

Policy Statement 3001
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RE-ENTRY AND SANCTIONS CENTER

I. COVERAGE

This Policy Statement applies to staff and contractors of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA or Agency) who are responsible for performing assessment and treatment readiness functions for offenders and/or defendants housed at the Re-entry and Sanctions Center (RSC).

II. BACKGROUND

The RSC is a residential facility that houses offenders/defendants with extensive substance abuse histories and offenders/defendants who, by abusing substances, violate the conditions of their release. Offenders/defendants are referred to the RSC by Community Supervision Officers (CSOs), Pretrial Services Officers (PSOs), CSOSA Treatment Specialists, Supervisory CSOs, or the appropriate releasing authority. The services provided include assessment, counseling, treatment readiness, and referral to treatment facilities.

The primary focus of RSC's programming is comprehensive and sound clinical assessment of each participating offender/defendant. The outcome of the assessment and treatment readiness processes is an individualized treatment plan that maps out a long-term continuum of treatment services that the offender/defendant agrees to complete. The treatment plan is incorporated into an offender's behavioral contract and a defendant's sanctions contract which are utilized by CSOs and PSOs to support appropriate and effective supervison of each offender/defendant. The RSC also provides interventions that are designed to motivate offenders/defendants to make and maintain positive life changes.

III. POLICY

The RSC, an operating component within the Office of Community Justice Programs, shall provide clinical substance abuse assessment and treatment readiness that prepares

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offenders/defendants for long-term treatment programs, community supervision and viable community living.

The RSC's Program Director and Deputy Director shall be responsible for the overall operation of the RSC. RSC staff and managers shall be primarily responsible for the daily operations of the RSC as determined and delegated by the Program Director and/or the Deputy Director. Specific procedural guidance for the staff's effective and efficient programming and management of the RSC shall be contained in an Operational Manual. Procedural guidance for offenders/defendants shall be provided in the RSC's Resident Handbook.

IV. AUTHORITIES, SUPERSEDURES, REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

A. Authorities

D.C. Official Code § 24-133 (b); 111 Stat. 748, Pub. L. 105-33, § 11233.

B. Supersedures

None

C. Procedural References

RSC Operational Manual RSC Resident Handbook

D. Attachments

None

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