

SDSD Detention Services Bureau- East Mesa Reentry Facility

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PROCEDURE:

As a re-entry facility, the East Mesa Re-Entry Facility (EMRF) makes available to as many inmates as possible, the assessment, interventions and resources to assist them in a successful transition back into the community.

Re-entry begins at the time of entry into an institution when key information is gathered concerning the Incarcerated Person's (IP's)'s risk to recidivate and criminogenic needs. IP's transferred to EMRF are screened by EMRF Correctional Counselors and a strategy for preparing them for release is initially developed.

Upon determining an IP's status based on length and type of sentence, EMRF Counseling Staff will be responsible for coordinating with the JPMU Deputy and the Trustee Operations Deputy for assignment to appropriate housing. Inmate housing assignments will be made as follows:

- Long term inmates (over 120 days) will be assigned to House 3. Counseling staff will orient IP's relative to re-entry activities and programming/working expectations. Counselors will compile a list of IP's eligible to be transferred to the main open campus upon completion of the Thinking for a Change Program plus other counselor-prescribed programs. IP's who excel in vocational training and work assignments will be eligible for placement into Incentive Based Housing (IBH).
- Short term IP's (less than 120 days) will be assigned to House 4. These IP's are eligible for a conditional transfer to the main open campus as Incarcerated Workers in support positions (laundry, kitchen) and to participate in short term programs. This eligibility will be determined through a joint interview of the IP by the Trustee Operations Deputy and EMRF Correctional Counselors.
- IP's choosing not to participate in programs, whether long or short term, will be assigned to House 4.