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<b>CHAPTER 23: CLASSIFICATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT</b>		
 <b>STATE of MAINE</b> <b>DEPARTMENT of CORRECTIONS</b>  <b>Approved by Commissioner:</b> 		<b>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:</b>  <b>See Section VIII</b>
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## **I. AUTHORITY**

The Commissioner of Corrections adopts this policy pursuant to the authority contained in 34-A M.R.S.A. Section 1403.

## **II. APPLICABILITY**

Mountain View Correctional Facility

## **III. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to operate a Young Adult Resident Program for selected young adult male residents who meet eligibility requirements. Mountain View Correctional Facility is the designated facility for the Young Adult Resident Program. Residents participating in this program shall be offered a broad range of services and programs designed to meet the individual needs and risks of young adult male residents.

## **IV. DEFINITIONS**

1. Core Programs – programs identified by a resident's Unit Team as necessary to address high risk and criminogenic needs areas specific to the resident, e.g., education, substance use disorder treatment, domestic violence program, cognitive behavioral therapy, problematic sexual behavior treatment, etc.
2. Young Adult Resident – for purposes of this policy, a male resident between eighteen (18) and twenty-seven (27) years of age.

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## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

None

## **VII. PROCEDURES**

### **Procedure A: General**

1. The Young Adult Resident Program (YARP) is located in the medium security housing unit at the Mountain View Correctional Facility, and all residents participating in the YARP shall reside in that unit regardless of custody level.
2. An adult male resident who is approved for the YARP shall be admitted to the program when an opening in the program becomes available.
3. Under no circumstances may a resident remain in the YARP once they have attained twenty-seven (27) years of age.
4. A resident who satisfactorily completes the YARP shall be classified minimum custody if they are otherwise eligible.
5. A resident whose participation in the YARP is not satisfactory may be removed from the program and/or transferred to an equivalent or higher security adult facility at any time as determined by the Department's Director of Classification, or designee.
6. A resident in the YARP may be transferred to another adult facility at any time based on medical or mental health reasons, resident conflict management reasons, or any other reason as determined by the Department's Director of Classification, or designee.
7. Except as otherwise set out in this policy, residents participating in this program are subject to all departmental policies governing other adult residents.

### **Procedure B: Eligibility Criteria and Initial Classification**

1. An adult male resident is eligible for admission to the Young Adult Resident Program (YARP) if they meet the following criteria:
  - a. is between eighteen (18) years and twenty-six (26) years and three (3) months of age;
  - b. is recommended for or in general population;
  - c. has an LSI-R (Level of Service Inventory-Revised) score indicating moderate, high, or maximum risk/needs;
  - d. has at least nine months remaining prior to their earliest possible custody release date, i.e., the date at which they would be released if they were to be awarded all sentence deductions (good time) for which they are eligible; and
  - e. has no more than five years remaining prior to their earliest custody release date. An exception may be made to this requirement if it is determined that a young adult male resident serving a lengthy sentence would benefit from participation in the YARP as a transitional program (e.g., a resident transferring on an adult sentence from a juvenile correctional facility).
2. Safe keepers, boarders, federal holds, and transfers from other jurisdictions are not eligible for the YARP.

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3. The Unit Team conducting the initial classification review on a resident who meets the above eligibility requirements shall make a recommendation for the resident to be admitted to the YARP.
4. In addition, a resident who meets the eligibility requirements may be recommended by their Unit Team for admission to the YARP at a subsequent classification review.
5. If recommended for admission to the YARP, the Department's Director of Classification, or designee, shall consult with the Mountain View Correctional Facility Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, about the potential admission of the resident into the YARP.
6. The Director of Classification, or designee, shall make the final decision about admission of a resident into the YARP.

### **Procedure C: Young Adult Resident Program**

1. Residents admitted to the Young Adult Resident Program (YARP) shall be informed of the criteria for advancing in the program.
2. Residents in the YARP shall progress through privilege levels on the same basis as other residents of the facility in accordance with Department Policy (AF) 23.6, Privilege Level Systems. Privilege levels shall be reviewed by the Unit Team every two weeks.
3. There is a system of progressive phases, with each phase having specific program and behavioral criteria and requirements that must be met in order to advance to the next phase.
  - a. Phase 1 lasts up to 4 weeks and is considered the orientation phase. A resident shall progress from Phase 1 if they have successfully completed the orientation schedule and actively participated in the development of an Individualized Case Plan.
  - b. Phase 2 lasts up to 6 months and is considered the treatment phase. A resident shall progress from Phase 2 if they have successfully completed core programs identified in their Individualized Case Plan, demonstrated prosocial behavior, and maintained privilege level 3 or 4.
  - c. Phase 3 lasts up to 2 months and is considered the transition phase. A resident shall progress to Phase 3 if they have successfully completed Phase 2 and have applied and been approved by the Unit Team. A resident in this phase is required to maintain privilege level 3 or 4. A resident in this phase shall finalize their discharge from the program and prepare for re-entry to the community, transfer to a minimum security facility or housing unit, or placement in an Earned Living Unit (ELU). (For a resident serving a lengthy sentence who is participating in the YARP as an exception, they would prepare to transition in accordance with a new case plan.)

During this phase, a resident is expected to complete a minimum of forty (40) hours of civic service to include mentoring of other residents, assisting staff in the presentation of programs, and/or participating in work assignments off grounds, if available and appropriate.

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4. Residents in the YARP may receive incentives of their choosing, with the approval of the Unit Team, on both a weekly basis (e.g., movie night) and a monthly basis (e.g., pizza night, barbeque).
5. The Unit Manager, or designee, shall hold a weekly meeting with residents in the YARP to review the program, address issues, and make any appropriate adjustments.
6. The Unit Team shall monitor the progress of each resident in the program at least monthly.
7. When a resident does not maintain compliance with the criteria of their current phase, the Unit Team shall meet with the resident and make a determination on a drop in privilege level. A drop in privilege level is not intended as a punitive measure but rather as an indication that the resident needs to work on meeting the criteria for their current phase.
8. If a resident is dropped to a privilege level below 3, the resident shall either be given additional time to progress to a higher privilege level, which may cause a delay in their completing their current phase beyond the applicable time frame listed above, or the Unit Team may recommend their removal from the program for unsatisfactory participation.

#### **VIII. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

None

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