

# ACTCS

## Community Corrections

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### Community Corrections consists of the following Units:

- **Probation and Parole Unit**
- **Prisoner Employment Unit**
  - New Employment Opportunities (NEO) Program, including Transitional Release
  - Community Service Work Unit
- **Corrections Programs Unit**
- **Offender Services**
  - [Probation and Parole Unit](#)

The Probation & Parole Unit provides advice to Courts and releasing authorities on the background and attitudes of offenders on Community Based Orders (e.g bail supervision, probation, and parole) and refers offenders to appropriate community based or residential services to assist with addressing a variety of issues (e.g drug and alcohol abuse, grief and loss issues and relationship issues).

The Unit aims to reduce offending by the use of empirically sound risk assessment tools and a brokerage case management model, which targets criminogenic needs.

### Prisoner Employment Unit

The Prisoner Employment Unit is a team of highly dedicated community corrections staff that are responsible for the administration and implementation of the New Employment Opportunities (NEO) Program, a crime prevention initiative of the ACT Government that aims to provide prisoners with the

opportunity to engage in meaningful and sustainable paid employment, work experience, vocational training, and education for the purposes of rehabilitation and reintegration into the community.

It also includes the Community Service Work Unit, which operates a number of supervised work crews made up of individuals required by Court Orders to undertake community service activities.

## **Corrections Programs Unit**

The Corrections Programs Unit facilitates programs and services in the community, the Periodic Detention Centre and the Alexander Maconochie Centre. The services of the Unit are consistent with a focus on specific programs for offenders that address identified risks and criminogenic needs.

## **Offender Services**

Offender Services at the AMC comprises the Case Management and Classification Unit; prisoner education (contracted to Auswide Projects), AMC Library Services and Chaplaincy Co-ordination. The Offender Services Manager is also responsible for brokering services from agencies and community organisations and the co-ordination of post release Throughcare. Four Probation and Parole Case Managers and an Indigenous Liaison Officer are located on site at the AMC. The Case Managers prepare, implement and monitor Rehabilitation Plans for all detainees, remand and sentenced. These are negotiated with individual detainees to address their personal needs and criminal risk factors. Other services include the Corrections Programs Unit (CPU) which offers Alcohol and other Drug Treatment, including a Therapeutic Community based on site, Cognitive Behavioural Treatment programs, Anger Management and Sex Offender Treatment. The CPU also offers a number of programs which address offender Criminogenic risks/needs.