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# Parole Violator Center Program

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## Parole Violator Centers

It is the goal of the Parole Board to address your violation behavior in order to help you successfully complete parole and lead a law-abiding lifestyle.

Parole violator centers are designed to focus on providing immediate treatment and programming that are specific to your circumstances. Placement in the parole violator center is based on your technical parole violations.

In a parole violator center, you are not permitted to leave the center without an official escort.

## Parole Violator Center Programming

The Parole Violator Center program is a joint effort between the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. The centers use a Community Based Life Skills (CBLIS) program.

### How does this Program benefit me?



- You will be placed in the parole violator center instead of being placed in a state correctional institution, which will keep you close to community support systems.
- You will immediately receive programming at the parole violator center. If you waive the right to a violation hearing, you do not need to go through the Board's violation hearing process.
- You will likely be released to an approved home plan in a much shorter time period as long as you successfully complete **ALL** programming and any other requirements.

### What happens when I arrive at the Parole Violator Center?

Upon arrival, you will immediately be assessed for programming needs by the parole violator center staff, which includes an assigned parole agent. Your individual programming needs will be addressed and a plan designed to address the behavioral issues that caused your technical violation(s).

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At orientation, the parole supervision staff will determine if you have an approved home plan. If not, you will be required to submit a home plan request as soon as possible to the parole agent. If you cannot develop a home plan, the center staff will coordinate with the Bureau of Community Corrections for you to transfer to a community corrections center as close as possible to your family support system once you complete the program.

All daily activities will take place inside the secure perimeter of the facility. This applies to treatment, education, recreation, meals, leisure time, housing, visits, etc.

## **Parole Violator Center Program Process**

While at the parole violator center, you will participate in the following program components:

### **■ Intake**

You will receive a facility orientation. A copy of facility rules and expectations as well as photo identification will be provided.

### **■ Assessment**

An assessment to review all major need areas will be conducted based upon an interview and testing. A comprehensive treatment plan will be developed and approved by the joint case review team. This team includes the parole agent, regional program manager or contract facility coordinator, center director and you.



### **■ Daily Activities**

You will be required to participate in eight hours of structured activities five days per week. Activities may include individual counseling sessions, group sessions, NA/AA, interactive journaling, community meetings, role playing sessions, and table top problem solving meetings.

### **■ Progress Review**

Your progress will be reviewed with you by the parole violator center and Board staff. The date of program completion will be established as a result of your programming needs.

## **Community-Based Life Skills Program**

Upon your arrival, the facility staff will complete an assessment to determine your placement in one of the following three treatment options. You are expected to actively participate in treatment:

### **■ Community Based Life Skills - General Treatment**

If assessed at this level, you will receive Community Based Life Skills (CBLS) based on your individual programming needs in these life skills areas:

- Motivation
  - Thinking for a Change
  - Anger management
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- Employment
  - Career development
  - Coping with relationships
  - Parenting
  - Financial responsibility and money management

#### ■ **Community Based Life Skills - Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) (Low)**

If assessed at this level, you will receive CBLs based on your individual programming needs identified above and includes:

- Recovery maintenance: Similar to the AOD Parole Violators programming received in a state correctional institution.

#### ■ **Community Based Life Skills - Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) (High)**

If assessed at this level, you will receive CBLs based on your individual programming needs identified above and includes:

- AOD Intensive: Similar to the Parole Violator Therapeutic Community (TC) programming received in a State Correctional Institution.

### **How long will I remain at the Parole Violator Center?**

Length of stay is dependent on your programming needs and your commitment to satisfying the requirements of the program. The length of time will be six months maximum and automatic reparole.

### **What do I have to do while in the Center?**

- Work with the center staff to address the issues that caused your violation.
- Actively participate in programming to achieve the most benefit.
- Work on developing a home plan.
- Maintain good conduct.

### **Questions and Contact Information**

Questions concerning the parole violator center should be directed to staff of the Department of Corrections or the Board of Probation and Parole staff.

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