

CENTRE COUNTY

REENTRY PROGRAM

DEFINITION:

Persons who are convicted, sentenced and committed, to the Centre County Correctional Facility may receive Earned Time Credit for successful participation in The Centre County Reentry Program. The Centre County Reentry Program was created to encourage inmates who express an affirmative desire to better themselves, to actively participate in programming that will assist them in achieving a crime free lifestyle. The Centre County Reentry Program allows inmates to “earn” time towards early release by participating in meaningful drug and alcohol treatment, behavioral health treatment, job training, skills training, education and life skills programs, provided that the inmate is eligible for the Reentry Program, maintains a satisfactory conduct record while incarcerated, and is approved by the Court.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Court to reward inmates who are legally eligible pursuant to; 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 9756 and the terms of the Centre County Reentry Program, who conform to prison rules, avoid disciplinary infractions, exhibit affirmative program involvement, and display laudable conduct during their sentence with early release. In order to apply for early release based on Earned-Time Credit, an inmate must have been made eligible to participate in the Centre County Reentry Program on the record at the time of sentencing.

Eligibility for participation will be determined by the Court. The Centre County Reentry Program is a voluntary program. Furthermore, no inmate may demand or require admission into the program. The Court has the authority to exclude any inmate from the program for any reason. Prison officials, or the District Attorney may object to any inmates’ early release under the program for any reason. Applicants must have complied with all program recommendations by the prison staff prior to applying. Applicants must have abided by all Centre County Correctional Facility rules and regulations as set forth in the handbook before applying.

Early release through this program is not a right, it is a privilege granted only to eligible inmates who can demonstrate that they have earned the benefit and have otherwise complied with all requirements. Any violation of program rules will result in loss of all earned time.

PROCEDURE:

The Centre County Correctional Facility will make applications for eligible inmates available. Eligible inmates must complete a written application and turn it into prison administrators. The inmate must include proof and verification of the time they have earned. Prison administrators will generate a pre-release status form, and timely transmit it to the Warden, The Department of Probation and Parole, and The District Attorney’s Office, for review and comment. Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to the Court for final review. If approved, the inmate is given a parole application and The Department of Probation and Parole will proceed with early parole. If the District Attorney’s Office objects, the inmate will be notified by the Department of Probation and Parole and must file a Petition for Parole with the Court in order to seek a Court order for early release. Once the Petition for Parole is formally filed, with supporting documentation of earned time credit, the Court will set a hearing date in accordance with 42

Pa.C.S.A. § 9776. At that hearing the Inmate will be afforded an opportunity to present proof of his eligibility for Early Parole.

INELIGIBLE OFFENDERS

ELIGIBILITY:

Certain inmates are automatically ineligible for early release under the Centre County Re-Entry Program:

1. Inmates serving a maximum sentence of two years or more.
2. Inmates serving mandatory sentences.
3. Inmates serving a sentence where eligibility for participation in the re-entry program was not specifically included in the sentencing order.
4. Inmates serving a flat sentence imposed by a Magisterial District Judge.
5. Inmates serving a sentence for Indecent Assault, Rape or Sexual Assault.
6. Inmates serving a sentence for Domestic Violence, or Protection From Abuse Indirect Criminal Contempt cases.
7. Inmates with major misconducts or new criminal offenses committed while incarcerated for the offense for which early release is sought.
8. Inmates with detainees.

In addition the Court maintains the right to reject any inmates' application or petition for early release. Furthermore, the District Attorney maintains the right to raise an objection and be heard on any application or petition for early release.

EARNED TIME:

Calculation of Earned-Time towards early release under the Centre County Reentry Program is based on the following:

1. An inmate who is participating in the Work Release Program from the Centre County Correctional Facility may receive .50 of a day based on an actual six(6) hour work day.
2. An inmate who is participating in any Volunteer Work Program outside of the Centre County Correctional Facility may receive .30 of a day based on an actual six(6) hour work day.
3. An inmate who is participating in any Volunteer Work Program inside the Centre County Correctional Facility may receive .25 of a day based on an actual six(6) hour work day.

4. An inmate who successfully completes the GED program, may receive 15 days for each program completed.
5. An inmate who successfully completes the PRIDE or CHOICES program or completes in-house drug and alcohol treatment may receive 10 days for the completed program.

A work day is defined as six(6) hours of actual work a day.

The loss of any credit accrued may come as a result of an inmate who receives a major misconduct in the Centre County Correctional Facility. Failure to comply with recommended treatment programs will result in the loss of any credit accrued in said program. In the event it is necessary to transfer an inmate from the Centre County Correctional Facility to a State Correctional Institution or a mental institution, said inmate will not accrue any credit toward early release.

This is the Centre County Re-Entry Program of the Centre County Court of Common Pleas effective immediately, this 13th day of March, 2014.



Thomas King Kistler, President Judge

CENTRE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Effective Date _____

CRA _____

CHARGE _____

SENTENCE MIN. _____ MAX _____

TITLE: Earned Time

DEFINITION:

Persons who are convicted, sentenced and committed to the Centre County Correctional Facility may receive Earned Time Credit for good behavior, meaning “earned” by inmates through participating in prison work, industry, vocation, or education programs, provided that inmate maintains a satisfactory conduct record. The program is strictly voluntary on the part of an inmate.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Centre County Facility to reward inmates who conform to prison rules, avoid disciplinary infractions, exhibit program involvement, and display laudable conduct during their sentence. Any person sentenced to Centre County Correctional Facility will be reviewed for inclusion into the program, once approved they will receive a 30% reduction in their minimum sentence. Any violation of program rules will result in loss of all, or part, of any earned time.

PROCEDURES:

Applicants must apply to the warden in writing for consideration and placement into the earned time credit program.

Following the completion of the classification required herein, the warden or his designee will determine what program(s) must be successfully completed by the applicant in order to receive Earned Time Credit. The applicant will receive written notice of what he/she must complete under the terms of the program.

Applicants must comply with all program recommendations by the classification summary and the prison staff.

Applicants must abide by all Centre County Correctional Facility rules and regulations as set forth in the handbook.

Applicants must have no outstanding detainers from this or any other jurisdiction.

The Correctional Staff, Probation services, District Attorney, and the sentencing Judge must approve applicants. In the event of a disagreement, the sentencing Judge will make the final decision.

Earned Time computation will begin on the date indicated by the Judge

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME, THE FOREGOING POLICY AND CONDITIONS AND THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCE SHOULD I, IN ANY MANNER, VIOLATE THEM.

Date: _____

Inmate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____

APPROVAL SHEET

1. Centre County Correctional Facility Administration:

_____ OPPOSE

Please state reason

_____ APPROVED

List any special conditions.

Agency Representative

Date

2. Centre County Probation and Parole Department:

_____ OPPOSE

Please state reason

_____ APPROVED

List any special conditions.

Agency Representative

Date

APPROVAL SHEET

3. Centre County District Attorney:

_____ OPPOSE

Please state reason

_____ APPROVED

List any special conditions.

Agency Representative

Date

APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

Highest Grade Completed _____ GED _____

On what charges are you currently incarcerated? _____

Prior Arrests and Convictions _____

Do you have any medical problems that could prevent you from working?

Yes _____ No _____ List them _____

What are your plans upon release? _____

Do you have problems with Drugs or Alcohol? (Problems include Marital/Relationship difficulties, Job Loss, and Incarceration.) _____

If yes, state what substance was used _____

When: _____ How much? (Daily, etc.) _____

Have you ever been in psychiatric care? _____

Have you ever been hospitalized for emotional distress? Yes _____ No _____

When released, where will you reside? _____

Whom will you reside? _____

How long have you lived there? _____

Are you employed? _____ Employer's Phone _____

Employer's Name and Address _____

What is the basis for your request for early release? (Work credit, GED, Pride) Attach Proof or your application will not be considered and will be returned to you.
