



Community Corrections Programs

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Our Mission:

To provide services to adult offenders which enhance public safety through effective and innovative programs which support positive choices, constructive behavior and accountability, thereby reducing repeat criminal behavior.

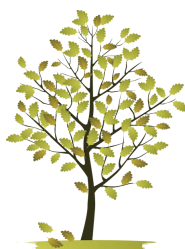
Our Principals:

- We believe that change is possible, and it begins internally.
- We believe that all people are equal and diverse individuals who have intrinsic worth and deserve personal attention, support, humor, empowerment and recognition.
- We believe in creating a challenging environment that emphasizes individual growth, exploration and strength.
- We believe in being proactive participants in societal, environmental, political and individual change to promote a safer community.

Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich

Detention Services Commander John McGrath

Programs at Work...



Karl came to Geiger in May of 2011 and was convicted of a felony. He has a fairly extensive criminal history, and knew that if he wanted to release from jail and not return, that he'd have to make some significant changes.

Karl acknowledged that he had a drug problem and needed help. While at Geiger, he has participated in a nine week Intensive Out-patient Treatment program, as well as Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Anger Management, and

Commitment to Change. His treatment provider reports that he has worked diligently to identify his relapse triggers, and how they coincide with his mental health concerns.

He already has an appointment set up in the community so that when he releases from jail, he can continue with his treatment program.

Karl will also release with the support and supervision of the Department of Corrections.

Karl reports that he will be releasing from jail this time with a much better support system than he has ever had, and is optimistic about his success.

People at Work...

What makes Programs work? Our remarkable employees!

In response to community voiced concerns and our Criminal Justice partners, in February of this year, the Sheriff re-committed the Detention Services team to reinstate offender programs. These programs are aimed towards enhancing public safety through effective and innovative services that support positive choices, constructive behavior and accountability, thereby reducing repeat criminal behavior and reducing the overall cost of "warehousing" offenders.

Sheriff's Technical Assistant 2 (STA2) Rose Wing has acted as our "point" person for Programs.

Rose manages the **Community Service Program** which is an "out of custody" sentencing option for the Courts. Offenders who are sentenced to the Community Service Pro-

gram report directly to Rose. They pay \$40.00 to participate in the Program where they complete Community Service hours and report their completed hours to Rose. When the required hours are completed, Rose then forwards that information to the Courts.

Offenders have completed their community service hours at Meals on Wheels, the Loon Lake Food Pantry, SCRAPs, and Habitat for Humanity, to name a few.

Rose scours through all the court orders, identifying offenders who may qualify for our **Work Release Program**. When she finds a good candidate, she forwards the information to Cassie and Ron, our Case Managers. That starts the process working.

This year, we have had 43 men and 11 women participate in the Work Release Program. Maintaining their jobs is a vital component to their successful re-entry into the community.



Rose Wing
Community Corrections Programs Coordinator

In 2012, offenders who will be enrolled in the Work Release Program will be paying a per day fee, to help offset their housing costs.

Rose will be processing these fees, ensuring the offender is "billed" and the fees are collected and appropriately credited.

The benefit to our community is that overall cost to house the offender is reduced!

On March 1st, 2011, the **Sheriff's Community Labor Program** added

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an alternative sentencing option for offenders.

Qualified male and female offenders are court ordered to report to Geiger, where they are assigned to supervised community-based work crews. At the end of their eight hour work day, they are released from custody. It's a win-win sentencing option!

The offenders are directed to contact... Rose! She coordinates the offender's report date, ensuring that he/she is assigned to a supervised Work Crew.

When the offender completes their sentence, she forwards the information to the Courts.

So far this year, we have had 40 offenders in the Out of Custody Labor Program, completing 170 days of community based labor.

You may see these offenders as you drive around Spokane County, picking up litter by the side of the road. Rose helps make it happen, every day. She has worked for Spokane County for 25 years, and we've been lucky to have Rose at Geiger for 11 of those years.

Out of Custody Work Crews...



*Since 2006 Work Crews
have picked up close to
800,000 lbs. of garbage in
Spokane County*

In March 2011 the Spokane County Sheriff's Office expanded its successful Labor Program to accept Partial Confinement (Out of Custody) offenders. This alternative to total confinement allows offenders to report to a work crew for eight hours in lieu of a jail day. Eligibility is based upon statutory requirements and requires a court referral. The goal of this program is to offer a no cost sentencing alternative to judges for low level offenders in lieu of increasing incarceration costs. Through referrals from Spokane District Court, Superior Court and Cheney Municipal Court 40 offenders have participated in the program to date, with the average sentence being four crew days.

By utilizing this jail alternative program jurisdictions have saved more than \$20,000 in jail housing costs.

"Budding" Arborists...



*Geiger Work Crews in cooperation with City
Parks, house and raise tree stock.*

ground watering system, and will join another shipment of trees. When the trees reach maturity they will then be used in parks and developments to help beautify our city.

Geiger will provide inmate labor to help tend to the trees and Urban Forestry will provide training to help the inmates care for the trees. Looks like a "win-win" for Urban Forestry and Detention Services and the inmate... let's not forget the trees!

The City Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry entered into a contract with Detention Services Geiger to house and raise tree stock. The first stock of trees arrived at Geiger and were immediately seated into mulch. These trees (approximately 110) will remain in the mulch, from which they will derive heat and moisture, until the spring when they will be moved to the old baseball field at Geiger. They will then be unbound and will have an above