

IC 11-10-14

Chapter 14. Transitional Dormitories

IC 11-10-14-1

Transitional dormitory

Sec. 1. Before January 1, 2007, the department may provide a transitional dormitory at any security facility approved by the commissioner.

As added by P.L.213-2005, SEC.1.

IC 11-10-14-2

Programming and training; volunteers; contract with faith based organization

Sec. 2. (a) A transitional dormitory may provide programming and training in the following areas:

- (1) Drug addiction and alcoholism treatment.
- (2) Employment skills and vocations.
- (3) Personal responsibility.
- (4) Faith and religion.
- (5) Peer support.
- (6) Motivation.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the department shall:

- (1) use volunteers recruited under section 4(b)(2) of this chapter; and
- (2) provide other staff;

necessary for the operation of a transitional dormitory.

(c) The department may contract with a faith based organization to provide staff necessary for the operation of a transitional dormitory.

As added by P.L.213-2005, SEC.1.

IC 11-10-14-3

Application; eligibility

Sec. 3. (a) An offender who wishes to reside in a transitional dormitory must submit a written application to the director of the transitional dormitory. An application must be on a form prescribed by the department.

(b) The director shall review each application and, not more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the application, issue a written decision to the offender.

(c) The director may determine eligibility based on the following criteria:

- (1) A preference shall be given to an offender who has less than twenty-four (24) months until the offender's expected release date.
- (2) Previous disciplinary action taken against an offender under IC 11-11-5-3.
- (3) Security risks presented by admitting an offender to a transitional dormitory.
- (4) An offender's demonstrated interest in the programs offered

by a transitional dormitory.

(5) An offender's previous attempts to reside in a transitional dormitory at any penal facility.

(6) Other criteria developed by the department.

(d) An offender being treated under IC 11-10-4 is ineligible for placement in a transitional dormitory unless a psychiatrist treating the offender certifies to the director at or near the time the offender submits an application under subsection (a) that the offender can meaningfully participate in the programs offered by a transitional dormitory.

As added by P.L.213-2005, SEC.1.

IC 11-10-14-4

Director; responsibilities

Sec. 4. (a) The department shall select a person to be the director of each transitional dormitory. The department may select a person to be a director who is employed by a faith based organization.

(b) The director's responsibilities include the following:

(1) Implement each program component.

(2) Recruit volunteers to provide instruction and training in the transitional dormitory with an emphasis on recruiting volunteers for religious programs.

(3) Oversee the day to day operations of the transitional dormitory.

(4) Provide information requested by the superintendent regarding an offender or a program.

(5) Remove an offender from the transitional dormitory for:

(A) population management concerns;

(B) misconduct;

(C) security or safety concerns;

(D) mental health concerns; or

(E) lack of meaningful participation in the programs and training.

As added by P.L.213-2005, SEC.1.

IC 11-10-14-5

Report to legislative council

Sec. 5. (a) The department shall submit an evaluation report to the legislative council on the faith based transitional dormitory program one (1) year after its inception and continue to provide a report to the legislative council on or before December 1 of each year.

(b) The report described in subsection (a) must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(c) The report described in subsection (a) must contain the following:

(1) An extensive evaluation of the faith based transitional dormitory program.

(2) Statistics that include the number of inmates who:

(A) have enrolled in a faith based transitional dormitory program;

- (B) have completed a faith based transitional dormitory program; and
 - (C) have been released from the department and did not participate in a faith based transitional dormitory program.
- (3) The results of a survey of the employees of faith based transitional dormitories. The survey must ask the employees their opinions concerning the progress of the faith based transitional dormitories, how the program could improve, and how the program is successful.

As added by P.L.213-2005, SEC.1.