



Charleston County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedures Manual

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18-28 Social Programs

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ACA Standards Reference: 5-ALDF-4c-36; 5A-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09; 6B-05; 6D-01; 7D-11
CALEA Standards Reference:
NCCHC Standards Reference:
SCLEA Standards Reference:
SC Minimum Standards: 2030

This policy dated 1/29/2025 replaces prior policies cited above and supersedes all previously issued directives.

I. Purpose:

To describe the social programs available to inmates in the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center (SACDC). (Ref: 5-ALDF-5A-02)

II. Policy:

It is the policy of the SACDC to offer an array of programs to meet the needs of inmates. (Ref: SC Min. 2030, 5-ALDF-5A-02)

III. Definitions:

A. For purposes of this procedure, the word "deputy" applies to all agency employees with a certification classification of Class I, Class II, or Class III, or Reserve Deputy, as defined by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

The following terms are used interchangeably; however, they carry guidance to specific employees based on usage of the term:

1. Deputy, deputy sheriff, detention deputy, sworn employee, uniformed sworn employee, sworn administrative employee, reserve deputy.
2. civilian, non-sworn employee.

B. *Employee:* When used without further clarification, the term employee is inclusive of all agency members (sworn and non-sworn).

IV. Procedure:

A. The SACDC makes available the professional services necessary to meet identified needs of inmates. Services may include individual counseling, group counseling, job training, parenting skills and drug and alcohol addiction services. (Ref: 5-ALDF-5A-03, 6B-05)

B. The Persons Incarcerated Entering Recovery Program (PIER) is the primary avenue for inmates to enroll and participate in drug, alcohol and other substance abuse services. This program is court ordered or on a volunteer basis and the cost for the program is the responsibility of the inmate. The PIER program is reviewed and updated annually. (Ref: 5-ALDF-4C-36, 5A-05)

C. Inmates participating in the PIER program are given extra canteen options to motivate them to continue and complete the program. (Ref: 5-ALDF-5A-08)

- D. The PIER program is a division of the Charleston County Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS).
- E. Inmates who are court ordered, or otherwise qualify for the DAODAS program, shall be provided substance abuse counseling and may be required to submit to drug testing. (Ref: 5-ALDF-5A-04)
- F. Other programs which may be available to inmates, based on community resources, include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
 - 2. AIDS Awareness Training;
 - 3. Inmate Worker Program;
 - 4. Work Keys-Job Readiness Training;
 - 5. 2 ND Chance Reentry Program;
 - 6. Impact of Crime;
 - 7. Other Pre-release programs as ordered by the Court;
 - 8. Career Development;
 - 9. Personal Development;
 - 10. Trident Technical Satellite Campus; and
 - 11. Continuum Care Support Services.(Ref: SC Min. 2030, 5-ALDF-5A-01, 02, 09, 6D-01)
- G. Inmates will request program information using the *Inmate Request form (SACDC Form-301)* or the kiosk. Staff will review the request and forward it to the appropriate program manager.
- H. Inmates are responsible for any program fees, if applicable. Inmates will not be restricted from any program due to indigent status. (Ref: 5-ALDF-6A-09)
- I. Staff will maintain records reflecting the number and type of programs, participants, and hours of participation in all programs offered.
- J. Programs shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis by the Detention Director or designee. (Ref: 5-ALDF- 7D-11)