



# Top 10 Questions Asked at...

## CTC Erie (Parole Violator Residents)

### **1. How long is the program? When am I going to be assessed?**

Our program is 90 days. Assessments are done within the first 7-10 days of arrival.

### **2. How long are the groups and how long does it take for my board action (green sheet) to come in?**

Group programming is the same amount of time that you are here from the time of your assessment date. A board action from the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole can take up to several weeks to be received.

### **3. Is CTC-Erie a smoking facility? Am I allowed to smoke?**

Yes. We are a smoking facility. There is a designated smoking area.

### **4. Am I able to start on my MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) treatment?**

Yes, we work with providers in the community that will start the process prior to your discharge and you will have your first scheduled appointment prior to leaving.

### **5. Am I able to continue my mental health services while in the program? Am I able to see the doctor?**

We work with several providers in the area. We offer assistance to help you continue those services after discharge. We have a doctor who will provide refills on medications you are currently taking as long as there is proper documentation. The facility has a doctor who comes in on a weekly basis to provide basic medical/mental health services.

### **6. What items am I allowed to bring? What items am I allowed to have?**

You may have a change of clothing, sleepwear, and undergarments for each day of the week (7). You may have unopened hygiene products. They cannot contain alcohol. You are permitted to have an MP3 player without camera or internet access.

### **7. How do the phones work? Are there payphones?**

There are payphones on the unit and most residents utilize the "Penny Talk" calling cards. The facility also has phone cards through EXPERTEL/ALARMCO, INC. that can be purchased. Cellphones are prohibited.

### **8. When are visiting days and times?**

Visitation days and times are assigned by therapists. Days are Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays. Visitors must have a valid Pennsylvania ID.

**9. Am I allowed to bring/have outside food items such as snacks and drinks? When can I drop necessities off? When am I allowed to receive drop-offs?**

No. The facility provides the residents with three meals a day. They are able to access vending machines for snacks and drinks. If there are special dietary considerations, they are provided a snack bag every evening. The designated property/money drop-off days for PVC are on their assigned visitation day from 8 am to 8 pm.

**10. How much money is each resident allowed to have?**

An initial dollar amount of up to \$75 can be kept by each person. For any monies received after the initial cash allowance, you may keep \$10 and the remainder is remitted to your budget. You may pull up to \$75 from your budget every week.