

Doing What Works To Keep Our Communities Safe



Probation Services are cost-effective corrections.

New and proposed demands for additional corrections services have consumed available resources. Current caseload size already exceeds recommended standards and the number of offenders under supervision continues to rise. The increased use of probation and supervised release is not solely linked to crime rates; rather, legislative and policy changes have been the leading source. Minnesota courts use probation services more than the national average.

Funding for probation services must increase proportionately to added responsibility.

Additional correctional responsibilities must be accompanied by adequate funding.

- Well-intentioned correctional legislation is rendering the most cost effective correctional service, PROBATION, ineffective.
- Recent legislation, although intended to enhance supervision of sex offenders, has not improved public safety in the absence of full funding.

Caseload/workload reduction funding, targeting felony offenders, is the most cost-effective method of enhancing public safety through PROBATION.

- This is a funding source that effectively funds all three probation delivery systems in Minnesota.
- Caseload/workload reduction funding provides some flexibility for counties to deliver probation services for all categories of offenders.

Housing short-term offenders in local jails should be compensated at the same rate that the Department of Corrections pays counties to house long-term and work release offenders.

- MACCAC opposes the housing of state short-term offenders in county jails. If it continues, the housing of state offenders in local jails should not have two rates of compensation.

Supervision of Sex Offenders in Minnesota

The Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (MACCAC) supports the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor's Evaluation Report on the Community Supervision of Sex Offenders. In addition:

- MACCAC must be an active participant in all discussions about setting standards for the supervision, assessment, and treatment of sex offenders. This includes probation, treatment, supervised release, intensive supervised release, the use of polygraphs, and planning for prison release.
- MACCAC and the Department of Corrections should lead the development of probation supervision and treatment standards.
- Enhanced standards for community-based supervision of offenders should be done on a broader basis than solely for sex offenders.
- Any enhanced standards or new responsibilities for community supervision and treatment of felony offenders must be accompanied by commensurate increased felony caseload workload reduction funding, and an equitable allocation of those funds to the counties charged with supervision and treatment.
- In the interest of public safety, MACCAC recognizes the need to address housing for sex offenders.

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Central Minnesota
(Counties: Crow Wing, Morrison, and Aitkin)
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Dakota County
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(Counties: Dodge, Fillmore, and Olmsted)
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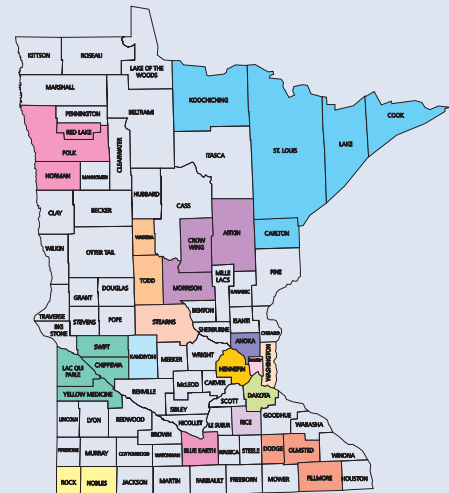
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As of January 1, 1998, 31 counties have elected to administer all correctional field services and several locations provide institutional services under the Minnesota Community Corrections Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 401). These counties have organized into 16 administrative service units and are known as the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (MACCAC).



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