



Correctional Programs

QUICK FACTS

Incarceration alone does not produce the long-term changes that many offenders require in order for them to lead productive, law-abiding lives in the community. Correctional programs, both in institutions and in the community, are essential to help bring about positive changes in behaviour.

CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMS

Over the last 20 years, the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) has prioritized the use of correctional programs to reduce rates of re-offending and increase the safety of our communities. The Service has emerged as a world leader in the development and delivery of programs designed to: 1) make offenders accountable for their behaviour, 2) change criminal attitudes, and 3) reduce the risk that offenders present to Canadians upon release back into society.

Correctional programs work, in part, because they follow strict criteria and management strategies that ensure integrity. The biggest factor for success is found in the team of supportive staff who deliver CSC correctional programs.

Correctional programs significantly reduce recidivism and are cost effective. For every dollar that CSC invests in correctional programs, it saves an average of four dollars in incarceration costs.

CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMS IN INSTITUTIONS AND THE COMMUNITY

- Violence prevention programs
- Family violence prevention programs
- Crime prevention programs

- Substance abuse programs
- Sex offenders programs
- Community-based programs

*Aboriginal-specific and Women-specific programming is included in these areas

INTEGRATED CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM MODEL (ICPM)

The ICPM was launched as a pilot in the Pacific Region in January 2010. The ICPM is a program framework that consists of three entirely distinct correctional programs for offenders. It is designed to enhance efficiencies, program effectiveness, and public safety results.

The ICPM consists of a general program, a sex offender program and an Aboriginal program. It allows CSC to continue to address the needs and risks of specific offender populations in the most effective ways possible. For example, the ICPM will allow offenders to access programs much earlier in their sentence - at the intake stage.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

In addition to correctional programs, CSC also offers other important programs to help improve social and educational skills.

- Community Integration Program
- Ethnocultural programs
- Social activities and charitable events
- Education programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information on programs available to offenders, please contact us on our Web site at www.csc-scc.gc.ca.

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