

Department of Corrections

Mission and philosophy

The mission of the Wyoming Department of Corrections (DOC) is to contribute to public safety by exercising reasonable, safe, secure and humane management while actively providing offenders opportunities to become law-abiding residents.

The philosophy of the management and staff of the DOC is to express the following core values, which are built around the agency's commitment to public safety and rehabilitation to guide performance in carrying out its mission:

- DOC recognizes the importance of the staff is the department's strength and major resource in achieving objectives; and that human relationships that are principled, ethical and reasonable, are the cornerstone of the commitment to the mission.
- DOC recognizes that the offender has the potential to live as a law-abiding resident, and the agency encourages the assuming of responsibility for one's actions.
- DOC and staff are committed to developing partnerships throughout Wyoming communities to include victims, relevant groups, and public and private agencies. DOC recognizes the importance of the community's, the victim's and the offender's role in a successful criminal justice system. This is essential to the achievement of the agency's mission.
- Staff is committed to managing the DOC with openness, honesty and integrity. The staff is also accountable to the mission statement, the director of the department, the governor, elected state officials and to the public.

Results of outcomes

Goal 1: Objective A.01: All inmates have been appropriately classified at security levels. For several years, the department has had a classification document in place that is based on the risk of the inmate within the correctional setting. The classification document is validated periodically by national standards.

Goal 1: Objective A.02: Those who successfully terminated supervision (successfully equals not revoked) included 66 percent of all probationers, 65 percent of all parolees and 67 percent of all those probationers and parolees in the Intensive Supervision Program.

Goal 1: Objective B.01: The construction of a high security/special needs prison in Rawlins (as another part of the Wyoming State Penitentiary complex) has addressed security at that complex. The new prison in Rawlins, the South Facility, was occupied in May 2001. That completes the effort to ensure that all facilities are equipped with security measures consistent with

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Other locations

Afton, Buffalo, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Green River, Jackson, Kemmerer, Lander, Laramie, Lusk, Lyman, Newcastle, Powell, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Torrington, Wheatland and Worland

Year established and reorganized

Established in 1991 under state reorganization, combining entities of the Wyoming Board of Charities and Reform, which was created in 1889, and the Department of Probation and Parole, which was created in 1941

Statutory references

W.S. 25-1-104

Number of authorized personnel

899 personnel

Organization structure

Operations, Division of Prisons and Division of Field Services

Clients served

Offenders sentenced by the courts to serve prison sentences, released to parole by the parole board or placed on probation

Budget information

General funds	\$63,317,946
Federal funds	\$1,375,000
Trust and agency	\$290,438
Other	\$587,057
Total	\$65,570,441

classification status and that all inmates are properly housed.

Goal 1: Objective C.01: The percentage of inmates who satisfactorily completed case plan objectives at point of discharge from custody or supervision has not been determined. For approximately 2,455 probationers and parolees terminated in FY00, 42 percent completed case plan objectives, 14 percent almost completed them, 21 percent partially completed them and 23 percent completed none.

Case planning is an approach that is being taken with the offender in the community to ensure compliance with the court order and to work toward creating a law-abiding resident. Case planning identifies the risk factors and areas of need that relate to each offender's criminality. DOC is working toward making case planning a continuous process from probation to the intake of the inmate into an institution through the incarceration system to parole. Relative to inmates, accurate collection of data continues to be a challenge.

Goal 1: Objective D.01: The percentage of victims satisfied with the services of the DOC has not been established. The department continues, by statute and process, to be involved with notification of the victim regarding the offender's status changes, regarding parole hearings and requesting input into parole hearings. The DOC is also involved with victims' services coordinated by the office of the Wyoming Attorney General's and victims' groups. The one piece that has not yet been identified is level of satisfaction of the victim with services of the department as well as further elaboration on the department's complete responsibility in this area.

Goal 1: Objective D.02: This outcome measure involves the role of privatized services with the DOC's delivered services. During FY01 and this biennium, 25.3 percent of the department's budget was used for privatized services.

Strategic plan changes

No significant changes are planned. The DOC strategic plan can be accessed on the Web at <http://doc.state.wy.us/corrections.html>.

Department of Corrections organization chart

