



NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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CD-082700 Restoration into Population Program	Issued: 12/9/13 Effective: 12/9/13	Reviewed: 12/31/18 Revised: 01/16/16
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A. NMSA 1978, Sections 33-1-6

REFERENCES:

A. Policy *CD-082800*

PURPOSE:

Allow for inactive Security Threat Group (STG) and/or Disruptive Group (DG), non-predatory inmates to have an alternative to placement in Special Management and to be placed in General Population.

APPLICABILITY:

Director and Deputy Director of Adult Prisons Division, Security Threat Intelligence Unit (STIU) Staff, Facility Wardens, Unit Managers, Program Managers, Classification Staff, and Inmates of the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD).

FORMS:

A. **Restoration into Population Program Participation form** (*CD-082701.1*).

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DEFINITIONS:

- A. *Criminal Management Information System (CMIS)*: An automated computer system utilized by the Corrections Department for the purpose of tracking the status of offenders.
- B. *Custody Levels*: An objective assessment of each inmate's risk of violence and escape. These include Level I, II, III and IV. The Custody Level will be utilized to determine each inmate's housing status.
- C. *De-Brief*: A formal process of analyzing all facts, interviews, intelligence, data and circumstances involving the renunciation process.

- D. Inactive Member: An inmate who no longer meets the criteria for active membership in a gang (as defined in STIU policy 131504), or who is not in good standing or has disassociated themselves from their group or gang.
- E. Recovery Oriented Community (ROC): Peer-driven program of renounced gang members with evidence-based programming as part of the curriculum.
- F. Renunciation: A formal rejection, typically a rejection of a belief, claim, or course of action.
- G. RDAP: Residential Drug Alcohol Program.
- H. RPP Administrator: Facility-level coordinator of the RPP program.
- I. RPP Committee: Multidisciplinary committee comprised of the facility RPP Administrator and staff from Classification, Medical, Mental Health, Education and Security.
- J. RPP Manager: Statewide-level coordinator of the RPP program.
- K. RPP Mentor: An inmate who has completed the RPP program and who has been selected by a job interview panel based on their commitment to rejecting the gang lifestyle.

POLICY:

A. Qualification:

1. Inmate must be an inactive member of a Security Threat Group or Disruptive Group.
2. Inmate must be interviewed by the RPP Manager or designee and recommended to the Director of Adult Prisons for approval.

B. Initial De-Briefing:

1. Series of interviews with the process being conducted by the Security Threat Intelligence Unit.
2. The determination if an inmate's status as inactive and non-predatory will be made through the STIU investigation process.

C. Step-Down Units:

1. Northeast New Mexico Detention Facility (NENMDF) will be used as the primary 30-day RPP orientation step-down unit.
2. When needed, the Penitentiary of New Mexico (PNM) may be required to establish step-down units.

D. RPP General Population Unit:

1. This will be a Level III Unit.
2. Programming and services will be consistent with those given to Level III inmates.

E. Renunciation:

1. Inmates placed in RPP will be given an opportunity to renounce STG or DG affiliations.
2. Inmates must show no evidence of engaging in gang related activity.
3. The RPP Manager will make determination of Renunciation eligibility.

F. Return to General Population:

1. Any RPP inmate, upon recommendation of the Unit Management Team or RPP Committee and with approval of the Warden, may be returned to General Population.

G. For purposes of maintaining accountability and fidelity of the program, the RPP Administrator will provide a written weekly report to the RPP Manager, the Facility Warden and the Director of Adult Prisons.



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PROCEDURES:

Inmates in the RPP program will participate in the following programs and behavioral expectations:

A. 30-day Orientation to the RPP includes the inmate's participation in the following:

1. Interview by STIU staff, who will complete a STIU Renunciation Questionnaire form (*CD-131506.2*).
2. Programs led by RPP Mentors.

B. Notarized Contract

1. After completing the 30-day orientation, inmates will be offered the opportunity to renounce. At any time while in RPP an inmate may decide to enter this process.
2. Refusal to participate in renunciation does not require removal from RPP.
3. Inmates who decide to renounce will sign a notarized contract to participate, and the acknowledgement of receipt of this policy on the **Restoration into Population Program Participation form** (*CD-082701.1*).

C. Inmate Behavior Expectations; failure to meet these expectations will result in removal from the RPP.

1. The NMCD will have a zero-tolerance policy for gang activity in RPP.
2. No activity that would be cause for placement in the Predatory Behavior Management Program (*CD-141000*).
3. Three drug related misconduct reports will result in removal from RPP.
 - a. Inmates found guilty of a misconduct report for A(19) Dealing in Dangerous Drugs will be referred to the Drug Suppression Unit per Policy CD-142000.

- b. Urinalysis tests will be given randomly once a month in addition to any other UA tests.
4. Mandatory monthly tattoo checks for all RPP inmates. Any new gang related tattoos constitute gang activity.
5. Attempts at forming new gangs.
6. A return to the RPP program after removal, will be evaluated on a case-by- case basis.

D. Recovery Oriented Community (ROC)

1. RPP Mentors will be utilized to assist inmates in renouncing the gang lifestyle.
2. Evidence based programming will be part of ROC.
3. Inmates may be eligible for a LSA of one (1) month per each six (6) months of involvement in ROC with recommendation of RPP Committee and approval of NMCD. Inmates may earn up to a total of four (4) months LSA for ROC participation.
4. Inmates will be required to complete a 1000 word autobiography prior to completing ROC, which will be submitted to the RPP Administrator for review. The RPP Administrator will then forward the autobiography to the RPP Manager for review.
5. Urinalysis tests will be given randomly once a month in addition to any other UA tests.
6. Inmates are required to complete the ROC program prior to renunciation de-briefing.

E. Residential Drug Alcohol Program (RDAP)

1. Inmates are required to complete RDAP prior to renunciation de-briefing.
2. Inmates may be eligible for a 4 month LSA upon completion of RDAP.

F. Renunciation De-Briefing

1. In accordance with Policy CD-131500, STIU will conduct an intensive de-briefing interview and the inmate will fully disclose all firsthand knowledge of past gang involvement.

G. Public Renunciation

1. The NMCD Director of Adult Prisons or designee will have final approval of who is permitted to make Public Renunciation.

2. Inmates will make a video statement regarding renunciation.
3. Inmates must speak on these issues:
 - a. Inmate must state his full name.
 - b. Must state they have left the gang life and mention all the gangs he is renouncing. Inmate must renounce all affiliations to street and prison gangs.
 - c. Must state why he wants to leave gang life.
 - d. Must state the negative effects of the gang life on himself, his family and the community at large.
 - e. Inmate must apologize to his family and to the citizens of New Mexico for his participation in any gang violence and/or participation in gang related drug trafficking and/or gang related recruitment.
 - f. The inmate's public renunciation video will be posted on the NMCD public website.

H. Benefits of the Completed Renunciation Process

1. Removal of the STG label from the inmate's CMIS file.
2. Eligibility for placement in Level I, II, or III, per CD-080100. The inmate may also choose to remain in RPP housing.
3. Placement in Renunciation Honor Unit in RPP facility to include extra privileges as permitted by facility Warden.
4. May become eligible for Standard Supervision upon approval of the parole board.
5. Eligible for gang related tattoo removal or cover-up program on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Warden based on program availability.
6. Paid employment as a RPP Mentor. RPP Mentors will be inmates selected by a job interview panel based on their commitment to rejecting the gang lifestyle.
7. Upon completion of the renunciation process, may be eligible for a LSA of up to four

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Inmate Name: _____ NMCD#: _____

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and fully understand New Mexico Corrections Department Policy CD-082700, Restoration into Population Program. I sincerely wish to no longer affiliate with any street or prison gang, and change my life. I will also follow all participation guidelines established by NMCD RPP program policies.

Inmate Signature

Inmate Printed Name

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____