

Sixth District Department of Correctional Services POLICY		Issue Date 05/21/04	Effective Date 02/15/17	Policy Number 153-17
Subject INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS CONTINUUM			Review Month March	Author 0131 (GFI)
Rescinds 153-04	Reference Section 901B, Code of Iowa Plan signed/dated 1/20/17 - Judge Grady and Bruce Vander Sanden			

INTERMEDIATE CRIMINAL SANCTIONS CONTINUUM PLAN

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:

This continuum (153A) is a sentencing option available to the Court under 901B of the Code of Iowa that allows the District the authority to make administrative decisions regarding the supervision of community-based offenders.

It is designed to assess and supervise offenders at appropriate levels of supervision and, ultimately, to reduce probation revocations to prison through use of incremental, community-based sanctions for violations.

Timelier implementation of consequences for inappropriate offender behavior will reduce the demands Community Corrections makes on the Court's time. As well, swift and sure responses to violations allows for a response to offenders misbehavior which is designed to prevent it from further spiraling out of control.

POLICY:

Pursuant to 901B of the Code of Iowa, the Chief Judge, and the District Director of the Sixth Judicial District shall adopt a plan regarding placement of offenders in the Intermediate Criminal Sanctions Continuum.

PROCEDURE:

1. The Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Intermediate Criminal Sanctions Program consists of levels two (2) and three (3). Any placement on the continuum above level 3; i.e. 4 or 5, requires the offender being brought back before the Court.
2. The continuum allows the Department to make the following administrative decisions:
 - A. Placement of offenders in levels of supervision and movement of offenders between levels of supervision, such as probation, intensive probation, and residential facility placement.

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PROCEDURE: (continued)

- B. Assignment of offenders within levels, such as low risk, minimum risk, and other levels of field supervision.
 - C. Program requirements - additional conditions of supervision designed to address offender needs; e.g., Sex Offender Treatment Program, Drug Treatment Court and Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP).
 - D. Surveillance requirements - additional conditions of supervision designed to compensate for assessed risk areas, e.g., curfews, electronic monitoring and/or GPS.
3. Staff assess all offenders to determine placement on the Continuum upon the start of supervision. The use of assessment tools such as the Iowa Risk Revised, DRAOR (or other tools as approved) ensure decisions regarding the movement of offenders on the continuum are performed in a consistent, fair, and efficient manner. Staff utilize assessment tools while supervising offenders in order to ensure the most efficient and effective use of Department resources.
4. The continuum allows for a more immediate response to offender needs. Offenders who violate supervision conditions are held accountable for such behavior, in accordance with applicable due process safeguards. Staff complete the Intermediate Sanctions Continuum Increased Supervision Level Notice (153B) and reviews it with the offender, obtaining their signature.

BY ORDER OF:

Bruce Vander Sanden, Director