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Training and Staff Development Standards

I. Training and Staff Development

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) will provide employees with the opportunity for training and staff development necessary to develop job related expertise, foster professional growth, and encourage the pursuit of career goals. (2-CO-1C-14)

Qualified staff will plan, coordinate, and supervise the training program. (2-CO-1D-01, 5-ACI-1D-01, 4-ACRS-7B-10, 4-APPFS-3A-06)

A. Orientation

Orientation standards will be developed for the training of new staff. All new employees, part-time and contract staff and volunteers will receive orientation prior to job assignment. (2-CO-1D-05, 5-ACI-1D-17, 4-ACRS-7B-18)

B. Job Specific Training

ODOC will provide job specific training that is oriented toward specific learning objectives designed to prepare new employees to perform their jobs in a professional, safe, and effective manner.

C. In-Service Training

Employees will be provided with mandatory and elective training opportunities that meet statutory requirements and foster continuing professional development.

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D. Leadership/Management Training

Employees will be provided with the training necessary and required to develop supervisory and managerial capabilities that meet statutory requirements and foster continuing professional development. (2-CO-1C-14)

E. Succession Planning

ODOC will develop a program to provide a systematic approach to ensure leadership continuity, develop potential successors in ways that best fit their strengths, and identify the best candidates for categories of positions.

F. Professional Seminars and Conferences

Employees will be provided opportunities to attend professionally related seminars and conferences that enhance professionalism and job knowledge. (2-CO-1D-10) Resources of other public and private agencies may be utilized as available. (2-CO-1D-04, 5-ACI-1D-07, 5-ACI-1D-22, 4-ACRS-7B-19, 4-APPFS-3A-21)

II. Annual Review

The agency's training plan will provide for ongoing evaluation of all orientation, job specific, and in-service training. Specialized training programs will be re-evaluated at least annually. (2-CO-1D-03, 5-ACI-1D-01, 5-ACI-1D-03, 5-ACI-1D-05, 4-ACRS-7B-11, 4-APPFS-3A-19)

III. References

74 O.S. § 840-3.1.

Merit Rule 260:25-17-90 through Merit Rule 260:25-17-97 "Mandatory Supervisory Training"

IV. Action

The agency director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The agency director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy statement will require prior written approval of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections.

This policy is effective as indicated.

Replaced: Policy Statement P-100100 entitled "Training and Staff Development Standards" dated March 24, 2021

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