



Fact Sheet

CHALLENGE INCARCERATION PROGRAM (M.S. SEC. 244.17)

Background

- The Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) is a voluntary program for offenders who meet statutory and department requirements.
- CIP has three phases, each lasting six months. The first is a highly-structured and intensive phase. Programming includes chemical dependency treatment (if applicable); education; cognitive skills; restorative justice; physical training; military bearing, drill, and ceremony; work crew; and transition preparation.
- Phase 1 for men is located at the **Willow River** site of the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Willow River/Moose Lake or at the MCF-**Togo**. For women, phase 1 of CIP is located at the MCF-**Shakopee**.
- In the second and third phases, offenders are under intensive supervision in the community.
- Following successful completion of all three phases, offenders are placed on supervised release for the remainder of their sentence. Failure to complete CIP phases 2 and/or 3 may result in a return to prison, extending an offender's period of incarceration.

Statute allows CIP placement for offenders who:

1. are committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections following revocation of a stayed sentence, or
2. are committed to the commissioner's custody, have 48 months or less remaining in their term of imprisonment, and who did not receive an upward dispositional departure under sentencing guidelines.

Statute prohibits CIP placement for offenders who:

1. are committed to the commissioner's custody following a conviction for murder, manslaughter, criminal sexual conduct, assault, kidnapping, robbery, arson, or any other offense involving death or intentional personal injury, or
2. were convicted within the preceding 10 years of an offense described above and who were committed to the custody of the commissioner, or
3. were convicted of escape within the last 5 years, or
4. have current warrants or detainers, or
5. are required to register as a predatory offender under Minnesota statute 243.166.



CIP Phase One Qualifications

An offender:

- must be within 60 months of his/her release.
- must have 13 months or more to release. Statute requires a minimum of six months participation in phase I and a minimum of six months participation in phase II of the program.
- can have consecutive sentences.
- can be a release violator with a new sentence, but must complete any accountability time prior to release to phase II.
- cannot be a release violator due to technical violations.
- cannot be subject to a current arrest warrant or detainer. This includes offenders with pending charges. Once a pending change has been resolved, the offender may be eligible for CIP.
- has one opportunity to participate in the CIP.
- must apply through his/her case manager and send an application form or a kite.
- must complete a medical screening to ensure they can safely participate in the program.

Capacity

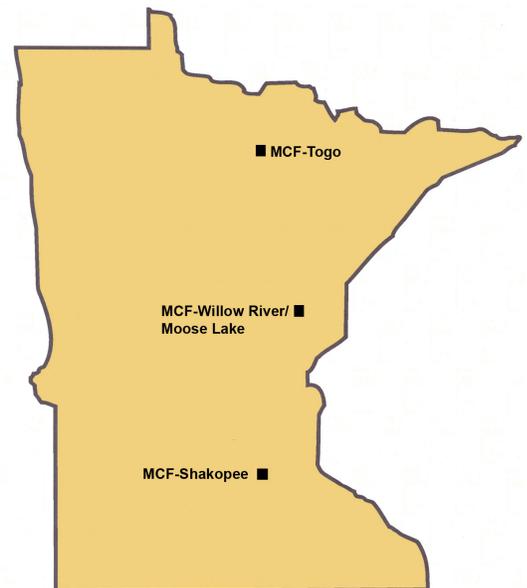
- **Total DOC CIP capacity: 300 beds**
- CIP-Willow River: 180 adult male offender
- CIP- Togo: 75 adult male offenders
- CIP-Shakopee: 45 adult women offenders

Evaluation*

From FY1993-FY2002:

- CIP decreased the chances of reoffending with a new felony conviction by 32 percent.
- CIP decreased the chances of reincarceration for a new crime by 35 percent.
- CIP offenders were less likely than the control group to be reimprisoned for a person offense.
- CIP reduced costs by \$4,600 per participant.

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