

Timer TC Participant Information and Frequently Asked Questions

The Idaho Department of Correction has undergone a rigorous evaluation of our programs and has decided to move in a different direction with substance abuse programming. Effective 9/17/15, our treatment will no longer be facilitated under the umbrella of the Therapeutic Community Mode (TC).

While we cannot answer all of your questions in this communication, please see below the answers to what we hope are the most likely questions you will have about this change and how it will affect you.

If I am currently participating in the TC, how will this affect my release?

- If you have a **Tentative Parole Date**, you will simply complete the Core classes as currently required in the TC, i.e. Cognitive Self Change (CSC), Relapse Prevention (RPG) and Anger Management. Female participants will also complete Helping Women Recover. When these are complete, you will be processed for release just as you would have at the TC graduation.
- If you have an upcoming **parole hearing**, the Commission of Pardons & Parole will consider your having completed the classes you are already enrolled in, as a program completion.
- Remember, program completion of any program does not guarantee that the Commission will set a Tentative Parole Date. However, successful program completion, as always, is viewed favorably in the Parole Hearing process.

Will my release be delayed?

- The change in your programming should not delay your release. You will continue to attend programs and can still be held accountable for noncompliance or failure to participate. As with any other program, participation and attitude count!

Will I be moved to a different facility or unit?

- Inmate placement is based on classification, proximity to release, location of parole plan and bed availability. These are questions that you can discuss with your case manager.

How will I know what will happen to me next?

- You can expect to meet with your case manager within the next two weeks to update your case plan and discuss release plans. Because your classes can theoretically be completed in less than nine months, it is possible you could be released before your current graduation date if you are past your TPD and have completed the coursework.
- Your case management staff will be working on your cases, but have many offenders to meet with. Please be patient as we move forward with this process. You can help by preparing for your case management meeting and have your questions ready and in writing so you don't forget to ask about important information about your case plan. Bring copies of your workbooks and assignments to help your case manager determine what part of each class has been completed.
- Sending concern forms to other staff or having family/friends call central office, will not speed up the process and will be forwarded back to your case manager. Your family and friends can access this same information on the IDOC website at www.idoc.idaho.gov.