

**§ 143B-1455. Division of Prisons – Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program.**

(a) The Program established by G.S. 143B-1454 shall be offered in correctional facilities, or a portion of correctional facilities that are self-contained, so that the residential and program space is separate from any other programs or inmate housing, and shall be operational at those facilities as the Secretary or the Secretary's designee may designate.

(b) A deputy director for the Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program shall be employed and shall report directly to the Director for the Division of Prisons. The duties of the deputy director and staff shall include the following:

- (1) Administer and coordinate all substance abuse programs, grants, contracts, and related functions in the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction.
- (2) Develop and maintain working relationships and agreements with agencies and organizations that will assist in developing and operating alcoholism and chemical dependency treatment and recovery programs in the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction.
- (3) Develop and coordinate the use of volunteers in the Substance Abuse Program.
- (4) Develop and present training programs related to alcoholism and chemical dependency for employees and others at all levels in the agency.
- (5) Develop programs that provide effective treatment for inmates with alcohol and chemical dependency problems.
- (6) Maintain contact with key leaders in the alcoholism and chemical dependency field, the service structure of various community recovery programs, and active supporters of the Correction Program.
- (7) Supervise directly the facility and district program managers, other specialized personnel, and programs that exist or may be developed in the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction.
- (8) Repealed by Session Laws 2012-83, s. 10, effective June 26, 2012.

(c) In each prison that houses an alcoholism and chemical dependency program, there shall be a unit superintendent under the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and other custodial, administrative, and support staff as required to maintain the proper custody level at the facility. The unit superintendent shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to custody and administration of the unit. The deputy director of the Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program shall designate and direct employees to manage treatment programs at each location. Duties of unit treatment program managers shall include program development and implementation, supervision of personnel assigned to treatment programs, adherence to all pertinent policy and procedural requirements of the Department, and other duties as assigned.

(d) Extensive use may be made of inmates working in the role of ancillary staff, treatment assistants, role models, or study group leaders as the program manager determines. Additional resource people who may be required for specialized treatment activities, presentations, or group work may be employed on a fee or contractual basis.

(e) Admission priorities shall be established as follows:

- (1) Evaluation and referral from reception and diagnostic centers.
- (2) General staff referral.
- (3) Self-referral.

(f) The Program shall include extensive follow-up after the period of intensive treatment. There will be specific plans for each departing inmate for follow-up, including active involvement with Alcoholics Anonymous, community resources, and personal sponsorship.

(1987, c. 738, s. 111(c); 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1086, s. 126.1(a); 2002-126, s. 17.7; 2003-141, s. 3; 2011-145, s. 19.1(h)-(j), (s); 2012-83, s. 10; 2017-186, s. 1(h); recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-705 by 2021-180, s. 19C.9(h), (m).)