

Sixth District Department of Correctional Services POLICY		Issue Date 05/21/04	Effective Date 06/10/20	Policy Number 153-20
Subject INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS CONTINUUM		Review Month March	Author 0118 (LST)	
Rescinds 153-17	Reference Section 901B, Code of Iowa Plan signed/dated 1/20/17 - Chief Judge Patrick Grady and District Director Bruce Vander Sanden			

INTERMEDIATE CRIMINAL SANCTIONS CONTINUUM PLAN

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:

This Corrections 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 the District makes on the Court's time. As well, swift and sure responses to violations interrupts the cycle of offender misconduct.

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 - probation and parole) and three (3 - quasi-incarceration). Any placement above level three (3) of the Corrections Continuum (Form 153A), requires consultation with a Supervisor before seeking judicial review and a court order.
2. The Corrections 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 and residential facility placement.

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PROCEDURE: (continued)

- B. 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).
 - C. 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 Corrections Continuum at the start of supervision. The continued use of assessment tools such as the Iowa Risk Revised and DRAOR (or other approved tools) ensure decisions regarding offender movement are made in a standardized, 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 Corrections Continuum allows for swift responses to offender needs. Offenders who violate supervision conditions are held accountable for such behavior, in accordance with applicable due process safeguards. When moving an offender to a higher level of the Corrections Continuum, staff serve and review the Intermediate Sanctions Continuum Increased Supervision Level Notice (153B) on the offender, obtaining a signature. This notice does not require offender agreement. The increased level is effective on the specified date whether or not the offender files a grievance and/or requests a court review of the increased level.

BY ORDER OF:

Bruce Vander Sanden, District Director