

Iowa County Sheriff's Office

Corrections Division

Operating Philosophy

The Iowa County Sheriff and Corrections Division Staff are committed to providing a safe and secure place of detention in the least restrictive environment possible to ensure the safety of the public. The Corrections Division strives to operate in accordance set forth by the United States Constitution, the WI Department of Corrections code, applicable detention standards, and applicable court decisions.

The Sheriff and Corrections Division Staff are governed by responsibilities to the judicial system, Iowa County communities, and the inmates remanded to the Sheriff's custody. In addition, the Division seeks to maintain the standards for inmate health care established by the AMA through our contracted health care vendor.

A culture of organizational transparency increases the engagement and commitment of employees and the community stakeholders to the Division mission.

The main operational philosophy practiced within the Corrections Division is

- Assessing the risk and need each inmate presents to develop strategies to more effectively manage their behavior.
- Using the risk and need assessments to make informed housing decisions and classify inmates to facilitate behavior management.
- Provides services to avoid behavior problems that can result from a perceived deficiency of basic human needs.
- Defining and conveying expectations for inmate behavior.
- Supervising inmates to ensure inmate behavior meets Division expectations.
- Keeping inmates occupied with productive activities.

The Corrections Division is devoted to reducing recidivism and increasing public safety through effective program opportunities. Programming and security procedures must co-exist to ensure effective and efficient operations. Since most inmates will be returning to the community, opportunities for developing the skills necessary for self-sufficiency and address criminogenic needs are provided through social, psychological, educational, vocational, and spiritual programs

Staff assigned to the Corrections Division may receive specialized training in Crisis Intervention, Strategic Inmate Management, Interpersonal Communications, Motivational Interviewing, Mental Health First Aid, and Cultural Diversity which supports the Division's operating philosophy. Staff are also afforded equitable career opportunities which foster professional development, job satisfaction, and a quality work environment.

The vision of the Iowa County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division, focuses on actively managing inmate behavior to produce a jail operation that is safe and secure for the inmates, its staff, and visitors.