POLICY TITLE: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 3: PERSONNEL

STATE of MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS:

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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

**Entire Maine Department of Corrections** 

### III. POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to make employees aware of the State Employee Assistance Program, which provides confidential assessment and referral services to state employees in the event of personal crisis, including, but not limited to, alcoholism and drug abuse, emotional problems, family problems, and financial, legal, or other problems.

## IV. CONTENTS

Procedure A: Employee Assistance Program

### V. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: State of Maine Employee Assistance Program Pamphlet

### VI. PROCEDURES

# Prodecure A: Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

1. Personnel Officers, or designees, shall assure that all employees are provided with pamphlets and other information regarding the State of Maine Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

- 2. Participation in the EAP is on a voluntary basis. Although supervisors, union officials and co-workers may encourage an employee to seek help, the decision to seek and accept assistance is the responsibility of the employee.
- 3. Supervisors and Personnel Officers may use the EAP, either for referrals or for consultation. Supervisors and Personnel Officers may encourage employees to use the EAP if job performance has become an issue.
- 4. Employees may access the EAP by contacting the toll-free number or may refer to Attachment A and contact the EAP professional in a specific geographic area.

# VII. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

### ACA:

- ACI 4-4063 There is a written policy and procedure that specifies support for a drug-free workplace for all employees. This policy includes at a minimum the following:
  - prohibition of the use of illegal drugs
  - prohibition of possession of any illegal drug except in the performance of official duties
  - the procedures to be used to ensure compliance
  - the opportunities available for treatment and/or counseling for drug abuse
  - · the penalties for violation of the policy
- ACI 4-4071 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for an employee assistance program that is approved by the parent agency.
- 4-ACRS-7C-02 The facility implements a drug-free workplace policy. Policies specify support for a drug-free workplace and are reviewed annually and include, at a minimum, the following:
  - · Prohibition of the use of illegal drugs
  - Prohibition of possession of any illegal drug except in the performance of official duties
  - Procedures to be used to ensure compliance
  - Opportunities available for treatment and/or counseling for drug abuse
  - Penalties for violation of the policy
  - 4-JCF-6D-03 The facility implements a drug-free workplace policy. Policies specifying support for a drug-free workplace are reviewed at least annually and include, at a minimum, the following:
    - Prohibition of the use of illegal drugs
    - Prohibition of possession of any illegal drug except in the performance of official duties
    - Procedures to be used to ensure compliance
    - Opportunities available for treatment and/or counseling for drug abuse
    - · Penalties for violation of the policy
  - 4-JCF-6D-08 There is an approved employee assistance program.

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# Living Resources Program (formerly known as Employee Assistance Program or "EAP"):

The new Living Resources Program is available to State of Maine employees & retirees, Maine Community College System employees & retirees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) employees & retirees and all of their household members. The program offers:

Confidential, Short-Term Counseling Services: This no-cost counseling service can help with issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, grief, etc.

Legal and Financial Information, Support and Resources: Speak with professionals by phone on a wide range of issues including family law, real estate transactions, debt consolidation, taxes, etc.

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Call Toll Free 1-844-207-LINK (5465)
TDD 1-800-697-0353 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf)
GuidanceResources.com (Web ID: LivingME)

\*Effective July 1, 2015 the Employee Assistance Program services are provided by ComPsych Corporation.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Personal issues, planning for life events or simply managing daily life can affect your work, health and family. Your Living Resources Program (formerly known as Employee Assistance Program or EAP) provides support, resources and information for personal and work-life issues. Living Resources is company-sponsored, confidential and provided at no charge to you and your dependents. This flyer explains how your Living Resources Program can help you and your family deal with everyday challenges.

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