STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy: 363

Subject:	**Alcohol And Drug Abuse Treatment Services**		
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1. **Authority:**

   1.1 Alcohol and drug abuse frequently are a part of the problem list for offenders, whether the abuse formed an integral part of the crime, or was a part of the general life system of the offender. Therefore, it is this Department's policy to establish, as a priority, services to produce change in alcohol and drug use and abuse patterns of offenders toward the goal that those behaviors no longer interfere with the offender's ability to be law-abiding and self-supporting.

2. **Purpose:**

   2.1 The purpose of this policy is to identify the types of services to be obtained for and provided to substance abuse troubled offenders.

3. **Applicability/Accessibility**

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4. **Policy**

   4.1 ADMISSIONS SERVICES

   4.1.1 Medical Screening

   4.1.1.1 All offenders admitted to the care and custody of the Vermont Department of Corrections are asked to give a history statement which includes data about recent substance use.

   4.1.1.2 A general physical assessment is performed on each offender consistent with Policy 481 (Health Care Services).

4.1.1.3 Any medical difficulties discovered by history or physical assessment will be treated by Department of Corrections personnel or medical consultants.

4.1.2 Detoxification

4.1.2.1 Any offender requiring detoxification will be detoxified following medically approved procedure in the setting most consistent with the medical and security needs of the offender.

4.2 REHABILITATION SERVICES AND PAYMENT

4.2.1 It is the policy of the Vermont Department of Corrections that offenders have available to them all services which would be available to them as citizens of Vermont were they not under the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Corrections. These are, at least, the services provided by Mental Health Clinics, Substance Abuse Clinics, and residential treatment facilities on an ability to pay basis. The charges for such services will be paid by the offender until the offender's resources for such payment are exhausted. The Department of Corrections shall then assume responsibility for the offender's established rate of reimbursement to the treating agency.

4.2.2 The Department of Corrections shall direct its effort at establishing and maintaining case service and consultative relationships with such agencies, as these are the primary sources of offender rehabilitation and they provide the high likelihood of being available to offenders after their involvement with the Department of Corrections is completed.

4.3 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

4.3.1 Consistent with the Vermont Department of Corrections commitment to provide habilitation and rehabilitation services for offenders in the least restrictive environment consistent with public safety, the Department of Corrections will continue to dedicate its resources to the development of its self-operated programs for offenders who are unable to utilize community based programs. Vermont Department of Corrections will continue to support the development of community based resources for all citizens of Vermont, including offenders.

4.3.2 <u>Program Philosophy</u>

4.3.2.1 The Vermont Department of Corrections holds to the conviction that behaviors which support personal wellbeing, self-support, and obedience of the law require development in a social setting and on-going social support. As a result, programs developed within the Department to deal with the needs of offenders who have substance use and abuse problems shall involve major elements of personal-social reorganization and strong mutual assistance and support elements.

4.3.2.2 Rehabilitation modalities which focus on a single person or a small group of people on an infrequent basis, such as occurs in traditional individual and group counseling, are viewed as undesirable if these are the sole elements of a program.

4.3.2.3 Family and other persons of importance are necessary supporters of socially and personally desirable behavior. Vermont Department of Corrections is committed to the positive interaction with families toward the goal of self-supporting and law-abiding behavior of the offender.

4.3.3 Coordination with Other State Services

4.3.3.1 The Vermont Department of Corrections is committed to drawing upon the expertise of and. coordinating program services with ADAD, Department of Mental Health, and other State Departments who have a dedicated service orientation to the prevention and rehabilitation of substance abusers and those others affected by substance abusers (families, employers, victims, etc.).

4.4 PRACTITIONERS CHOSEN BY OFFENDERS

4.4.1 The Vermont Department of Corrections is in support of offenders seeking services for substance abuse problems from persons or agencies of their preference. If the offender desires to have such services provided:

4.4.1.1 There is approval by the Department of Corrections retained consultant or a Department of Corrections employed substance abuse treatment professional that the effects of the treatment are not likely to generate a danger to the recipient or others,

4.4.1.2. That the costs of such treatment are borne by the offender,

4.4.1.3 That there be no requirements for special equipment, locales of service or other special circumstances which are inconsistent with security considerations or the normal operations of a facility or field office, or

4.4.1.4 That any use of medications be reviewed by a psychiatrist employed by or retained as a consultant, in consultation with a physician employed by or retained as a consultant by the Department.

5. Training Method

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6. Quality Assurance Processes

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7. Financial Impact:

8. References

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9. Responsible Director and Draft Participants

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