WERNERSVILLE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER

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Building 18

REENTRANT HANDBOOK

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RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRECTION OF THE CENTER DIRECTOR. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THESE CHANGES VIA MEMORANDUMS OR DURING A HOUSE MEETING.

General Information
Reentrants shall address staff by their title i.e. Mr. Mrs. or Ms.
Reentrants must participate in all safety drills and simulations of emergency situations.
Reentrants are not permitted authority over other Reentrants.
Reentrants shall not lay on the chairs, or place their feet on the walls.
Reentrants shall not use abusive, offensive, or profane language in the center.
Reentrants shall not socialize in hallways or in bathrooms. This includes placing any furniture in the hall or near the pay phones.

Counselor Assignment
Each reentrant is assigned to a counselor by the Center Director. Changing counselors requires the approval of the Center Director.

Orientation
Upon arriving to Wernersville Community Corrections Center Reentrants will spend five (5) business days on “black out” in Building 30. No sign-outs will be approved during this time period. Reentrants will meet with the assessment counselor, meet with their parole agent, complete orientation, and attend workshops. After this Reentrants will move to Building 18 and be assigned to a specific counselor.

Accountability
It is necessary for Center staff to make periodic checks of your whereabouts and verify your presence in or out of the Center. This could include furlough curfew checks and employment hour verification. If you are in an unauthorized area at any time, you will be subject to disciplinary action.

Count Procedures
Counts will be conducted as follows: two STANDING COUNTS between the hours of 0600-1400, two STANDING COUNTS between the hours of 1400-2200, and one count between 2200-0000. These counts shall be announced over the loudspeaker at which time Reentrants are to report to and remain in their rooms. Third shift shall also conduct two additional unannounced counts.
Sign Outs and Furloughs

All sign outs are based on a planner system. There are four planners and you will be assigned to a planner based upon your progress in the center. There is an unemployed, part-time, full-time and enhanced support planner.

Utility sign outs are a privilege and may be removed for violation of rules and regulations.

While at the center you may apply for a furlough. You must be infraction free for a period of 30 days, and have viable, full-time employment, or be participating in thirty-two (32) hours of community service per week. Please see your assigned counselor to apply.

While a Reentrant is on a home pass the monitor on duty may make verification calls at any time. Monitors must be able to reach Reentrants by phone.

Reentrants are required to spend a minimum of seven (7) consecutive hours a day in the Center.

Absconder

Failing to return to the Center at the conclusion of your approved sign out time may result in you being called in as an absconder. Once you are declared an absconder, your property will be considered abandoned and will be destroyed.

Employment

Reentrants are not permitted to be self-employed, employed by an immediate family member or in a family-owned business unless approved by the Center Director.

Reentrants must submit an “Employment Verification Form” to their counselor and obtain permission to work.

When you are asked to work overtime, you must have your work supervisor call the Center and tell the staff when you are expected to return. If you know in advance that you have the opportunity for overtime, you must request approval from your Counselor.

Finances

The Center does not manage Reentrant finances. All Reentrants will be required to turn their paystub to their counselors, within 24 hours of receipt, in order to verify hours worked during that period.

Reentrants may only have up to a total of $500 cash on their person at any time.

Transportation

Public transportation is provided through BARTA (Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority). Up to date schedules can be viewed through their website.

The center may also be able to assist Reentrants with transportation to work. Reentrants should consult their counselors for more details.
Drug and Alcohol Testing

At any time you may be requested to give a urine specimen. The urines are screened for alcohol and drugs. Positive results may lead to disciplinary action.

A Breathalyzer test shall be administered upon the Reentrants return to the center from any sign-out.

If you cannot produce a urine specimen, you must stay in the location designated by the CCC Monitor until the cup can be at least half full of urine. You are permitted to drink one cup of water while you are waiting to give a specimen. You have up to two hours only to provide a urine specimen! After two hours, we may consider you as refusing to obey an order and you will receive an infraction. Any attempt to alter a urine sample will result in an unsuccessful discharge from the facility.

Community Service

All Reentrants of the center are required to do a minimum of 8 hours per month regardless of your status. Reentrants are encouraged to volunteer for community service over and above the eight hours. Reentrants may also be asked to volunteer or be mandated to complete further time as needed. Failure to complete eight hours each month may result in an infraction report. Furlough community service is a total of 32 hours per week.

Medical

Reentrants are responsible for their own health care.

All prescribed medication, including syringes and insulin, must be turned over to the monitor staff upon entrance to the Center. This would include any instructions regarding the use of the medication. It will be placed in the Medication Room and Reentrants will be able to take their medications at designated, announced times. These times will also be posted on the Medication Room door.

Personal Area

Nothing on top of the locker at any time.

All footwear is to be placed under the bed at all times as well as the black boxes you are provided at intake.

Nothing hanging from the beds. Only coats and towels should be hanging on your locker hook.

Nothing blocking or hanging on the air vents, fire sprinkler or windows.

Lockers must be closed and secured at all times.

Reentrants are permitted to decorate their area with personal effects. However, nothing shall be hung on walls under any circumstance. Decorations may be placed inside lockers provided no permanent attachment or damage is done.
Dorm Rooms

At reception, each Reentrant is assigned a room by the monitor staff. These assignments are based solely on bed space availability and any documented medical problem.

Bed/room changes are made at the discretion of the Center Director.

Each sleeping area of the center shall have a bed, mattress, and a locker for each Reentrant.

All Reentrants, unless working night shift (2200-0600, 2300-0700), must be out of bed by 7:00 a.m.

Lights out is at midnight. At this time you must be in your sleeping areas.

Staff will not provide wake up calls for residents!

Issued Property

At reception to the center, each Reentrants shall be issued 2 sheets, 1 pillow, 1 pillowcase, 1 bed spread, 1 towel, 1 black box and 2 locks.

Reentrants must wash their linens at least once weekly and show it to monitor staff at Control.

Personal linens and bedding are NOT authorized.

Personal Property

Reentrants may retain personal clothing within specified limits. If a Reentrants personal property does not fit in your locker then that property is considered excessive property and must be removed. Staff will monitor your property closely in order to decrease the amount of excessive personal property in the facility. Failure to comply with these orders regarding excessive personal property may result in confiscation of that property and may result in disciplinary action.

No personal locks are permitted.

All property brought into the center is done so at the Reentrants own risk. It is not the center’s responsibility to safeguard all things in the center. It is suggested that all Reentrants tag personal items with name and DOC # so there is no question of ownership.

The following limitations on personal property will apply:

- 5 - Pair of shoes (excluding shower shoes) which must be stored under your bed
- 7 - Days of regular clothing (i.e. shirts, pants, underwear)
- 3 - Sets of work clothes
- 3 - Coats (1 winter, 1 work, 1 light spring/fall jacket)

If a Reentrants absconds, his property is considered to be abandoned and will be removed and donated to a legitimate local charity or placed in the Indigent Room.

Dress and Appearance

Although there is no formal "dress code", Reentrants are expected to represent the center with respect in the way they dress.
Sunglasses, hats, caps, doo-rags, hoods or any other kind of head covering shall not be worn in the center.

While you are in the center, Reentrants are required to wear a shirt with sleeves and cover the lower part of body at all times, except while in the shower. Pants should be worn at waist level while in the center.

Clothing shall not display alcohol, drug, sexual or violence related illustrations, writing or obscenities, or any gang related writing/illustrations.

Some jobs may result in soiled clothing, etc. Work boots with mud and dirt should be removed and cleaned prior to entering the center. Do not track mud and dirt in from the street.

Reentrants are not permitted to wear street clothes while sleeping in bed.

Showers are the only authorized changing areas.

**Food**

The Wernersville CCC will provide each Reentrant with breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack daily.

Should the Reentrant sign-out prior to the designated meal times a meal will be saved for them.

The only food items that will be permitted to be brought in are: 1 sealed container of coffee, 1 sealed containers or creamer, and 1 sealed container of sugar.

**Phones**

There are payphones in the hallways for use by Reentrants.

Center staff shall not take personal calls or relay messages of a personal nature to Reentrants.

Cell phones may be used by Reentrants according to criteria outlined in the cell phone agreement. Cell phone chargers may only be used in Reentrants rooms.

Cell phones are only to be used in your room and/or the day room.

**Tobacco Use**

This Center is a tobacco free facility. Smoking is not permitted inside the center at any time. Tobacco is considered to be contraband and will be confiscated. You will be issued and infraction.
**Housekeeping and Chores**

You must be up and out of bed by 7:00 AM.

Your room must be cleaned and in order by 7:30AM for room inspection.

All room chores must be completed and ready for inspection by 7:30AM.

Duties are assigned and posted on each pod. The Center Director coordinates all cleaning assignments for their assigned rooms. An assignment to a detail does not mean this is an individual's only center cleaning responsibility.

All cleaning supplies and tools necessary to complete a detail shall be supplied by the center. Personal cleaning supplies are not authorized; the on-duty monitor shall see to it that the items needed are made available. All cleaning tools must be returned to the cleaning supply closet when not in use.

Involvement in the housekeeping plan at the center is **MANDITORY** for all Reentrants.

A red light will be placed outside of control until it has been determined that chores are complete. There shall be no sign-outs until the red light has been removed.

**Cleaning Weekends**

On cleaning weekends Reentrants are expected to do special cleaning assignments in addition to the daily or weekly duties. These weekends occur when there are not community service projects to be completed.

Reentrants will not be permitted furlough sign outs or extended sign outs on assigned cleaning weekends.

**Laundry Facilities**

There are coin operated washers and dryers for the Reentrants use in completing regular laundry needs on each pod.

Indigent reentrants must have approval from their counselor and Center Director in order to use the indigent laundry.

**Gambling**

Any form of legal or illegal gambling is prohibited while you are a resident. This includes all lotteries that are legal for everyone except residents (i.e. Daily Number, Big 4, Cash 5, Powerball, and scratch-off lottery tickets, etc.). You signed an agreement that explained this specifically. Although you may play card games, board games, dominoes, and billiards while at the Center, reentrants are not to be gambling while playing these games inside the Center. Any form of gambling paraphernalia or item with the appearance of gambling paraphernalia will be confiscated by Staff.

**Reentrants Mail**

All Reentrants of the Wernersville Community Corrections Center shall use 165 Main St Building 18, Wernersville, PA 19565 as their legal address. Please make sure mail and packages have your name and DOC# on them.
All bags, boxes, packages and parcels (including those carried by Reentrants and/or their families into or out of the center) shall be opened in the presence of staff to avert the introduction of contraband into the center or the unauthorized removal of center or Reentrant property.

Once sorted, Reentrants mail shall be distributed in the Reentrant’s control folder.

**Automobiles**

All reentrant vehicles on campus must be approved by the Counselor, Center Director and Parole Supervision Staff. See your counselor for details.

**Bicycles**

Bicycles are allowed to be stored on the bike rack provided in front of building 18. You are advised to get a lock for your bicycle. They are brought in at your own risk. You must register your bike by completing a WCCC Resident Bicycle Registration form.

**Visiting Privileges**

All visitors must be on the Authorized Visitors List, which is available from your counselor.

Visitors are to report to the monitor staff upon their arrival to the center.

Visitors are subject to search procedures prior to entering the visiting area.

Visitors must clear the metal detector. If the visitor cannot clear the metal detector he/she will not be permitted into the facility.

Visitors are to present a valid photo I.D. to the monitor staff. Visitors are to be signed in the visitors log by monitor staff prior to authorization to visit.

Children under eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, unless emancipated.

Reentrants must not be on restriction to have visiting privileges.

Visitors are permitted from 07:00 hours to 19:00 hours daily.

Arrangements for special visits (i.e., visits with attorneys, clergy, social service representatives, hospitalized Reentrants, and relatives who have traveled long distances) shall be approved by the center director or designee.

Reentrants and visitors are to conduct themselves in a respectful, appropriate manner, and must be dressed appropriately.

**Religious Participation**

Reentrants shall be permitted to attend religious activities on a voluntary basis.

**EXCEPTION**: Reentrants under restriction, pending an infraction hearing or under discipline/restriction for rule violations who desire to participate in religious activities must discuss arrangements for participation with the counselor in advance.
Searches

As a resident of the Center, you and your property are subject to search at any time. We will try to do property searches while you are available, but it is not always possible. You **DO NOT** have to be present while your property is searched. We have the right to search your person at any time. Anything you bring into or take out of the Center will be searched. Any property that appears to be contraband will be confiscated and you will be issued a DC-154A Confiscated Item Receipt. The Center Director will then review the property and make a final decision as to the outcome of the situation. Any interference during a search will result in an infraction report.

Contraband

Possession of contraband may result in an infraction report.

If you are aware of the presence of contraband in the facility, it is your responsibility to inform staff on duty. Remember, failure to report the presence of contraband is also a violation of the rules and regulations of the Center. For a detailed list of contraband see Contraband list at the back of this handbook. This list is subject to change at any time. Any changes will be distributed via reentrant memo or house meeting.

Infractions

In the event a Reentrant violates the rules and regulations outlined in the USOR, the behavior may result in an infraction report or Parole Conference.

The Infraction Hearing will be conducted by the Center Director/designee and the Parole Conferences will be conducted with the Parole Supervisor and the Center Director/designee.

Grievances

You are covered by the same grievance procedures you had in prison. Please refer to BCC-ADM 804. You are expected to utilize the proper Chain of Command when you have a complaint so that staff has an opportunity to assess and address your concerns in an organized manner.

Grievances can be found on the silver box outside the Center Director’s office. This is also where they are to be submitted.

Access to Courts/Counsel

Staff shall assist a Reentrants, when necessary, in making confidential contact with attorneys and his authorized representatives, including law students, special investigators, and other persons who have a legitimate connection with the legal issue being pursued. Provisions shall be made for visits by such individuals during normal center hours and after-hour visits requested because of special circumstances. Correspondence and telephone communications with such individuals shall not be censored except when necessary to maintain security in the center.
Staff shall ensure the right of a Reentrants to have access to the courts. A Reentrants seeking judicial relief shall not be subject to reprisals or penalties because of his/her decision to seek such relief.

**Court**

If you have reasons to go to court at any level, please notify your counselor and Agent as soon as you find out this information. You must provide your counselor with a copy of your court paperwork for verification and facility records. Travel to court outside of the parole district will require a travel pass from Parole Supervision Staff.

**Law Violations**

If you are involved in any contact with any law enforcement or criminal justice agency, it must be reported to staff immediately, including traffic citations. If you are incarcerated or detained by any law enforcement agency, you need to identify yourself as a resident of the Center and ask if they will call the Center to verify your location. If we do not know where you are, Absconder charges will be filed. If staff discovers that you have attempted to conceal any contact with a law enforcement agency, disciplinary action will be taken.

**Loitering**

No one is permitted to loiter in front of or near the Center, including visitors. At no time should a WCCC Reentrant cross Main Street onto DPW, Wernersville State Hospital Property. Residents are only permitted to use the gazebo. All visits must be held in the visiting room only.

**Damage**

This is your temporary home and you are expected to treat the Center with care and respect. Intentional damage to any part of the building or its contents will result in disciplinary action.

If you notice anything that is not working properly, please report it to the Staff on duty immediately with a description of the problem. Anything can wear out or break from the heavy use received in this facility. When they occur, these things may require a quick response to keep your "home" in good repair.
**Unauthorized Areas**

These are areas that you are not permitted to be without the direct supervision of a staff member. If you are seen in these areas unsupervised, disciplinary action will be taken against you.

The list is as follows:
1. Monitors Control Station
2. All Staff Offices and Administrative Areas and storage areas without permission
3. Dormitories other than the dormitory you are assigned to sleep
4. Visitor’s Restroom
5. Fire Escapes and Emergency Exits
6. Roof
7. Basement / tunnel
8. Another Resident’s Personal Area.

Throughout the building, you will see certain utilities such as fire alarm pull stations, smoke detectors, heat sensors, fuse boxes, electrical boxes, staff business phones, security alarm devices, fire extinguishers, emergency lights, smoke eaters, thermostats, and security cameras; if you attempt to alter, tamper with, vandalize, or disable any of these utilities, disciplinary action may be taken against you as well.

**Emergency Plans:**

**Fire in the center**

If you suspect a fire for any reason, notify the monitor staff, or the nearest staff person available.

If you become aware of an actual fire:

- Remain as calm as possible. Avoid panic.
- Only as circumstances permit, alert all persons within the facility (Reentrants, visitors, and staff) that there is a fire and specify its location.
- Pull the handle of the nearest pull station (fire alarm box). Pull stations are located throughout the center.
- Exit the building by the nearest exit as noted by the posted emergency exit signs.
- Assemble, together with staff and other center Reentrants directly in front of building 18 on the lawn.
- Follow the instructions of the staff person in charge of the center at the time of the emergency. If no staff member is available, follow the instructions of the authority in charge (fire chief, police).

Fire drills shall be simulated regularly and unannounced. Reentrants are required to participate and cooperate fully with staff that is conducting the exercise.

**Major Disaster** - Flood, Tornado, Snowstorm, Nuclear, or Other Emergency Management Crisis.

This plan goes into effect when a disaster or special emergency is officially declared by proper authority (the Governor, County Commissioners, Mayor, PA Secretary of Corrections,
Community Corrections Regional Director, etc.). The plan remains in effect only for the duration of that declared emergency situation.

When a disaster or emergency situation has been declared or is imminent:

- Avoid panic, and remain calm.
- Return to the center if possible, or telephone the center immediately for instructions.
- The staff member in charge shall explain what is expected of you and what action you should take.
- If an evacuation is called for:
  - Follow the instructions of the staff member in charge.
  - Choose necessities you shall need, and secure the remainder of your possessions in your locker. Suggested items are: several changes of clothing, seasonably appropriate outer-wear, eyeglasses and/or contact lenses (and necessary cleansing solution), cosmetics, battery-powered portable radio, etc. If prescription medication is being kept at the center for you, it shall be given to you at this time.
  - If you have an approved furlough location that is beyond the area affected, you may be given an emergency furlough during part, or all, of the emergency. If you do not have an approved furlough location, you will be given further instruction.
  - Wherever you are placed, you remain at all times accountable to the Department of Corrections, the Community Corrections Center, and/or the Board of Probation & Parole. You shall need to provide a reliable means of verification for the time that you are out of communication with center staff. This means you must register in person on a daily basis with a recognized authority who shall record, and later can be contacted to verify, these daily contacts. Inform this person of your status, and obtain his name, title, office address, and telephone number.
    - Suggestions are: the person in charge of the facility where you are staying, your employer, the local police department, local emergency management office, any state or county offices nearby -- Public Assistance, Employment, Probation and Parole, or counseling agencies -- American Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, local social services, etc.

In all cases, orders and instructions of emergency management and police authorities must be followed.
For up-to-the-minute reports and instructions, tune a radio to a local station, or the Emergency Alert Station for Dauphin County.

As soon as communication by telephone becomes possible, you are to telephone the center for further instructions. Alternate telephone is the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

All Reentrants must return to the center within twelve (12) hours following the official termination of the emergency.
**Contraband**

*This is not an all-inclusive list.*

1. Tape recorders or radios, tape players, and external speakers.
2. Prescribed medication that is not turned over to Control.
3. Disabling devices or substances.
4. Toxic, caustic, and flammable materials.
5. All poisonous substances, explosive devices or combustible materials i.e. cleaning or lighter fluids.
6. Any colognes or body sprays containing alcohol.
7. Aerosol sprays of any type.
8. Any credit card. Any unauthorized debit or automatic teller machine card (ATM, MAC). (Credit/debit/charge card(s) in another person’s name)
10. Laser Pointers.
11. Items, which may violate an individual treatment contract with a community service agency.
12. Duffle bags of any sort.
13. Fans over 12”, on a stand or oscillating.
14. Food in not permitted with the exception of 1 **SEALeD** coffee, creamer, and/or sugar.
15. Tobacco (cigarettes, chewing/pouch tobacco, rolling tobacco) or tobacco related products such as rolling paper, lighters and matches.
16. Fraudulent tax returns and/or IRS or state income tax forms that may be used in the fraudulent filing of tax returns.
17. Under-wire bras.
18. Items of value above the prescribed limits permitted within the facility.
19. Any items not issued through approved channels.
20. Personal items or valuables whose ownership cannot be determined.
21. Excessive amounts of any authorized item. Items which are of value (jewelry, watches, etc.)
22. Unauthorized electronic devices and/or products; and any other article specifically prohibited by state or federal statute, Department policy, or regulation.
23. Items listed as contraband elsewhere in the handbook.