

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Corrections  
Community Residential Centers  
Budget Request Unit

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### **BRU Mission**

To provide a secure environment within the community utilizing the least restrictive setting consistent with public safety for offenders making the transition from Correctional Centers back into society. Provide culturally relevant programming in some geographic areas to assist with the offenders' transition back into the community. Community Residential Centers (CRCs) provide an appropriate form of confinement for low risk offenders while preserving the greatest number of secure beds for violent offenders.

### **BRU Services Provided**

Community Residential Centers (CRCs) services are traditionally offered through relatively open facilities located in neighborhoods. CRCs provide group residence and take the form of detention centers, halfway houses, work/education release centers, or pre-release centers for probationers, parolees, residents in incarcerated status (furloughees), sentenced and un-sentenced misdemeanants. The degree of openness and level of supervision provided varies with the specific type of offender served.

The Community Residential Center, Offender Supervision Program (OSP) is a graduated transitional release program, which permits an offender to live at his/her home and work at gainful employment, while still under the official supervision of the Department. CRCs that provide OSP services, monitor the participating offenders 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Case Management staff reviews and approves daily and weekly schedules and verifies offender compliance with his/her individual release plan by making routine scheduled and random home, school, treatment, counseling, or work-site visits and telephone contacts.

### **BRU Goals and Strategies**

- Maximize the placement of offenders in CRCs and in OSP commensurate with their security and program needs.
- Work with private providers to expand the use of community-based programs and resources that assist offenders in their reintegration back into society.
- Develop counseling programs (in-house or by referral to a community provider) to assist program eligible offenders with all aspects of transition into the community including employment, housing, substance abuse, mental-health or other treatment/counseling needs.
- Ensure that Community Residential Centers operate according to established operational standards and current contract specifications.
- Stress community restoration to offenders through participation in effective and positive Community Work Service Programs.
- Assure continued collection of data and development of outcome-based performance measures by the culturally relevant CRC program including the following: program participation rates, legal involvement rates, successful return to community rates, rates on community referrals, and other measurements of program success.

### **Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

- CRC beds are a cost-effective means of providing correctional services to low risk offenders so that hard beds remain available for serious, violent offenders. It is a constant challenge to identify offenders who are appropriate for placement in CRCs. The Department must closely monitor its offender population daily to maximize utilization of all CRC beds statewide.
- In cooperation with the CRC providers, the Department will continue to search for means of increasing utilization of the CRC OSP in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau.
- Encourage CRC providers to partner with local Native Elders to develop sound program support systems for offenders releasing from the culturally relevant programs.

### **Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000**

- The Department successfully processed 9,564 admissions into CRCs throughout the state.
- The Department successfully discharged 8,557 offenders from CRCs.
- Offenders under CRC supervision completed a total of 200,221.45 hours of Community Work Service (CWS) statewide. Using the court system's ascribed value of \$6.25, an hour for CWS to represent the dollar value of labor done by offenders, the total value to the communities for the CWS performed by offenders in CRCs equaled \$1,251,384.06. CWS is performed for non-profit organizations such as the Senior Center, the Food Bank of Alaska, Catholic Social Services, the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Cooperation, and Lutheran Social Services.
- The Department through contract amendment enhanced the Offender Supervision Program in Fairbanks by providing educational services and cognitive skills training.

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**BRU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b> None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Existing CRC Facilities	12,646.3	686.9	4.1	13,337.3	11,015.2	1,389.3	1,460.0	13,864.5	11,015.2	1,389.3	1,460.0	13,864.5
Nome CRC	739.2	144.4	0.0	883.6	715.2	276.3	25.0	1,016.5	715.2	276.3	25.0	1,016.5
Bethel CRC	122.0	0.0	0.0	122.0	92.6	52.2	0.0	144.8	92.6	52.2	0.0	144.8
CRC Offender Supervision	455.4	0.0	0.0	455.4	656.0	0.0	100.0	756.0	656.0	0.0	100.0	756.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,962.9</b>	<b>831.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>14,798.3</b>	<b>12,479.0</b>	<b>1,717.8</b>	<b>1,585.0</b>	<b>15,781.8</b>	<b>12,479.0</b>	<b>1,717.8</b>	<b>1,585.0</b>	<b>15,781.8</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

No service changes.

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**Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component**

**From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	12,479.0	1,717.8	1,585.0	15,781.8
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	12,479.0	1,717.8	1,585.0	15,781.8