

**2920.5000 INVOLVEMENT OF RESIDENT IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.**

Subpart 1. **Plan.** It is mandatory that the adult community-based residential correctional facility has a written policy and procedures that provide increasing opportunities and privileges for resident involvement with family and in community activities prior to final release.

Subp. 2. **Involvement in community.** It is mandatory that the facility uses community resources where appropriate to assist residents:

- A. in learning to use leisure time constructively;
- B. in finding suitable employment;
- C. in locating financial assistance through community resources;
- D. in education and vocational training programs; and
- E. with services to become self-sufficient, including assistance in obtaining housing, transportation, medical and dental services, and money management.

Subp. 3. **Visitation.** It is mandatory that the program administrator develops and implements a visiting policy. The policy must be in writing and include:

- A. a schedule of visiting hours that includes the days and times for visits;
- B. visiting rules that:
  - (1) designate the number of visitors permitted per visit;
  - (2) require documentation of visitation denial; and
  - (3) require minors to be supervised by a parent, person responsible for supervision of the child, or program staff at all times while visiting the facility; and
- C. policy regarding what visitors are permitted to bring to the visit.

Subp. 4. **Correspondence.** It is mandatory that the facility have a written policy and procedure that governs resident correspondence. The volume of written mail to or from a resident must not be restricted. If a facility restricts or inspects mail, the facility must have a written policy and procedure which requires:

- A. when resident letters, both incoming and outgoing, may be opened and inspected for contraband;
- B. that residents are notified when incoming or outgoing letters are rejected;
- C. that letters must not be read or censored if the letters are between a resident and an elected official, officials of the Department of Corrections, attorneys, or other officers of

the court, but inspection of incoming mail from the specified class of persons noted may be opened to inspect for contraband in the presence of the resident; and

D. that residents are notified of any restrictions in the amount of money the resident may have at the facility.

Subp. 5. **Telephone access.** It is mandatory that the facility have a written policy and procedure that provides for resident access to a telephone, including:

- A. requiring attorney or resident telephone consultation to be private;
- B. permitting residents telephone access to maintain contact with family members or significant others; and
- C. requiring documentation for denial of telephone access or contact with specific people.

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