

**241.80 AMERICAN INDIAN COUNSELING PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The commissioner of corrections shall develop a policy to provide the counseling services listed in subdivision 2 to American Indian inmates of all juvenile and adult state correctional facilities and community-based correctional programs. The commissioner may, within the limits of available money, contract with appropriate American Indian private, nonprofit organizations to provide these counseling services.

Subd. 2. **Counseling services.** The policy shall include, but need not be limited to, providing, within the limits of available money, spiritual and cultural counseling services having the following purposes:

- (1) the teaching of good work habits and the development of motivation through work;
- (2) the development of cultural pride to improve American Indian self-image;
- (3) the development of an understanding of and an adjustment to the cultural differences between American Indians and other ethnic groups;
- (4) the development of attitudes of mutual trust, respect, and understanding among American Indian family members;
- (5) the fostering of increased availability of medicine men and American Indian spiritual leaders to teach American Indian inmates about American Indian history, cultural sensitivity, and religion;
- (6) the involvement of American Indian inmates in those aspects of the correctional system that will aid in their rehabilitation; and
- (7) the provision of services to American Indian inmates that will facilitate their reentry into the community.

**History:** 1985 c 113 s 1