

GUIDANCE STATEMENT

Re-Entry and Sanctions Center: Resident Guidance Number: OG-RSC-3001.01 Effective Date: 2/28/2020 Review Due Date:2/28/2022

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Re-Entry and Sanctions Center: Overview

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Summary	The Re-Entry and Sanctions Center (RSC): Resident Guidance provides a comprehensive overview of the RSC and includes resident expectations and rights.
Coverage	This Guidance Statement applies to current and future residents of the RSC.
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Background

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA or Agency) mission is to enhance public safety, prevent crime, and reduce recidivism among those supervised and to support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community.

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 grants the Director of CSOSA authority to "enter into such contracts, leases, and cooperative agreements as may be necessary for the performance of the Agency's functions, including contracts for substance abuse and other treatment and rehabilitative programs." This Act also grants CSOSA authority to "carry out the conditions of release imposed by the Superior Court (including conditions that probationers undergo training, education, therapy, counseling, drug testing, or drug treatment)."

In support of its mission, CSOSA opened the Re-Entry and Sanctions Center (RSC) in February 2006. Located on the grounds of former DC General Hospital in the historic Karrick Hall building, the RSC provides reentry services to high-risk offenders and defendants who violate their release conditions. As a residential facility, the RSC has a capacity to serve 102 residents in six specialized units. Five out of six units serve male residents, including two units dedicated to meeting the needs of individuals with a history of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. The remaining unit is specifically designed to serve female residents.

RSC residents receive structured holistic and multi-disciplinary interventions designed to address one or more criminogenic risks and needs that pose challenges to the residents' successful reentry into the community. The goal of the RSC is to equip its residents with the tools needed to:

- Refrain from engaging in criminal activities;
- Succeed in vocational/ educational undertakings;
- Support recovery and prevent relapse;
- Succeed in a treatment modality;
- Adhere to supervision requirements;
- Improve familial relationships; and
- Initiate productive community reintegration.

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RSC Mission	The mission of the RSC is to provide intensive assessment and reintegration programming for high-risk offenders and defendants and residential sanctions for offenders and defendants who violate their release conditions.
About the RSC	 The RSC is a 24-hour facility, comprised of eight (8) floors. There are separate floors for females and males. The RSC has a medical unit that includes a psychiatrist. Behavioral intervention staff and medical staff are trained to provide mental health assessments, substance use disorder assessments, and risk and needs assessments. The RSC provides extensive programming to address the criminogenic cognitions and behaviors of offenders and defendants. The RSC houses a Learning Lab and staff to provide employment readiness and vocational programming.
RSC Programs	 <u>28-Day Program</u>: Designed for male offenders and defendants with substance use disorders, to include those with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. <u>42-Day Program</u>: Designed for female offenders and defendants with substance use disorders, to include those with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. <u>60-Day Extended Stay Program</u>: Designed for high-risk male offenders and defendants for whom substance use is not the primary risk factor. This program utilizes the residential setting to provide intensive programming that targets the four (4) major criminogenic risk factors: Antisocial cognitions; Antisocial associates; and Antisocial personalitytraits.

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Eligibility for RSC Programs	 Eighteen (18) years or older. Current, negative PPD (Tuberculin test)/Chest X-ray. No history of behavior that indicates a heightened risk to the safety and security of the other residents or staff. Stable physical and mental health symptoms: An offender/defendant cannot have an unstable physical or mental health condition that precludes or interrupts his/her ability to participate in the daily programming (e.g., ability for self-care/activities of daily living); An offender/defendant must be in compliance with any prescribed medication(s) for physical and mental health issues; and An offender/defendant cannot be experiencing active psychotic symptoms, or active suicidal or homicidal ideations. 	
RSC Staff	The RSC is staffed by highly qualified professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of RSC residents. These professionals are passionate about changing lives. They have diverse backgrounds with varied life experiences, to include some of the same challenges experienced by RSC residents, and can serve as role models.	
RSC Programming	RSC programming includes, but is not limited to: • Psychological testing; • Medical evaluation; • Psycho-educational groups; • Individual and group counseling; • Cognitive behavioral interventions; • Relapse prevention planning; • Violence reduction group; • Employment readiness and vocational programming; and • Recreational/leisure activities.	

Screening and Search Procedures

 Policy It is the policy of the RSC to operate a safe and secure therapeut environment. Emphasis is placed on achieving the highest level of environmental comfort while taking into account health concern issues of personal safety. The RSC screening and search procedure designed to: Ensure the safety of RSC residents and staff; and Ensure that contraband or prohibited items are not introduced RSC. 	
Contraband and Prohibited Items	RSC staff, contractors, visitors, and residents are prohibited from introducing contraband or RSC prohibited items into the RSC.
	Contraband is any item that poses a serious threat to the RSC's security
	which is not approved for possession by a resident for admission in the RSC.
	Examples of contraband include, but are not limited to:
	• Weapons;
	• Ammunition;
	• Explosives;
	 Incendiary devices;
	 Combustible or flammable liquids;
	 Hazardous or poisonous chemicals and gases;
	 Alcohol, narcotics or other controlled substances; and
	 Prescribed medication that is possessed by a resident for whom it was not prescribed.
	All contraband is immediately confiscated. Attempted or actual
	introduction of contraband into the RSC is a federal crime and may result in civil or criminal prosecution.
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Contraband and Prohibited Items, continued	 d Examples of prohibited items include, but are not limited to: Personal items containing alcohol or consisting of glass containers, powder or aerosol; Money and jewelry; Cell phones and cell phone watches; Radios and other personal audio/media equipment; and Excess personal property. All prohibited items are stored in individual storage units in the intake room until the resident's discharge. 	
Full Body Scanner	A full body scanner is located in the lobby of the RSC and is operated by security staff. All residents and visitors must walk through the full body scanner upon entry, including when returning to the RSC from a community function, nature walks, off-site medical appointment, court appearance, etc.	
Pat Search	A pat search uses touch to check for hidden contraband or prohibited items under the resident's clothes. A pat search is conducted by a same gender RSC staff. All residents are subject to a pat search upon entry, including when returning to the RSC from a community function, nature walks, off-site medical appointment, court appearance, etc.	
Visual Search	A visual search does not involve physical contact. The resident is instructed to remove all items from his/her pockets. The resident is also instructed to remove belts, socks, shoes, hats, jewelry, etc. All items removed from the resident are searched by a same gender RSC staff. All searched items are returned to the resident, if not determined to be contraband or prohibited item(s).	
-	A visual search is conducted when there is direct observation of concealment, abnormal conduct or erratic behavior, reliable information that the resident is in possession of contraband, or suspicion is supported by personal observation, resident's speech or odors.	

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Routine Search	A routine search of resident rooms and general areas is conducted for the purposes of detecting contraband and prohibited items, maintaining sanitary standards, and limiting fire and safety hazards.	
Random Search	A random search is conducted without prior notice or approval of the residents. A random search of resident rooms and general areas is conducted when there is reasonable suspicion that a resident or RSC visitor is engaged in, or is about to engage in criminal or prohibited behavior.	

Intake and Orientation

Upon Arrival	A resident is subject to RSC screening and search procedures. A pat search is completed after the resident walks through the full body scanner. The screening also includes a search of the resident's personal property, such clothing, duffle bags, hygiene items, etc. Personal property that is not permissible (e.g., money, jewelry, etc.) is stored in the intake room in individual storage units.	
Medical Intake	To ensure suitability for RSC placement, the resident receives a comprehensive medical intake assessment by the RSC medical unit. The assessment includes: • Baseline physical exam; • Dental exam; • Test for communicable diseases; • Stability of withdrawal symptoms; • Routine blood work; and • Initial urinalysis.	
Psychiatric Intake	 To ensure suitability for RSC placement, a psychiatric intake assessment is conducted for residents who: Have a confirmed mental health history; Are on medication for treatment of a pre-existing mental disorder; and Exhibit signs or symptoms consistent with an undiagnosed mental disorder. 	

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Orientation

Residents deemed suitable for RSC placement are admitted to the program and receive an orientation. Each resident is assigned a counselor and case manager, as soon as practicable. During orientation, a counselor or designated staff explains the program's purpose, goals, and objectives and addresses any concerns or questions the resident may have. An overview of the RSC program is provided, including psychological testing, psychoeducational modules, psychotherapy groups, and individual counseling. Resident expectations and rights are reviewed. A counselor or designated staff determines if the resident has any immediate needs that must be addressed (e.g., clothing, language barriers, religious requirements/preferences, physical impairment[s], etc.) that precludes the resident from 100% program participation.

Upon completion of orientation, a counselor or designated staff escorts the resident to his/her assigned room and issues linens, pillows, and blankets. Residents are responsible for signing the following documents:

- RSC Resident Guidance Acknowledgement Form;
- RSC Program Consent Form; and
- Personal Property Receipt Form.

Personal Property

Permitted Items Residents are only permitted to bring designated clothing and other personal items to the RSC. Excess personal items are prohibited. Each resident is provided an individual storage unit within his/her living quarters for personal items. Excess personal items and other prohibited items are stored in individual storage units in the intake room until the resident's discharge.

The following designated clothing and personal items are permitted:

Lotion (2 bottles)	Shower shoes/flip flop sandals
Toothpaste (2 tubes)	Pants
Toothbrush (one)	Shirts
Soap (2)	Jacket
Deodorant	Socks
Shaving cream/lotion	Underwear
Comb/brush	Undershirts
Hair grease	Shoes
Shampoo/conditioner	Personal electric razor
Petroleum jelly	Personal hair clippers

Personal Property, Continued

Permitted Religious Apparel	 <u>Permitted religious apparel</u> includes, but is not limited to: Prayer shawls and robes Kurda or ribbon shirts Medals and pendants (as noted below); Beads; Medicine pouches; and Various types of headwear. 	
Religious headwear of all colors is permitted in the facility. Howe items are subject to normal considerations of security and good o include inspection by staff. Items include yarmulkes, kufis, crowr headbands, and scarves or wraps for Orthodox women. Religious headwear, which has been altered without staff approval, is cons contraband.		
	Each resident may possess one (1) religious medallion and chain. Medallions and chains cannot contain gemstones and must have a declard value of less than \$100. The RSC Program Director can approve other religious items, on a case-by-case basis, with consideration for facility security.	
Watches	A resident may possess one (1) approved watch at a time. Watches cannot contain gemstones and must have a declared value of less than \$100.	
Personal Photos	A resident may possess personal photographs that are not detrimental to personal safety, security, or to the good order of the facility. A personal photograph is defined as a photograph intended for individual viewing, as opposed to a photograph published for commercial use. Ordinarily, photographs, particularly those of family and friends, are approved, because they represent meaningful ties to the community. Personal photographs may be stored or displayed in individual resident's wardrobe closet, according to sanitation and housekeeping guidelines.	

Daily Schedule and Other Information

Daily Schedule

- All residents must be out of bed by 6:00 am and be fully dressed by 7:00 am.
- All residents must remain out of bed until 9:00 pm unless medical staff authorizes an exception.
- Residents are prohibited from reclining on their beds between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm during free periods within the program schedules.
- All residents must be in bed by 11:00 pm (the start of "lights out" at the RSC). At 11:00 pm, all lights are turned off in the resident and dayrooms, unless the RSC Deputy Director or Shift Supervisor authorizes an exception..

Meals

Residents are served three meals daily and a snack at night. The meals are served in the dayroom. All residents are to remain behind the partition until the contractor has departed the unit. The possession and consumption of food are permissible in the dayroom **only.** Food found in the residents' rooms will be confiscated.

Meals are served as follows:

Breakfast	7:00 am to	7:30 am
Lunch	12:00 pm to	1:00 pm
Dinner	5:00 pm to	6:00 pm
Snack	9:00 pm to	10:00 pm

Residents with special dietary needs are identified during intake. The resident's special diet information is provided to the food service vendor. Special dietary needs are limited to health restrictions and religious practices, which may include vegetarian diets, no red meat diets, bland diets, soft diets, diabetic diets, etc. Special diets are delivered within 24 hours of notification from the RSC Medical Staff.

Daily Schedule and Other Information, Continued

Sick Call	Sick call is conducted by the RSC Medical Staff seven (7) days a week from 7:30 am to 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
×	Sick call is an organized method for treating resident health problems through a regularly scheduled triage procedure. Sick call provides residents with an opportunity to report health care problems to qualified medical personnel for diagnosis and treatment. Sick call request forms can be found in drop boxes located on each residential unit.
	NOTE: All emergencies are evaluated immediately by medical staff.
	 Sick Call Procedure Residents complete sick call requests and place the forms in the secure, locked boxes located on each residential unit. The medical staff collects sick call requests from the locked boxes twice daily. The nursing staff date stamps all requests, triages the requests, and then completes a schedule for the mid-level providers (nurse practitioner/physician assistant) daily. Sick call requests collected in the morning are seen the same day by medical staff during the designated evening sick call hours. Sick call requests collected in the evening are triaged and seen by medical staff during the designated morning or evening sick call hours the next day.
Laboratory Testing and Phlebotomy Collection	All laboratory testing and phlebotomy collection are done in the designated area within the medical unit. This includes glucose testing (finger sticks) with lancets for diabetic residents. Needles, lancets, and syringes are NOT to be taken to the residential units, under any circumstance.
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Daily Schedule and Other Information, Continued

Sending and Receiving Mail

Each resident is afforded the opportunity to send and receive mail consistent with the RSC security protocol. All incoming resident mail is opened in the presence of an RSC staff member. Resident mail received after the resident's discharge is forwarded to the assigned CSO/PSO. Please use the following address in order to receive mail:

> Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Re-Entry and Sanctions Center ATTN: (Resident Name), RSC Unit# 800 N. Capitol Street NWe- Mailstop RSC Washington, DC 20001

RSC Rules

Overview	There are two types of rules for the RSC program: cardinal rules and
*	programmatic rules.
	• Cardinal rules ensure the safe and orderly operations of the RSC program.
	They cannot be breached.
×	 Programmatic rules promote effective program operations.
Cardinal Rules	Residents are prohibited from:
	 Engaging in physically violent contact or threats of physical violence. Physically violent contact includes fights, the threat of physical violence and the use of intimidation;
	 Possessing contraband; and
	• Participating in sexual misconduct, sexual fondling, or sexual assault (including rape). Sexual acts or contacts between a resident and RSC staff (permanent, temporary, contract or otherwise), even when no objections are raised by either party, are forbidden and may be illegal.
Programmatic	Residents are prohibited from:
Rules	 Possessing, reading, sending or receiving sexually explicit printed materials (e.g. books, magazines, newspapers, cards, etc.);
	 Receiving or possessing personal photographs in which the subject is partially nude, completely nude, or if the photograph depicts sexual acts such as intercourse, fellatio, or sodomy. Prohibited photographs received through the mail will be returned to the sender. All other prohibited photographs will be confiscated;
	 Smoking, including vaping, while enrolled in the RSC program (inside or outside of the building or while out on escort);
	 Using profanity; Engaging in horseplay, such as wrestling, running, hand play, or roughhousing;
	 Entering any housing unit other than the one to which he/she is assigned, unless escorted by staff;
÷.	 Handling the television remote control or changing stations or volume. The operation of televisions and radios is the responsibility of RSC staff;
	andPlaying cards.
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Group Rules	 Groups start and end on time. A resident must maintain the confidentiality of the group. Any unauthorized disclosure of a person's drug or alcohol treatment or mental health treatment is a violation of Federal and District of Columbia law and may result in civil or criminal prosecution. A resident cannot leave the room once group begins except with permission of staff or in an emergency. A resident cannot leave his/her chair, except at staff's request or with staff permission. A resident is prohibited from engaging in personal verbal attacks or character assassinations. A resident is responsible for his/her own thoughts, feelings and actions.
Dress Code	 Stocking caps and/or non-religious headgear are not permitted outside of the resident's room. Residents must dress neatly with clothing covering all intimate parts of the body: Shirts and pants are to be worn at all times when a resident is outside his/her room or bathroom; All shirts must be buttoned and tucked; Pants must be properly worn around the waist and fastened with no showing of undergarments; and No clothing should be worn in a provocative fashion. Residents must wear shoes during program hours: Shoelaces must be tied; and Feet and heels are to be inside of shoes. Shower shoes/flip-flop sandals may be worn instead of shoes during non-program hours. Socks are to be worn at all times during program hours. At night meetings, socks must be worn with shower shoes/flip-flop sandals. Hair gear, sunglasses or any clothing that bears religious and/or extremist messages are forbidden as they could offend others.
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RSC Rules, Continued

Resident Movement	All Resident movements within the RSC are controlled, with the exception of the resident movements within the assigned unit. Residents are escorted to and from all floors and areas within the facility. These floors and areas include, but are not limited to, the medical unit and resource room (located on the 2 nd floor), the multipurpose room (located on the 1 st floor), and the facility courtyard.
Telephone Use	 All calls are monitored. Residents are allowed one phone call during orientation for the purpose of a "personal property drop off". Any subsequent calls must be approved by the assigned case manager and specific to the resident's treatment. Incoming calls from a resident's referring agency are accepted.
Consequences For Violating Rules	 Violation of a cardinal rule results in immediate discharge from the RSC and may result in civil or criminal prosecution. Violation of a programmatic rule results in one of the following responses and is proportionate to the severity and chronicity of the violation: Verbal warning: The case manager and the counselor attempt to informally resolve noncompliant behavior by verbally counseling the resident and reiterating the program's purpose and expectations; Loss of privileges or length of stay extension; ' An administrative staffing with the resident, his/her assigned Community Supervision Officer (CSO)/Pretrial Services Officer (PSO), Case Manager, Counselor and/or Lead Counselor, and Unit Manager to develop a behavioral contract; and An administrative staffing with the resident, his/her assigned CSO/PSO, Case Manager, Counselor and/or Lead Counselor, and Unit Manager to discuss discharge planning.

Resident Rights and Responsibilities

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Residents have the right to:

- Equitable and quality care;
- Be treated with dignity and respect by RSC staff and contractors;
- Confidential and secure handling of all communications and records pertaining to their care. Release of confidential information is prohibited without prior consent from the resident;
- Receive an explanation of their treatment program and clarifications, as needed;
- Request assistance when English is not their primary language, or when visual, hearing, reading or difficulties expressing themselves or other expressive impairments prevent effective communication;
- Receive vocational/educational training to assist them in the reentry process;
- Know the rules and regulations that apply to resident care and conduct;
- Choose whether or not they want to participate in experimental treatment or experimental educational programs;
- Respect for their religion and opportunity to practice their religion;
- Wear their personal clothing provided the clothing meets the RSC requirements;
- A clean, safe, and secure environment;
- Be provided food, which meets established nutritional requirements, is palatable, served in sufficient quantities and meets special dietary requirements;
- Have access to routine and emergency physical and dental services;
- Have access to routine and emergency mental health and substance use disorder services;
- Have access to counsel and confidential contact with his/her attorney(s) upon submitting a signed Release of Information form. Contact includes but is not limited to telephone communications, uncensored correspondence, and visits;
- A fair and equitable disciplinary system and a right to appeal; and
- File grievance(s) without fear of reprisal.

Resident Rights and Responsibilities, Continued

Resident Responsibilities	 Residents are responsible for: Participating in all intake, orientation, and assessment process necessary to establish eligibility and appropriateness for RSC program participation; Providing accurate information, to the best of their ability, concerning their medical history, criminal history, and substance use history; Participating in the development of their individualized readiness or case and relapse prevention/ recovery plan, reviewing their program progress, and identifying goals for their continuum of care; Participating fully in all applicable RSC's programs and complying with the rules and regulations as defined in this guidance; Being responsible and accountable for their actions; Addressing all evidence of unproductive behavior in other residents, and listening to the views and opinions of others concerning their conduct; Participating in random screening for illegal drugs, marijuana, and alcohol; Keeping their rooms clean and orderly at all times. All personal property must be kept under the resident's bed or hung in his/her unit locker; Cleaning up after themselves in common areas (e.g., dayroom, bathroom, etc.); Maintaining a neat appearance and practicing good personal hygiene; and Following the rules related to nature walks (i.e. no physical contact with the general community, staying with their group).Walks can be terminated when any of the rules are violated.

Resident Rights and Responsibilities, Continued

Grievance Grievances can address program staff, conditions, and circumstances (e.g., Procedure Grievances can address program staff, conditions, and circumstances (e.g., inadequate treatment, discrimination based on race, religion, sex, age, national origin, etc.). Each resident has the right to, independently or in combination with other persons, present grievances and recommend changes in protocols and services without fear of reprisal, restraint, interference, coercion or discrimination. The initiation of a grievance will not affect the quality of care given to the resident.

All information, including the resident's original written grievance, copies of the incident report, responses to the grievance, and any subsequent documentation/information is maintained in the office of the RSC Program Director.

Informal procedure

- 1. A resident may verbally present a grievance to RSC staff at any time.
- 2. RSC Staff will attempt to resolve any routine grievance with the resident.
- 3. If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, the resident has the right to elevate the grievance to the RSC Deputy Director.

Formal grievance procedure

- If the issue cannot be resolved to the resident's satisfaction by the RSC Deputy Director, the resident can file a written grievance to the RSC Program Director.
- 2. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the grievance, the RSC Program Director will review the grievance, meet with the grievant and any involved persons, and attempt to obtain a satisfactory resolution.
- 3. Within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting, the RSC Program Director will send the grievant a written response detailing resolution attempted or achieved and a final determination.
- 4. Residents who have exhausted the informal and formal steps of the grievance procedure and wish to pursue their grievance further, may file a written grievance with the Senior Advisor (CSOSA's Office of the Director).

NOTE: Serious grievances, such as allegations of physical or sexual abuse, must be presented immediately to the RSC Program Director by the victim or any resident or RSC staff who has knowledge of the incident.

Resident Rights and Responsibilities, Continued

Exceptions to the Grievance Procedure

Due to the serious nature of the following offenses, any could result in discharge from the RSC and/or criminal prosecution, and is not covered by the grievance procedure:

- An act or threat of violence toward any RSC staff or another RSC resident;
- Possession or transportation of weapons into the RSC;
- Selling or possession of drugs within 1000 feet of the RSC;
- Stealing from the RSC, RSC staff, vendors, contractors or other RSC residents;
- Willfully destroying or damaging RSC property; and
- Failure to comply with the requirements of the intake/assessment process to establish eligibility and appropriateness for RSC program participation.