

Sixth District Department of Correctional Services POLICY	Issue Date 07/17/09	Effective Date 02/01/20	Policy Number 2206-20
Subject <b>DTC INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS</b>		Review Month June	Author 0633 (RME)
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**POLICY:**

The Drug Treatment Court philosophy maintains that a system of sanctions and incentives be administered to reward positive progress and hold offenders accountable for rule violations.

**DEFINITION:**

1. Incentives – responses to compliance, perceived as positive by the receiver.
2. Sanctions – imposition of a consequence, perceived as negative by the receiver as a direct result of a prohibited activity.
3. Major Violations - The following serious (major) infractions require that revocation proceedings be initiated by the supervising Agent unless Supervisor approval is obtained to choose a different response. Initiating a revocation proceeding does not require the Agent to recommend revocation to prison as the final disposition; other significant sanctions (e.g. extended contempt time) can be considered as part of progressive discipline if the situation warrants.
  - A. Arrest for an offense related to the current charge at the serious or aggravated level;
  - B. Arrest for a felony;
  - C. Leaving the state of Iowa without the written consent of the supervising agent;
  - D. Possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons;
  - E. Physically assaultive or violent behavior;
  - F. Repeated failure to respond in a positive manner to application of varied interventions, sanctions, and incentives.
  - G. Failure to allow Drug Treatment Court staff to visit the home or elsewhere as necessary for field contact.

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**DEFINITION:** (continued)

4. Other Violations - Intermediate sanctions for infractions which do not require that revocation proceedings be automatically initiated are formulated by the Drug Treatment Court Agent. These infractions include, but are not limited to, violations of technical rules such as:
  - A. Failure to abide by Drug Treatment Court supervision rules and directives including those articulated in the Drug Treatment Court Handbook (2201B);
  - B. Leaving county without permission;
  - C. Curfew violations;
  - D. Failure to seek employment;
  - E. Failure to pay court-ordered obligations, i.e., restitution, fines and court costs.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Incentives and sanctions are administered as quickly as possible to recognize positive conduct and discourage negative behavior in as close to real time as possible. The Drug Treatment Court Team is consulted regarding sanctions when the situation requires.
2. To the greatest extent possible, sanctions and incentives are administered in alignment with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Incentive and Sanction Matrix (2206A) or other similarly reputable, published guidelines. Incentives and sanctions are adjusted as appropriate based on offender's level in the program.
3. Sanctions are administered in manner consistent with progressive discipline whenever possible and are selected carefully, with the goal of motivating positive behavioral change driving each sanction selection. Sanctions are administered in a fair manner and have a clear nexus to discouraging the problem behavior being targeted.

BY ORDER OF:

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