-social activities and remain connected to their community through employment, family and other pro-social community supports.

Criteria

- All criteria for the full program applies.
- All admissions must have alcohol/drug listed as one of the top needs identified on DRAOR or another assessment.
- Frequent pattern of use within the past 12 months with problems in more than one life area such as; law violations, family/ marital problems, employment/ education issues, and medical problems.
- Other indicators that show a current need for a primary substance abuse treatment.
- All admissions must have a minimum of one year left on supervision.
- All admissions' mental and medical health must allow for comprehension and completion of the program. Active mental illness must be controlled by prescribed medication as recommended.
- All substance abuse referrals must also be approved by *Dusty Shannon, Community Program Monitor*

Transitional Housing

This program is designed to be a short term stay for clients who have lost their housing or have unstable living environment. Clients in this program DO NOT have to turn in pay checks but are required to pay rent weekly and abide by house rules while in the facility. The current PO will remain the supervising agent and determine LOS, curfew, allowed movement and passes and case action plan and address all violations. The current PO will initiate a review of client's status after 60 days.

Criteria

- No Court Order is required for this program.
- No recent violations or active substance abuse issues.
- Clients with a Current *Sex Offense* charge will be screened on a case by case basis for entry.
- Must be employed or have viable means to weekly pay facility rent.

Half Way In Program

It is an intermediate sanction program designed for short-term residential stays for clients who need a higher level of accountability and stability. The housing program is for clients who have current violations but not serious enough that their needs warrant the full residential program at this time. The current PO will remain the supervising agent and determine LOS, curfew, allowed movement and passes and case action plan and address all violations. The current PO will initiate a review of client's status after 30 days. Clients in this program are required to turn in paycheck and must pay rent (in addition to other required fees).

A residential supervisor or designee determines appropriateness of placement based on the following:

Criteria

- May not be actively engaged in drug abuse (e.g. three or more consecutive positive UA's due to a need for long term treatment and/or substantial clean time).
- Offenders who have been ordered to complete the residential program but have been allowed to remain in the community while awaiting bed space are also eligible.
- Primary residence and/or releasing address and employment must be within 30 mile radius of the facility. Others will be reviewed on case by case basis.
- Court Order is required for this program unless the client is already sentenced to the continuum.
- Must have the ability and capability to secure full time employment. Employment is required and PO will establish a deadline.
- If receiving SSI must be verified that it will not be affected.
- Must have a current Iowa Risk Revised of a score of 8 or higher. and a Sexual Violence Propensity Assessment done prior to acceptance to the facility.
- A Parolee can be placed at the Half-Way in program with an out of custody hearing.
- Clients with a Current Sex Offense charge will be screened on a case by case basis.