

241.80 AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The commissioner of corrections shall develop a policy to provide the cultural programming services listed in subdivision 2 to American Indian incarcerated individuals 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 the cultural programming services.

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

- (1) the development of education and training needed for postincarceration self-sufficiency;
- (2) the development of strengthened American Indian identity;
- (3) improved understanding of American Indian culture, traditions, and spiritual practices for Department of Corrections staff;
- (4) the development of partnerships with Tribal Nations to address the unique needs of American Indian incarcerated individuals and promote approaches to rehabilitation specific to this population;
- (5) increased availability of American Indian spiritual leaders to teach American Indian incarcerated individuals about American Indian history and cultural and spiritual practices;
- (6) the involvement of American Indian incarcerated individuals in those aspects of the correctional system that will aid in their rehabilitation; and
- (7) the provision of services to American Indian incarcerated individuals that will facilitate their reentry into the community.

History: 1985 c 113 s 1; 2020 c 110 s 3; 2025 c 35 art 7 s 2